The number of NOTAM issued globally in a year has grown from 250,000 in 2000, to 1.7 million in 2020. On any given day, there are some 350,000 active NOTAM circulating in the global air transport system. Operational safety critical NOTAM are “hidden in plain sight” in pre-flight briefing packages that are cluttered with old and administrative NOTAM. On average around 20% of the NOTAM in pre-flight briefing packages exceed the 3 month validity period.

**NOTAM PROBLEM**
- It is not uncommon for a briefing package of a long-haul international flight to contain more than 100 pages, or 1,500 NOTAM.
- Findings have shown that around twenty percent of these will be old NOTAM, exceeding their three-month applicability period.
- Some EST NOTAM are being replaced multiple times which is in clear violation of the rules set forth.
- NOTAM are used to promulgate information that should have been issued via AIP Supplement or AIC.

**ICAO PROVISIONS**
- NOTAM should never be active for more than three months, and never be replaced more than once.
- Temporary changes of long duration (more than 3 months) shall be published as AIP Supplement.
- NOTAM temporary changes of long duration shall be moved to AIP SUP within 3 months.
- EST NOTAM that unexpectedly exceed the 3 month period may be extended for a further period not exceeding 3 months; however, if the expected extension goes beyond 3 months, an AIP SUP shall be issued.
- PERM NOTAM shall be moved into appropriate aeronautical information products within 3 months of issuing.

**A CALL TO ACTION**
- Conduct regular critical reviews of NOTAM to ensure adherence to applicable ICAO SARPs.
- Ensure all NOTAM convey up-to-date, operationally significant and safety critical information.
- Implement quality management processes throughout the aeronautical information value chain.
- Work closely with originators of NOTAM.
- Take action to cancel, replace and/or publish old NOTAM in AIP, AIP Supplement as applicable.
- Actively participate in the NOTAM2021 campaign events and provide feedback (plans, actions taken, experiences and challenges, lessons learned) back to the community.