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# ICAO EUR/NAT FF-ICE Task Force

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(EASPG/6, Paris, 3-6 December 2024)

- EASPG/6 reviewed a mapping of the AN-Conf/14 recommendations versus the current EASPG work programme and structure, and proposals for further actions to integrate the implementation of the recommendations in the EUR.
- Concerning Recommendation 3.2/2 of the AN-Conf/14 on FF-ICE and Recommendation 3.1/3 on trajectory-based operations (TBO), the EASPG noted updates on the progress of ongoing regional activities.

# Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14)

## Recommendation 3.2/2

### Recommendation 3.2/2 – Transition to flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services and cessation of ICAO 2012 flight plan by 2034

That States:

- in support of the 2034 global cessation of the ICAO 2012 flight plan, commence the development of a national plan to transition to flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services along with industry stakeholders;
- include plans for the implementation of both minimum and optional flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services in the national air navigation plans;
- share experience and resources for the implementation of flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services;
- and planning and implementation regional groups, consider establishing regional focus groups for coordinating the planning and implementation of flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services and providing necessary support throughout the transition period; and
- support and contribute to the work of their respective planning and implementation regional group and their sub-groups to develop a regional plan to transition to flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services on the basis of the 2034 global cessation of the ICAO 2012 flight plan;

that ICAO:

- amend relevant ICAO provisions and guidance material to enable the 2034 global cessation of the ICAO flight plan and associated air traffic services messages;
- through planning and implementation regional groups, provide guidance and support for the development of regional plans to transition to flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment to enable the 2034 global cessation of the ICAO 2012 flight plan;
- support inter-regional collaboration for a harmonized implementation of and transition to flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services;
- monitor and support the progress of flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment services implementation and transition plan developments of States; and
- conduct a periodic assessment and report on the readiness of the global air traffic management community for the 2034 global cessation of the ICAO 2012 flight plan.

## Proposal for Amendment (PfA) to ICAO Supplementary Procedures (EUR SUPPs, Doc 7300)

- EASPG/6 endorsed a proposal for amendment to the EUR SUPPs presented by EUROCONTROL that had been developed in response to:
  - a) the amendments to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS), related to the initial implementation of flight and flow – information for a collaborative environment (FF-ICE) services, applicable from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024; and
  - b) the European Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/116 mandating the exchange of flight plans using FF-ICE services for all IFR flights in the FIR/UIRs of EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland from 1 January 2026.

# Proposal for Amendment (PfA) to ICAO Supplementary Procedures (EUR SUPPs, Doc 7300)

- The proposed amendments to Doc 7030 reflected these requirements and provided necessary information for operators as follows:
  - a) the requirement for IFR flights operating in the FIR/UIRs of EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland to submit flight plans and flight plan information using the FF-ICE procedures detailed in PANS-ATM Chapter 17 (new chapter on FF-ICE);
  - b) the details of the applicable FIR/UIRs of the EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland;
  - c) information regarding translation (from FF-ICE to ICAO Flight Plan 2012) services provided by the EUROCONTROL Network Manager to manage the transition between the two formats;
  - d) reference to the new FF-ICE procedures detailed in PANS-ATM Chapter 17;
  - e) addition of FF-ICE related aspects for each specific requirement or information expressed for ICAO Flight Plan 2012 format, where appropriate; and
  - f) editorial changes to replace references to the Central Flow Management Unit (CFMU) to the EUROCONTROL Network Manager and so on.

# Establishment of the ICAO EUR FF-ICE Task Force

- The EASPG noted that the FF-ICE implementation timelines could be different for different States and sub-regions with a single regionally agreed target date in line with the AN-Conf/14 recommendation. However, the inter- and intra-regional interoperability and harmonisation aspects would need to be carefully assessed and planned using the existing experience and knowledge on this subject that had been already accumulated in the EUR. Therefore, agreed on the following:

## EASPG Conclusion 6/3 –FF-ICE Implementation

That:

- a) the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic
  - i. invite the EUR States to develop their national plans to ensure implementation of FF-ICE by target date 2034;
  - ii. take necessary actions to establish an EUR FF-ICE task force in close cooperation with EASA and EUROCONTROL to facilitate the implementation of FF-ICE in conjunction with TBO and SWIM;
- b) the EASPG PCG develop and endorse the ToR for the EASPG FF-ICE TF by June 2025.

# EASPG Programme Coordination Meeting

## (EASPG PCG/7, Larnaca, Cyprus, 27-29 May 2025)

- The PCG/7 noted that the ICAO EUR/NAT Secretariat in coordination with EUROCONTROL and SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM) developed the draft terms of reference (TORs) for the FF-ICE TF.
- The primary objective of the FF-ICE TF would be *to support the planning for implementation of FF-ICE in close collaboration with the EUROCONTROL Network Manager Flight Plan and Flight Data Evolutions Sub-Group (FPFDE SG) and NAT Region.*
- The PCG noted that there was a need for raising awareness among States on FF-ICE before initiating implementation processes through the FF-ICE TF. In addition, publication of ICAO Doc 9965, Volume II (FF-ICE Implementation Guidance) and the complementary provisions related to FF-ICE Release 2 (post-departure) were in progress. Therefore, it was agreed to start with the awareness workshops to support States in developing their National plans. Based on the feedback from the awareness workshops regarding the progress made by States as well as further development of the global provisions, the EASPG PCG would be able to decide on the launching of a formal meeting of the FF-ICE TF with the draft ToRs presented.

### EASPG PCG Decision 7/4 – FF-ICE Awareness Workshop

That the ICAO EUR/NAT in collaboration with EUROCONTROL and SDM, arrange for the FF-ICE awareness workshops to be held end of 2025-beginning of 2026.

# **ICAO EUR FF-ICE Task Force (FF-ICE TF) TORs**

## **Attachment to the presentation**



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Thank You!