



Agenda Item 6: Assessment of the operational requirements to determine the implementation of improvements in communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) capabilities for en-route and terminal area operations

IMPLEMENTATION OF GROUND-AIR DATA LINKS IN THE SAM REGION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper presents information about ground-air data link implementation planning in the SAM region, and invites the Meeting to review the information prepared by GREPECAS in this respect, as well as the AMS plan of the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (Document 8733), the performance-based air navigation implementation plan for the SAM Region, the guidance material for the implementation of GOLD ground-air data links, and the regional action plan for the implementation of ground-air data links, with a view to defining the ground-air data link implementation plans for the SAM Region.</p>	
References: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GREPECAS/13 meeting report (Santiago, Chile, 14-18 November 2005);• CAR/SAM Air Navigation Plan (FASID) (Doc 8733);• Global Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9750);• Performance-based air navigation implementation plan for the SAM Region; and• SAT/FIT/5 meeting report (Lisbon, Portugal, 19-21 May 2010).	
ICAO strategic objectives:	<i>A – Safety C – Environmental protection and sustainable development of air transport</i>

1. Background

1.1 The GREPECAS/13 meeting formulated Conclusion 13/72 – *Regional strategy for the updating and gradual implementation of the air-ground data link plan*, whereby a regional strategy was adopted for the updating and implementation of the air-ground data link plan, consisting of the plan of activities and the implementation programme, shown in **Appendices A and B** to this working paper.

1.2 Furthermore, the GREPECAS/13 meeting adopted Decision 13/73 – *Drafting of a proposal of amendment and improvement of FASID Table CNS 2A, AMS and AMSS plan*, whereby the CNS Committee was instructed to prepare a proposal to amend and improve the CAR/SAM FASID Table CNS 2A.

1.3 Table CNS 2A was amended in March 2009, following the revision and approval by the States of the Region (Amendment to the CAR/SAM FASID (Series No. SAM08/1-CNS).

1.4 The use of ground-air data links in the SAM Region for purposes of air traffic control (ATC) is very scarce, being mainly used for pre-departure dispatch and the delivery of flight information, and routine messages, and automatic position reporting in oceanic airspace (SAT Region and the Oceanic ACC of Santiago). HF, VHF and satellite equipment is used as the means of communication for the transport of data, using the ACARS protocol. In addition to using ground-air data link for ATC purposes, it is extensively used for AOC (aeronautical operational control) purposes.

1.5 In the SAM Region, taking into account the regional strategy for the gradual updating of the SAM ground-air data link plan, FASID Table CNS 2A, and Initiative 17 – *Data link applications of the global air navigation plan* (Doc 9750), a regional performance objective was defined for the aeronautical mobile service, to be implemented during the 2012-2018 period, within the Performance-based air navigation implementation plan for the SAM Region. **Appendix C** to this working paper shows the SAM regional performance objective for the aeronautical mobile service.

2. Discussion

2.1 According to the Performance-based air navigation implementation plan for the SAM Region, the use of ground-air data link in oceanic airspace will create the conditions for applying horizontal separation minima of 30 NM in the EUR/SAM Corridor and in the route segment between Santiago and Lima, and in other selected oceanic areas.

2.2 Likewise, the use of data link instead of voice communications could provide significant advantages in terms of safety and the workload of pilots and controllers. For the 2012-2018 period, and in accordance with the regional performance-based plan, ground-air data link will be extensively used in oceanic airspace, D-ATIS and digital flight plan clearances (DCL). Data link will also start to be used for position reporting in low-traffic continental areas. The use of data link is not anticipated in the TMAs, since TMA users might not be equipped with data link systems. However, in order to promote this application, the development of procedures could be started in order to permit flights of aircraft equipped with data link.

2.3 In the South Atlantic Region (SAT), at the first meeting of the SAT FANS 1A Interoperability Team [SAT/FIT/TF/1, Gran Canaria, 20-22 April 2006], the first operational manual for the SAT FANS 1A Region, called FOM, was presented. The FOM was considered to be the basic operational document for the SAT Region.

2.4 As follow-up to data link implementation in the SAT Region, the SAT/FIT/5 meeting (Lisbon, Portugal, 17-18 May 2010) considered that an analysis should be done for the approval of the operational data link document, called **GOLD** (Global Operational Data Link Document), adopted in the Asia/Pacific and North Atlantic Regions, to replace the FOM document adopted in the SAT Region, and formulated Conclusion **SAT FIT 5/7** accordingly.

2.5 This manual has been subject to an amendment and the final approval will take place at the Fourth GOLD Meeting to be held in Paris, France, on 10-14 October 2011. Copy of the document and its amendment appears in **Appendix D** to this working paper.

2.6 In view of its approval for the SAT Region, the GOLD should also be adopted for the other oceanic FIRs of the SAM Region, as well as in the en-route continental area. In this regard, the Meeting is invited to review the document and approve its adoption in the SAM Region.

2.7 In order to foster the use of data link in the SAM Region, the possibility of holding a Seminar on Data Link Implementation in the SAM Region and Use of the GOLD Document has been considered for mid 2012, with the support of Project RLA/06/901, subject to its approval by the Fifth Meeting of the Coordination Committee of Regional Project RLA/06/901 to be held in Lima, Peru, on 5-6 December 2011.

2.8 Taking into account the planning aspects contemplated in GREPECAS, the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan, and the Performance-based air navigation implementation plan for the SAM Region, a regional action plan has been developed for the implementation of ground-air data link in the SAM Region, which appears as **Appendix E** to this working paper.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) take note of the information presented herein;
- b) review the regional strategy for the updating and gradual implementation of the air-ground data link plan, shown in Appendices A and B to this working paper;
- c) review the GOLD document for its implementation in the SAM Region;
- d) review the regional action plan for ground-air data link implementation, shown in Appendix E to this working paper, for its approval and use in the SAM Region; and
- e) examine other aspects related to this item that it may deem appropriate.

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APPENDIX A

CAR/SAM REGIONAL ACTIVITIES PLAN FOR A PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR – GROUND DATA LINKS
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1. Participate in seminars and workshops on air – ground data links.
2. Review and update the Regional Plan of air – ground data links (Table CNS 2A) to achieve benefit of data communications improving safety, efficiency and capacity through the reduction of voice communications and implementing as an evolutionary way the automatic process to meet the operational requirement and coordinated and harmonized with the global ATM system.
3. Evaluate the capacity and the need to modernize the control centres and the aircraft fleet operating in the respective FIR and airspace in order to implement the air – ground data links in accordance with the operational requirements, the SARPs and the ICAO guidance, incorporating the implementation planning of the mentioned capacity.
4. Establish and participate in a programme of trials and demonstrations on systems and applications of air – ground data links.
5. Examine and evaluate the arrangements made by other States/international Organizations for the implementation of data links, establishing cooperation mechanisms on a multinational basis.
6. In accordance with the global Road Map, establish a CAR/SAM regional programme for the evolutionary implementation of air – ground data links ensuring the regional and inter-regional interoperability to satisfy the global ATM system requirements in a coordinated, harmonized and seamless way.
7. Undertake and monitor research and development of communication technology and follow the development of SARPs and ICAO guidance for future evolution of data link services.
8. These activities should be developed for execution of the implementation program that is shown in Appendix AX (Appendix B to this working paper).

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APPENDIX B

CAR/SAM REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AIR – GROUND DATA LINKS *		
TERM	GOALS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE	SERVICES
Near Term (2005–2009)	To implement ACARS, FANS, VDL-Mode 2 and HFDL based on SARPs and ICAO guidance.	Make maximum use of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pre-departure dispatch; - oceanic dispatch; - D-ATIS; - other flight and routine information messages; and - automatic position reporting on the part of the operating aircrafts.
Medium Term (2009–2014)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more complex safety related information can be exchanged, including ATC clearances.
Long Term (after 2014)	Implement Data links as the future evolution and based on the new SARPs and ICAO guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use will include down linking of aircraft flight parameters for use by the ATM system; and - uplink of traffic data for improved situational awareness in the cockpit.

Note:

* This regional Program is in accordance with the global Road Map for the implementation of air – ground data links.

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APPENDIX C

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: <u>SAM/CNS 02</u> IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AERONAUTICAL MOBILE SERVICES IN THE SAM REGION				
Benefits				
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction of operational coordination errors between adjacent ACCs, making ATS coordination more efficient; and• Reduction of pilot and controller workload.			
Environmental protection and sustainable development of air transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assured coverage and quality of communications in ATS service;• Increased availability of communications for the ATS service;• Support to AIM/MET service; and• Assured radio frequency spectrum assigned to aviation for the communication service.			
Metrics				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Percentage of compliance with FASID Table 2-A;• Number of CPDLC systems implemented;• Number of DCL systems implemented;• Number of D-ATIS systems implemented, and• Number of VOLMET systems implemented.				
2012 - 2018 Strategy				
ATM OC COMPONENTS	TASKS	PERIOD	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
AOM ATM-SDM DCB CM	a) Complete the implementation of the services required in Table CNS 2-A “Aeronautical Mobile Service - AMSS”	(*) - 2014	States	Valid
	b) Continental en-route: Complete coverage of VHF communications in the lower airspace, when operations so require	2012- 2015	States	Valid
	c) Implement oceanic area CPDLC, maintaining HF service as back-up	(*) - 2018	States	Valid
	d) Implement CPDLC in selected continental area	2012- 2018	States	Valid
	e) Terminal area: Implementation of different VHF channels for control tower and APP services at all airports where a single channel is used for APP and control tower services	(*) - 2015	States	Valid
	f) Implementation of DCL services at selected aerodromes	2016-2018	States	Valid
	g) Implementation of D-ATIS services at selected aerodromes.	2012-2017	States	Valid
	h) Implementation of VOLMET services (voice and data)	(*) - 2018	States	Valid
	i) Guarantee protection of the radio frequency spectrum used for current and foreseen communication services	(*) - 2018	States ICAO	Valid
	j) Monitor implementation progress	2012-2018	GREPECAS	Valid
Relation-ship with GPIs	GPI/6: ATFM, GPI/9: Situational awareness, GPI/17: Data link applications, GPI/19: Meteorological systems, GPI/22: Communication infrastructure, GPI 23: Aeronautical radio spectrum.			

(*) Indicates that the task has been started before the date contemplated in this planning.

APPENDIX D



Global Operational Data Link Document (GOLD)

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Amendments to the GOLD

The following table will be used to track updates to the GOLD by the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Amendment	Source	Subject(s)	Date
0.5.0	GOLD Ad Hoc Working Group	Initial coordination draft for broad review. Same as internal version v0.4.7, except no changes are tracked and some cross-references were corrected.	3-Aug-09

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FOREWORD.

1. Historical background

1.1 The Global Operational Data Link Document (GOLD) is the result of the progressive evolution of the FANS 1/A Operations Manual, prepared initially by the Informal South Pacific Air Traffic Services Coordinating Group (ISPACG), and the Guidance Material for ATS Data Link Services in North Atlantic Airspace, produced by the North Atlantic FANS Implementation Group (NAT FIG), on behalf of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG).

1.2 Each of the two founding documents provided guidance on a regional basis. However, in recognition of the need to provide globally harmonized guidance on data link operations, the GOLD became effective on [date].

1.3 This edition, re-titled Global Operational Data Link Document (GOLD), provides for a comprehensive update of the guidance as well as a major reorganization of the contents of the founding documents. This includes the incorporation of performance-based specifications and associated guidance on data collection, monitoring, and analysis.

2. Scope and purpose

2.1 The GOLD provides guidance and information concerning data link aspects of aeronautical activity and is intended to facilitate the uniform application of Standards and Recommended Practices contained in Annex 2 — Rules of the Air and in Annex 11 — Air Traffic Services, the provisions in the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) and, when necessary, the Regional Supplementary Procedures (Doc 7030).

2.2 This guidance material is intended to maximize operational benefits in data link operations by promoting seamless and interoperable data link operations throughout the world. This edition limits itself to those data link operations that apply to the use of FANS 1/A and its applications: automatic dependent surveillance — contract (ADS-C), controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC) and the flight management computer waypoint position reporting (FMC WPR). It also addresses the performance of the data link applications taking into consideration the transmission media used by those applications. Future editions are expected to incorporate guidance that applies to the planned expansion of ATN CPDLC in core Europe as well as the use of FANS 1/A in continental Europe.

2.3 While directed primarily at air traffic services personnel and flight crews, the following personnel should be familiar with various aspects of its contents: regulators, airspace planners, aircraft operators, dispatchers, communication service providers and radio operators, training organizations, central monitoring and reporting agencies, automation specialists at centers and radio facilities, and aircraft manufacturers and equipment suppliers.

2.4 The guidance will support the following activities:

- a) the States' roles and responsibilities in relation to the following:
 - 1) safety regulatory oversight of air navigation services;
 - 2) operational authorizations, flight crew training and qualification;
 - 3) design approval of aircraft data link systems

- b) the development of agreements and/or contractual arrangements between air traffic service providers and aircraft operators and their respective communication service providers;
- c) development of operational procedures; and
- d) operational monitoring, analysis, and exchange of operational data among regions, States, and communication service providers.

3. Status

This guidance may contain material that may eventually become Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), or PANS provisions when it has reached the maturity and stability necessary for adoption or approval. It may also comprise material prepared as an amplification of the basic principles in the corresponding SARPs, and designed particularly to assist the user in the application of the SARPs and PANS.

4. Implementation

The implementation of procedures is the responsibility of Contracting States; they are applied in actual operations only after, and in so far as, States have enforced them. However, with a view to facilitating their processing towards implementation by States, this complementary guidance material has been prepared in language which will permit direct use by air traffic services personnel and others associated with the provision of air traffic services to international air navigation.

5. Promulgation of information

Information relating to the establishment and withdrawal of and changes to facilities, services and procedures affecting aircraft operations should be notified and take effect in accordance with Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services .

6. References

6.1 The following references are cited in this document:

- a) Annex 2 — Rules of the Air
- b) Annex 6 — Operation of Aircraft and Part I — International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes
- c) Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications and Volume II — Communication Procedures including those with PANS status
- d) Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications and Volume III — Communication Systems
- e) Annex 11 — Air Traffic Services
- f) Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services
- g) Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)
- h) Regional Supplementary Procedures (Doc 7030)

- i) Procedures for Air Navigation Services — ICAO Abbreviations and Codes (PANS-ABC, Doc 8400)
- j) Manual on Airspace Planning Methodology for the Determination of Separation Minima (Doc 9689)
- k) Manual on Required Communication Performance (RCP) (Doc 9869)
- l) Safety and Performance Standard for Air Traffic Data Link Services in Oceanic and Remote Airspace (Oceanic SPR Standard, RTCA DO-306/EUROCAE ED-122).
- m) Safety and Performance Standard for Air Traffic Data Link Services in Continental Airspace (Continental SPR Standard, RTCA DO-290/EUROCAE ED-120, Change 1 and Change 2).
- n) Interoperability Requirements for ATS Applications Using ARINC 622 Data Communications (FANS 1/A INTEROP Standard, RTCA DO-258A/EUROCAE ED-100A).
- o) Interoperability Requirements Standard for Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Baseline 1 (ATN B1 INTEROP Standard, RTCA DO-280B/EUROCAE ED-110B).
- p) Future Air Navigation System 1/A — Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Interoperability Standard (FANS 1/A — ATN B1 INTEROP Standard, RTCA DO-305/EUROCAE ED-154).

8. Changes to the document

This document is maintained as a regional document in coordination with all ICAO planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) providing data link services within their region. Each participating PIRG establishes a mechanism for submitting and administering change proposals.

Change proposals (CPs) can be submitted by any stakeholder participating in data link operations. The stakeholder should submit a Change Proposal to their ICAO regional office (see Appendix E). The ICAO regional office will coordinate the change proposal within its own region, other regions, and ICAO HQ, to determine the acceptability of the change proposal. Once coordination has been completed and the change proposal is accepted, the change is concluded by the PIRGs.

Chapter 1. Definitions

When the following terms are used in the present document they have the following meanings. Where the term has “(ICAO)” annotated, the term has already been defined as such in SARPs and/or PANS.

Editor’s note 1. — TK - This section will ultimately include terms and acronyms used in the document and will be completed on finalization of first edition. During the development of the GOLD, it will include terms collected from the NAT GM and FOM, and added from new text. The Used in column indicates where the term is used and indicates if a correction was made to the definition. When the NAT GM or FOM use terms that are defined by ICAO, the ICAO definitions (or derivatives of the term) were included. GOLD Ad Hoc Working Group needs to review for consistency with GOLD prior to completion and remove the Used in column.

Term	Used in
AAR. The symbol used to designate air-to-air refueling.	FOM
ACAC. The symbol used to designate Arab Civil Aviation Commission.	FOM
ACARS. The symbol used to designate the aircraft communications addressing and reporting system.	NAT FOM
ACAS. The symbol used to designate aircraft collision avoidance system. (ICAO)	FOM
ACC. The symbol used to designate area control centre. (ICAO)	NAT
ADS. The symbol used to designate automatic dependent surveillance (retained for reference with non-updated documents. This term would normally be used to refer to ADS-C).	NAT FOM
ADS-B. The symbol used to designate automatic dependent surveillance – broadcast. (ICAO)	FOM
ADS-C service. A term used to indicate an ATS service that provides surveillance information by means of the ADS-C application. <i>Note.— ICAO Doc 4444 does not include ADS-C in its definition for ATS surveillance system. Therefore, an ATS surveillance service does not consider those provided by means of the ADS-C application, unless it can be shown by comparative assessment to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR.</i>	GOLD, Apx C
ADS-C. The symbol used to designate automatic dependent surveillance – contract. (ICAO)	FOM (Removed e.g.)
AEEC. The symbol used to designate Airline Electronic Engineering Committee.	FOM

Term	Used in
Aeronautical fixed telecommunication network (AFTN). A worldwide system of aeronautical fixed circuits provided, as part of the aeronautical fixed service, for the exchange of messages and/or digital data between aeronautical fixed stations having the same or compatible communications characteristics. (ICAO)	ICAO
Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). A publication issued by or with the authority of a State and containing aeronautical information of a lasting character essential to air navigation. (ICAO)	ICAO
Aeronautical operational control (AOC). Communication required for the exercise of authority over the initiation, continuation, diversion or termination of flight for safety, regularity and efficiency reasons. (ICAO)	ICAO
Aeronautical telecommunication network (ATN). Application entities and communication services which allow ground, air-to-ground and avionics data sub-networks to interoperate by adopting common interface services and protocols based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) open systems interconnection (OSI) reference model. (ICAO Doc 9705, sub-volume 1 note)	ICAO
AFN. The symbol used to designate ATS facilities notification.	NAT FOM
AFTN. The symbol used to designate aeronautical fixed telecommunication network. (ICAO)	NAT
AIDC. The symbol used to designate ATC interfacility data communication. (ICAO)	FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
AIP. The symbol used to designate Aeronautical Information Publication. (ICAO)	NAT FOM
Air traffic service provider. [need definition]	
Air traffic control (ATC) service. A service provided for the purpose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) preventing collisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) between aircraft, and 2) on the manoeuvring area between aircraft and obstructions; and b) expediting and maintaining an orderly flow of air traffic. (ICAO) 	ICAO
Air traffic management (ATM). The dynamic, integrated management of air traffic and airspace including air traffic services, airspace management and air traffic flow management — safely, economically and efficiently — through the provision of facilities and seamless services in collaboration with all parties and involving airborne and ground-based functions. (ICAO)	ICAO

Term	Used in
Air traffic service (ATS). A generic term meaning variously, flight information service, alerting service, air traffic advisory service, air traffic control service (area control service, approach control service or aerodrome control service). (ICAO)	ICAO
Air traffic services unit (ATSU). A generic term meaning variously, air traffic control unit, flight information centre or air traffic services reporting office. (ICAO)	ICAO
Airborne collision avoidance system (ACAS). An aircraft system based on secondary surveillance radar (SSR) transponder signals which operates independently of ground-based equipment to provide advice to the pilot on potential conflicting aircraft that are equipped with SSR transponders. (ICAO)	ICAO
Aircraft system availability (A_{AIRCRAFT}). Aircraft equipment availability is the probability of available capability on an aircraft with an average flight of 6 hours.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C
AIREP. The symbol used to designate an air-report. (ICAO)	ICAO
Air-report. A report from an aircraft in flight prepared in conformity with requirements for position, and operational and/or meteorological reporting. (ICAO)	NAT
ALTRV. The symbol used to designate altitude reservation. (ICAO abbreviation?)	FOM
AOC. The symbol used to designate aeronautical operational control. (ICAO)	NAT FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
APANPIRG. The symbol used to designate Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group.	FOM
Appropriate ATS authority. The relevant authority designated by the State responsible for providing air traffic services in the airspace concerned. (ICAO)	ICAO
Appropriate authority.	ICAO
a) Regarding flight over the high seas: The relevant authority of the State of Registry.	
b) Regarding flight other than over the high seas: The relevant authority of the State having sovereignty over the territory being overflown. (ICAO)	
AR. The symbol used to designate aerial refueling. (Not an ICAO abbreviation. See ICAO Doc 8400, WF)	FOM
ARCP. The symbol used to designate air refueling control point. (ICAO abbreviation?)	FOM

Term	Used in
Area control centre (ACC). A unit established to provide air traffic control service to controlled flights in control areas under its jurisdiction. (ICAO)	NAT
AREX. The symbol used to designate air refueling exit point. (ICAO abbreviation?)	FOM
ARINC. The symbol used to designate Aeronautical Radio Incorporated.	FOM
ARIP. The symbol used to designate air refueling initial point. (ICAO abbreviation?)	FOM
ARP. The symbol used to designate an air-report message. (See AIREP)	NAT
ASECNA. The symbol used to designate Agence Pour la Securite de la Navigation Aerienne en Afrique et a Madagascar.	FOM
ATC. The symbol used to designate air traffic control. (ICAO)	NAT FOM
ATC waypoint. A waypoint contained in Field 15 of the ATS flight plan, or as amended by ATC. <i>Note.— A waypoint inserted by the flight crew for purposes of conducting flight operations such as points of no return are not ATC waypoints.</i>	GOLD
ATM. The symbol used to designate air traffic management. (ICAO)	FOM
ATN. The symbol used to designate aeronautical telecommunication network. (ICAO)	NAT (Corrected per ICAO)
ATNS. The symbol used to designate Air Traffic and Navigation Services (Africa).	FOM
ATS interfacility data communication (AIDC). Automated data exchange between air traffic services units, particularly in regard to co-ordination and transfer of flights. (ICAO)	ICAO
ATSP. The symbol used to designate air traffic service provider.	
ATS surveillance service. A term used to indicate a service provided directly by means of an ATS surveillance system. (ICAO)	GOLD, Apx C
ATS surveillance system. A generic term meaning variously, ADS-B, PSR, SSR or any comparable ground-based system that enables the identification of aircraft. <i>Note.— A comparable ground-based system is one that has been demonstrated, by comparative assessment or other methodology, to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR.</i> (ICAO)	GOLD, Apx C

Term	Used in
ATS. The symbol used to designate air traffic service. (ICAO)	NAT FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
ATSU. The symbol used to designate ATS unit. (ICAO, sort of)	NAT FOM
Automatic dependent surveillance — broadcast (ADS-B). A means by which aircraft, aerodrome vehicles and other objects can automatically transmit and/or receive data such as identification, position and additional data, as appropriate, in a broadcast mode via a data link. (ICAO)	ICAO GOLD Apx C
Automatic dependent surveillance — contract (ADS-C). A means by which the terms of an ADS-C agreement will be exchanged between the ground system and the aircraft, via a data link, specifying under what conditions ADS-C reports would be initiated, and what data would be contained in the reports. (ICAO) <i>Note.— The abbreviated term “ADS contract” is commonly used to refer to ADS event contract, ADS demand contract, ADS periodic contract or an emergency mode.</i>	ICAO GOLD, Apx C
AVICOM. The symbol used to designate AVICOM Japan Co. LTD.	FOM
C for RCTP. The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified RCTP for intervention.	GOLD, Apx B
C for RCTP_{AIR}. The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified RCTP _{AIR} for Intervention.	GOLD, Apx B
C for RCTP_{ATSU}. The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified RCTP _{ATSU} for Intervention.	GOLD, Apx B
C for RCTP_{CSP}. The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified RCTP _{CSP} for Intervention.	GOLD, Apx B
C for RSTP_{AIR}. The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified RSTP _{AIR} .	GOLD, Apx C
C for RSTP_{ATSU}. The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified RSTP _{ATSU} .	GOLD, Apx C
C for RSTP_{CSP}. The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified RSTP _{CSP} .	GOLD, Apx C

Term	Used in
C for TRN. The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified TRN for intervention.	GOLD, Apx B
CAA. The symbol used to designate civil aviation authority. (See ICAO, “Appropriate authority” and “Appropriate ATS authority.”)	FOM
CADS. The symbol used to designate centralized ADS system.	NAT (Corrected per CADS spec)
CDA. The symbol used to designate current data authority. (See ICAO definition for current data authority)	NAT
CFRS. The symbol used to designate centralized FMC waypoint reporting system.	NAT
Closed message. A message that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) contains no message elements that require a response; or b) has received a closure response. 	NAT
Closure response. A message containing a message element that has the ability to close another message.	NAT
CMU. The symbol used to designate communications management unit.	NAT
CNS. The symbol used to designate communications, navigation, surveillance. (ICAO)	FOM
CNS/ATM. The symbol used to designate communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management. (ICAO)	NAT
Compulsory reporting point. An ATC waypoint for which a position report is required by the aircraft.	GOLD
Control area (CTA). A controlled airspace extending upwards from a specified limit above the earth. (ICAO)	ICAO
Controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC). A means of communication between controller and pilot, using data link for ATC communications. (ICAO)	ICAO
CPDLC dialogue. (See ICAO definition for “dialogue.”) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a single message that is a closed message; or b) a series of messages beginning with an open message, consisting of any messages related to the original open message and each other through the use of a Message Reference Number (MRN) and ending when all of these messages are closed. 	NAT

Term	Used in
CPDLC. The symbol used to designate controller pilot data link communications. (ICAO)	FOM
CRA. The symbol used to designate Central Reporting Agency.	FOM
CRASA. The symbol used to designate CRA Support Agency.	FOM
CRC. The symbol used to designate cyclic redundancy check.	FOM
CSP. The symbol used to designate communication service provider.	GOLD Apx B
CTA. The symbol used to designate control area. (ICAO)	NAT
Current data authority. The designated ground system through which a CPDLC dialogue between a pilot and a controller currently responsible for the flight is permitted to take place. (ICAO)	ICAO
DARP. The symbol used to designate planned airborne reroute procedure.	GOLD
Defined message element. A message element whose content and format are pre-determined. A defined message element may require specified information to be inserted, but the rest of the content is not variable. Because of this, defined message elements make automatic processing possible.	NAT
Dialogue. A co-operative relationship between elements which enables communication and joint operation. (ICAO)	ICAO
DM. The symbol used to designate downlink message.	NAT FOM
Downlink message (DM). A CPDLC message sent from an aircraft.	NAT
EMERG. The symbol used to designate emergency. (ICAO)	ICAO
EMG. The symbol used to designate emergency message.	NAT
EUROCAE. The symbol used to designate European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment.	FOM
FAA. The symbol used to designate Federal Aviation Administration.	FOM
FANS 1/A. The symbol used to designate FANS 1/A, as defined by DO-258A/ED-100A.	NAT
FANS. The symbol used to designate future air navigation system.	NAT FOM
FCMA. The symbol used to designate FANS Central Monitoring Agency.	NAT

Term	Used in
FDPS. The symbol used to designate flight data processing system. (ICAO)	NAT
FFE. The symbol used to designate FANS front end.	NAT
FIR. The symbol used to designate flight information region. (ICAO)	NAT FOM
FIT. The symbol used to designate FANS Interoperability Team.	FOM
FL. The symbol used to designate flight level.	NAT
Flight information region (FIR). An airspace of defined dimensions within which flight information service and alerting service are provided. (ICAO)	ICAO
Flight level (FL). A surface of constant atmospheric pressure which is related to a specific pressure datum, 1 013.2 hectopascals (hPa), and is separated from other such surfaces by specific pressure intervals. (ICAO)	ICAO
<p><i>Note 1.— A pressure type altimeter calibrated in accordance with the Standard Atmosphere:</i></p> <p><i>a) when set to a QNH altimeter setting, will indicate altitude;</i></p> <p><i>b) when set to QFE altimeter setting, will indicate height above the QFE reference datum;</i></p> <p><i>c) when set to a pressure of 1 013.2 hPa, may be used to indicate flight levels.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— The terms “height” and “altitude”, used in Note 1 above, indicate altimetric rather than geometric heights and altitudes.</i></p>	
FMC WPR service. A term used to indicate an ATS service that provides surveillance information by means of the FMC WPR application.	GOLD, Apx C
<p><i>Note.— ICAO Doc 4444 does not include FMC WPR in its definition for ATS surveillance system. Therefore, an ATS surveillance service does not consider those provided by means of the FMC WPR application, unless it can be shown by comparative assessment to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR.</i></p>	
FMC WPR. The symbol used to designate flight management computer waypoint position reporting.	NAT
FMC. The symbol used to designate flight management computer.	NAT FOM
FMS. The symbol used to designate flight management system.	NAT FOM

Term	Used in
Free text message element. (usually referred to as a free text message) A message element whose content is variable, i.e. composed by the sender. The ATS provider may construct a set of preformatted free text messages to relieve controllers of the burden of repeatedly composing commonly used messages. Such a set should include an explanation as to the intended meaning of each message.	NAT
GES. The symbol used to designate ground earth station (satellite).	FOM
GPS. The symbol used to designate global positioning system (USA).	NAT FOM
HF. The symbol used to designate high frequency (3-30 Mhz). (ICAO)	NAT FOM
IATA. The symbol used to designate International Air Transport Association.	FOM
ICAO. The symbol used to designate International Civil Aviation Organization. (ICAO)	NAT FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
ICD. The symbol used to designate interface control document.	NAT
IFALPA. The symbol used to designate International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations.	FOM
IFATCA. The symbol used to designate International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers Associations.	FOM
IIOACG. The symbol used to designate Informal Indian Ocean ATS Coordination Group.	FOM
IOM. The symbol used to designate Indian Ocean Operations Manual.	FOM
IPACG. The symbol used to designate Informal Pacific ATC Coordinating Group.	FOM
ISPACG. The symbol used to designate Informal South Pacific ATS Coordinating Group.	FOM
JCAB. The symbol used to designate Civil Aviation Bureau Japan.	FOM
MAS. The symbol used to designate message assurance.	NAT
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr). Measured by accumulating <i>only</i> the duration times for unplanned outages greater than the unplanned outage duration limit during any 12-month period.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C

Term	Used in
Maximum number of unplanned outages. Measured for any 12-month period. Failures causing unplanned outages for multiple ATSUs are only counted once.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C
MCDU. The symbol used to designate multipurpose control display unit (ACARS & FMC).	FOM
MEL. The symbol used to designate minimum equipment list. (ICAO)	NAT
Message closure. Providing the closure response. Irrespective of the number of elements that require a response contained in an open message, each open message will be closed by a single message element, determined by the particular mix of attributes assigned to the elements contained in the open message.	NAT
Message element identifier. The ASN.1 tag of the ATCUplinkMsgElementId or the ATCDnlinkMsgElementId. (ICAO)	ICAO
Message element. A component of a message used to define the context of the information exchanged. (ICAO)	ICAO
Message element. A portion of a message. Each message element is assigned a particular set of attributes that determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) its priority; b) whether it will close other message elements; c) which other message elements are suitable responses; and d) whether it requires a closure response and, if so, which other message elements are able to close it. 	NAT
Message. An individual uplink or downlink CPDLC communication, made up of one or more message elements (maximum of five).	NAT
Message. Basic unit of user information exchanged between an airborne application and its ground counterpart or between two ground applications. Messages are passed in one or more data blocks from one end user to another through different sub-networks. (ICAO)	ICAO
MET. The symbol used to designate meteorological or meteorology. (ICAO)	NAT (Corrected per ICAO)
MIN. The symbol used to designate message identification number. (See ICAO definition for message element identifier.)	NAT

Term	Used in
Minimum equipment list (MEL). A list which provides for the operation of aircraft, subject to specified conditions, with particular equipment inoperative, prepared by an operator in conformity with, or more restrictive than, the MMEL established for the aircraft type. (ICAO)	ICAO
MNPS. The symbol used to designate minimum navigation performance standards.	NAT
Monitored operational performance (TRN). The portion of the transaction time (used for intervention) that does not include the times for message composition or recognition of the operational response.	GOLD, Apx B
MRN. The symbol used to designate message reference number.	NAT
MTBF. The symbol used to designate mean time between failures.	FOM
MTTR. The symbol used to designate mean time to repair.	FOM
MU. The symbol used to designate management unit (ACARS).	NAT FOM
NAT FIG. The symbol used to designate North Atlantic Future Air Navigation Systems Implementation Group.	NAT
NAT IMG. The symbol used to designate North Atlantic Implementation Management Group.	NAT
NAT SPG. The symbol used to designate North Atlantic Systems Planning Group.	NAT
NAT. The symbol used to designate North Atlantic.	NAT
NDA. The symbol used to designate next data authority. (See ICAO definition for next data authority.)	NAT FOM
Next data authority. The ground system so designated by the current data authority through which an onward transfer of communications and control can take place. (ICAO)	ICAO
NOTAM. A notice distributed by means of telecommunication containing information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations. (ICAO)	FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
Open message. A message that contains at least one message element that requires a response. An open message remains open until the required response is received.	NAT

Term	Used in
Operational communication transaction. The process a human uses to initiate the transmission of an instruction, clearance, flight information, and/or request, and is completed when that human is confident that the transaction is complete.	GOLD, Apx B
ORD. The symbol used to designate operational requirements document.	NAT
OTS. The symbol used to designate organized track system.	NAT
PANS-ATM. The symbol used to designate Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management (ICAO Doc 4444). (ICAO)	NAT
POS. The term used to designate ICAO position report message.	NAT
Preformatted free text message. A standardized free text message that is created and formatted automatically by the avionics or ground system, so that the content may be used by the message recipient's automation.	NAT GOLD
RCP availability (A). Probability that an operational communication transaction can be initiated when needed.	GOLD, Apx B
RCP continuity (C). Probability that an operational communication transaction can be completed within the communication transaction time, ET or TT 95%.	GOLD, Apx B
RCP expiration time (ET). The maximum time for the completion of the operational communication transaction after which the initiator should revert to an alternative procedure.	GOLD, Apx B
RCP integrity (I). Acceptable rate of one or more undetected errors in a completed communication transaction.	GOLD, Apx B
RCP nominal transaction time (TT 95%). The nominal time for the completion of the operational communication transaction at 95%.	GOLD, Apx B
RCTP_{AIR}. The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the aircraft system.	GOLD, Apx B
RCTP_{ATSU}. The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the ATSU system.	GOLD, Apx B
RCTP_{CSP}. The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the communication service provider system.	GOLD, Apx B
Required communication performance (RCP). A statement of the performance requirements for operational communication in support of specific ATM functions. (ICAO)	ICAO

Term	Used in
Required Communication Technical Performance (RCTP). The technical portion of the transaction time (used for intervention) that does not include the times for message composition, operational response, and recognition of the operational response.	GOLD, Apx B
Required navigation performance (RNP). A statement of the navigation performance necessary for operation within a defined airspace. (ICAO) <i>Note.— Navigation performance and requirements are defined for a particular RNP type and/or application.</i>	ICAO
Responder performance. The operational portion of the transaction time to prepare the operational response, and includes the recognition of the instruction, and message composition, e.g., flight crew/HMI for intervention transactions.	GOLD, Apx B
RNP. The symbol used to designate required navigation performance.	FOM
RSP availability (A). Probability that surveillance data can be provided when needed.	GOLD, Apx C
RSP continuity (C). Probability that surveillance data can be delivered within the position RSP time parameter, ET or TT 95%.	GOLD, Apx C
RSP data latency. The required time for surveillance data delivery.	GOLD, Apx C
RSP integrity (I). Acceptable level of confidence that the surveillance data is within specified tolerances. RSP integrity includes such factors as rate of one or more undetected errors in the transmission of the surveillance data, the accuracy of aircraft position and time data, data latency, reporting interval, extrapolation and/or estimation of the data.	GOLD, Apx C
RSP nominal delivery time (DT 95%). The nominal time for the successful delivery of surveillance data at 95%.	GOLD, Apx C
RSP overdue delivery time (OT). The maximum time for the successful delivery of surveillance data after which the initiator should revert to an alternative procedure.	GOLD, Apx C
RSTP_{AIR}. The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data from the aircraft's avionics to the antenna.	GOLD, Apx C
RSTP_{ATSU}. The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data from the CSP interface to the ATSU's flight data processing system.	GOLD, Apx C
RSTP_{CSP}. The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data allocated to the CSP.	GOLD, Apx C

Term	Used in
RVSM. The symbol used to designate reduced vertical separation minima (300 m (1000 ft)) between FL 290 and FL 410. (ICAO)	FOM (Corrected per ICAO)
SARPs. The symbol used to designate Standards and Recommended Practices. (ICAO)	NAT (Corrected per ICAO)
SATCOM. The symbol used to designate satellite communication. (ICAO)	FOM
SATVOICE. The symbol used to designate satellite voice communication.	FOM
SEAC. The symbol used to designate Service d'Etat de l'Aviation Civile (French Polynésie).	FOM
SELCAL. The symbol used to designate selective calling system. (ICAO)	NAT
Service availability (A_{CSP}). Probability of available service on 24/7 operation.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C
SITA. The symbol used to designate Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques.	NAT FOM
Standardized free text message. A free text message format that has been agreed by the stakeholders as a message that should be used for the purpose/intent shown in this document.	GOLD
Surveillance data delivery. The process for obtaining surveillance data. <i>Note.— For ADS-C, the delivery is defined for the following surveillance data:</i> a) <i>Periodic report, from the start of the periodic interval. The start of the periodic interval occurs when the periodic report is sent by the aircraft/flight crew;</i> b) <i>Waypoint change event report, from the actual time the aircraft crosses the waypoint or is abeam the waypoint;</i> c) <i>Lateral deviation event report, from the time the aircraft system detects that the event has occurred; and</i> d) <i>Vertical deviation event report, from the time the aircraft system detects that the event has occurred.</i>	GOLD, Apx C
Surveillance data. Data pertaining to the identification of aircraft and/or obstructions for route conformance monitoring and safe and efficient conduct of flight. <i>Note.— For ADS-C, surveillance data applies to periodic, waypoint change event, lateral deviation event, vertical deviation event reports, and CPDLC position reports. For FMC WPR, surveillance data applies to waypoint position report.</i>	GOLD, Apx C

Term	Used in
Tailored arrival (TA). A 4-dimensional (4-D) arrival procedure, based on an optimized ATC clearance, including, as necessary, vertical and/or speed restrictions, from the aircraft's current position, normally just prior to top of descent, to the designated destination runway. The TA clearance is issued via CPDLC data link message(s) to the aircraft and automatically loaded into the aircraft's 4-D trajectory guidance capability.	GOLD
TCAS. The symbol used to designate traffic alert and collision avoidance system (USA)	FOM
TMU. The symbol used to designate traffic management unit.	FOM
UM. The symbol used to designate uplink message.	NAT FOM
Unplanned outage duration limit (minutes). Time after the unplanned outage begins at which there is an operational impact. Measured from when an unplanned outage begins to when the ATSU receives notification that the service has been restored.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C
Unplanned outage notification delay (min). Notification to the ATSU of an unplanned outage. Measured from when the unplanned outage begins to when the ATSU receives notification.	GOLD, Apx B, Apx C
Uplink message (UM). A CPDLC message sent from a ground system.	NAT
UPR. The symbol used to designate user preferred route.	GOLD
VHF. The symbol used to designate very high frequency (30-300 Mhz). (ICAO)	NAT FOM
WPR. The symbol used to designate waypoint position reporting.	NAT

Chapter 2. Overview of data link operations

2.1 Data link systems and operational capabilities

2.1.1 Data link systems

2.1.1.1 “Data link” is a generic term that encompasses different types of data link systems and sub-networks. [Figure 2-1](#) provides an overview of a data link system, including sub-networks.

2.1.1.2 [Table 2-1](#) provides a brief description of each type of aircraft or ground data link system and identifies the applicable interoperability standards. A designator is assigned to each type of data link system.

2.1.1.3 [Table 2-2](#) provides a brief description of each type of sub-network that supports the different data link systems and identifies the applicable interoperability standards. A designator is assigned to each type of sub-network.

2.1.1.4 The applicable interoperability standards for each type of data link system and each type of sub-network allocate requirements to the operator, the aircraft data link system, and the air traffic service provider to ensure that the aircraft system, the ground system, and sub-networks are compatible.

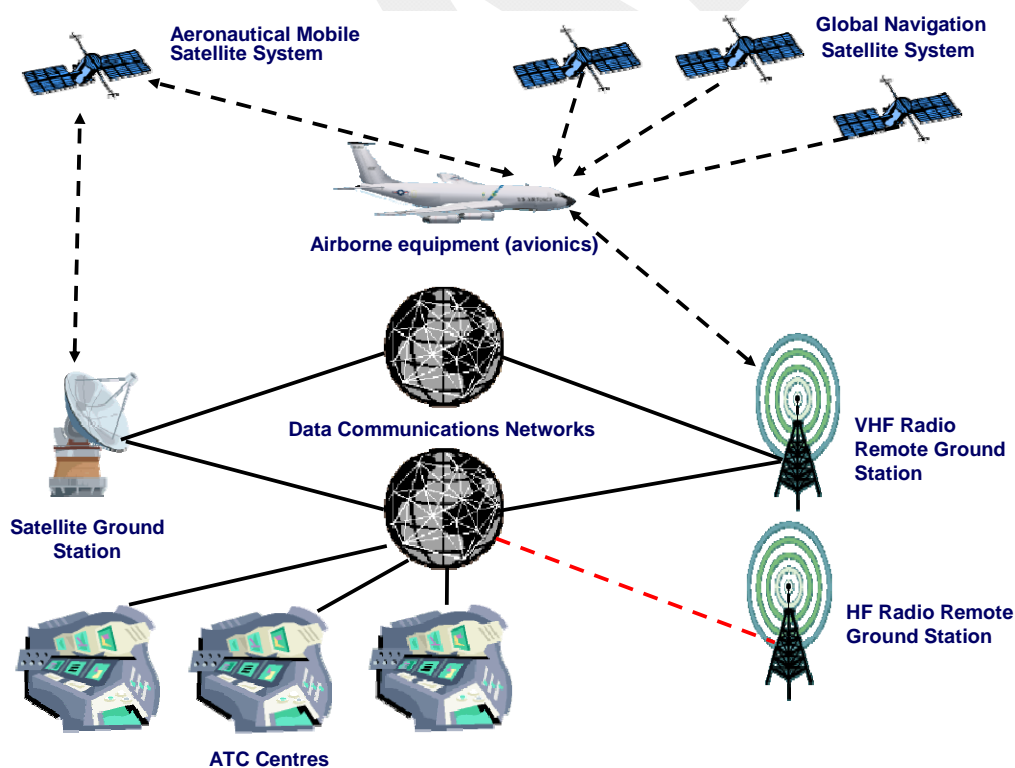


Figure 2-1. Overview of a data link system

Table 2-1. Designators for aircraft and ground data link systems

Designator	Description of designator	Applicable standard(s)
ACARS	ATS applications supported by aircraft communications addressing and reporting system	a) ED-85 (DCL) b) ED-106 (OCL) c) ED-89 (D-ATIS) d) A702A (FMC WPR) (applies only to aircraft) e) A623, ACARS Interop
CFRS	Centralized flight management computer waypoint reporting system enables ATSU to receive FMC WPR from aircraft	CFRS Common Specification, Version 2.0, approved ICAO NAT FIG/10, Paris, March 29-April 2, 2004 (applies only to ground system)
AOC	Aeronautical operational control facility enables ATSU to receive FMC WPR from aircraft	ARINC 702-1A and AFTN specifications (applies only to ground system)
CADS	Centralized ADS-C system enables (non-FANS 1/A) ATSU to receive ADS-C reports from aircraft.	CADS Common Specification, Version 2.0, approved ICAO NAT FIG/10, Paris, March 29-April 2, 2004 (applies only to ground system)
FANS 1/A ADS-C FANS 1/A FANS 1/A+	ATS applications supported by future air navigation system 1/A	DO-258A/ED-100A, FANS 1/A INTEROP a) FANS 1/A ADS-C - complies with AFN and ADS-C applications, No CPDLC b) FANS 1/A – completely complies with initial release of standard c) FANS 1/A+ - completely complies with Revision A of standard, which includes message latency timer function (See paragraph 4.2.8.)
ATN B1	ATS applications supported by aeronautical telecommunication network – baseline 1 (ATN B1)	DO-280B/ED-110B, ATN B1 INTEROP a) Context management application b) CPDLC for ATS communications management (ACM), ATS clearance (ACL), and ATC microphone check (AMC), except that: 1) UM 135 CONFIRM ASSIGNED LEVEL and UM 233 USE OF LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROHIBITED will not be used by the ATSU; and 2) DM 38 ASSIGNED LEVEL (level) is not required by the aircraft. <i>Note. — DCL, DSC, D-ATIS, and FLIPCY data link services, which are defined in DO 290/ED 120, are not supported.</i>
ATN B1- FANS 1/A	Enables ATSU with ATN B1 ground system to provide data link service to FANS 1/A aircraft	a) DO-280B/ED-110B, ATN B1 INTEROP b) DO-305/ED-154, FANS 1/A – ATN INTEROP (Applies only to ground system)

Table 2-2. Designators for sub-networks

Designator	Description of designator	Applicable standard(s)
VDL M0/A	Very high frequency data link – mode 0/A	ARINC 618-6 (INTEROP) for air/ground protocol
VDL M2	Very high frequency data link – mode 2	a) RTCA DO-224 (MASPS) b) ARINC 631-5 (INTEROP)
HFDL	High frequency data link	a) RTCA DO-265 (MASPS) b) ARINC 753-3 (INTEROP)
SATCOM (Inmarsat)	Inmarsat or MT-SAT – aero classic satellite communications	a) RTCA DO-270 (MASPS) b) ARINC 741P2-10 (INTEROP)
SATCOM (Iridium)	Iridium short burst data satellite communications	a) RTCA DO-270, Change 1 (MASPS) b) ARINC 741P2-10 (INTEROP)

2.1.2 Operational capabilities supported by data link systems

2.1.2.1 Operational capabilities in oceanic and remote airspace

2.1.2.1.1 The data system in oceanic and remote airspace improves communications and surveillance to support operational capabilities that enable:

- a) Reduced separations, for example, the following reduced separations require data link;
 - 1) 50 NM longitudinal separation;
 - 2) 30 NM longitudinal separation;
 - 3) 30 NM lateral separation;
- b) User preferred route (UPR) may require data link in some airspace;
- c) Reroute, including dynamic airborne reroute procedure (DARP) requires data link;
- d) Weather deviation management may require data link in reduced separation environments; and
- e) Improved ATC communication, surveillance and surveillance and route conformance monitoring through the use of data link may enable more efficient air traffic management and increases in airspace capacity. For example, ADS-C provides automatic surveillance capability that an ATSP may use to replace CPDLC and/or voice position reporting in airspace where the ATSP applies procedural separation.

2.1.2.1.2 RTCA DO-306/EUROCAE ED-122 (Oceanic SPR) provides operational, safety and performance criteria for data link systems that are used in oceanic and remote airspace for normal ATC communication and surveillance to support separation assurance, route conformance monitoring, reroute, and weather deviation management.

- a) AFN for data link initiation capability (DLIC)

- b) CPDLC for normal ATC communication (DCPC)
 - 1) RCP 240 operations
 - 2) RCP 400 operations
- c) ADS-C for surveillance - automatic position reporting
 - 1) Periodic report
 - 2) Event report
 - i) Waypoint change report
 - ii) Altitude range change event report
 - iii) Lateral deviation event report
 - iv) Vertical range change event report
- d) FMC WPR for surveillance - automatic position reporting at ATC waypoints

2.1.2.1.3 RCP types and surveillance specifications

a) If the data link operation is dependent on certain performance, then the ATSP may prescribe RCP types and/or surveillance specifications. [Table 2-3](#) provides examples of intended uses for which the RCP types defined in [Appendix B](#) are applicable. [Table 2-4](#) provides examples of intended uses for which the surveillance specifications defined in [Appendix C](#) are applicable.

Table 2-3. Examples of applying RCP types to intended uses

RCP type	Intended uses for which the RCP type is applicable
RCP 240	When CPDLC is normal means for applying 30 NM lateral separation and reduced longitudinal separation minima.
RCP 400	When non-traditional communication is normal means for applying lateral separation greater than or equal to 50 NM and time-based longitudinal separation.
	When non-traditional communication is alternative means for applying 30 NM lateral separation and reduced longitudinal separation minima.

Table 2-4. Examples of applying surveillance specifications to intended uses

Surv type	Intended uses for which the RCP type is applicable
Type 180	When ADS-C is normal means of surveillance for applying 30 NM lateral separation and reduced longitudinal separation minima.
Type 400	When ADS-C or FMC WPR is normal means of surveillance for applying lateral separation greater than or equal to 50 NM and time-based longitudinal separation.
	When non-traditional communication provides an alternative means of surveillance, e.g., position reporting via satellite voice, for applying 30 NM lateral separation and reduced longitudinal separation minima.

Note.— For example, satellite voice and CPDLC over the HFDL sub-network, in combination with third-party HF voice, are considered non-traditional communication. [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#) provide criteria only when the non-traditional communication is a data link system.

b) Non-compliance to RCP types and surveillance performance specifications.

1) Data link operations that use certain sub-networks, e.g., HFDL, or take place in sub-network transition areas, e.g., VHF fringe coverage area, may not meet the criteria for some RCP types or surveillance specifications.

2) Aircraft capability that supports multiple RCP type or surveillance operations needs to include appropriate indications and/or procedures to enable the flight crew to notify ATC when aircraft equipment failures result in the aircraft's ability to no longer meet its criteria for any of the RCP types or surveillance specifications. (See GOLD, Appendix B and C.)

3) An ATSU that supports multiple RCP type or surveillance operations needs to include appropriate indications and/or procedures to enable the controller to notify all affected aircraft when infrastructure failures result in the ground system's ability to no longer meet its criteria for any of the RCP types or surveillance specifications.

c) If no RCP type or surveillance specification is prescribed for the data link operation, then any sub-network provided in [Table 2-2](#) is applicable.

2.1.2.2 Operational capabilities in continental airspace

2.1.2.2.1 The data system in continental airspace improves communications to support operational capabilities that enable more efficient air traffic management and increases in airspace capacity.

2.1.2.2.2 RTCA DO-290/EUROCAE ED-120, Change 1 and Change 2 (Continental SPR) provides operational, safety and performance criteria for supplemental ATC communication that supports increases in airspace capacity.

a) CM for data link initiation capability (DLIC)

b) CPDLC for supplemental ATC communication supporting ACM, ACL and AMC data link services, except that

1) [UM 135](#) CONFIRM ASSIGNED LEVEL, and [UM 233](#) USE OF LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROHIBITED, will not be used by the ground systems; and

2) [DM 38](#) ASSIGNED LEVEL (level), is not required by the aircraft.

c) When providing data link service to FANS 1/A+ aircraft

1) Ground system needs to comply with DO-305/ED-154;

2) FANS 1/A aircraft will need to comply with message latency timer per DO-258A/ED-100A;

3) FANS 1/A aircraft will need to use [DM 67](#) [free text] to mimic certain message elements per DO 305/ED 154, paragraph 4.2.13.2. [UM 215](#) TURN [direction] [degrees] is not supported.

2.1.2.2.3 DCL, DSC, D-ATIS, and FLIPCY data link services, which are defined in DO-290/ED-120, are not supported.

2.1.2.2.4 VDL M2 sub-network is the only sub-network for the data link system supporting operational capabilities in continental airspace.

2.1.2.3 [Table 2-5](#) provides an overview of the operational capabilities in oceanic/remote and continental airspace that are supported by each of the different data link systems.

Table 2-5. Types of data link systems and operations

Aircraft equipment and capability	Airspace type/ground data link system				
	Any airspace ACARS	Oceanic/Remote CADS, CFRS or AOC	Oceanic/Remote FANS 1/A	Continental ATN B1	Continental ATN B1-FANS 1/A
ACARS	DCL or PDC OCL for supplemental ATC communication D-ATIS for flight information services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FMC WPR	N/A	FMC WPR for surveillance (CFRS or AOC)	N/A	N/A	N/A
FANS 1/A ADS-C	N/A	ADS-C for surveillance (CADS)	ADS-C for surveillance	N/A	N/A
FANS 1/A or FANS 1/A+	N/A	ADS-C for surveillance	CPDLC for normal ATC communication ADS-C for surveillance	N/A	CPDLC for supplemental ATC communication supporting ACM, ACL, and AMC data link services
ATN B1	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPDLC for supplemental ATC communication supporting ACM, ACL, and AMC data link services	CPDLC for supplemental ATC communication supporting ACM, ACL, and AMC data link services
OPLINKP SC-214 WG-78	To be determined (Harmonized data communication solution)				

2.2 FANS 1/A data link system

The FANS 1/A (including FANS 1/A+, and FANS 1/A ADS-C defined in [paragraph 2.1.1](#)) data link system relies on the ACARS network, which is provided and maintained by various communications service providers (CSPs).

The ACARS network evolved from the need to be able to exchange messages between an aircraft and its AOC.

The ACARS network consists mainly of VHF (VDL M0/A and VDL M2) and satellite sub-networks, but also includes the HFDL sub-network. The performance characteristics of each sub-network varies and its use for ATC will depend on the performance required for the intended operation (refer [paragraph 2.1.2](#)).

FANS 1/A data link system relies on procedures to ensure that a data message is delivered. The controller protects the airspace until they receive the operational response from the flight crew or the expected report. For example, when the controller sends an instruction via CPDLC to the flight crew, the controller will initiate appropriate action if they did not receive an operational response from the flight crew. Also, the controller will initiate appropriate action if the ATSU does not receive an ADS-C position report when it is expected.

Note.— There are some exceptions when the ATSU will not be able to determine if a report was not delivered, e.g., the lateral deviation event report. The ATSU does not rely solely on these reports for protecting airspace.

There are no technical provisions for the ATSU to ensure that a message has been delivered to the aircraft and is available for display to the flight crew. **However:**

- a) The ATS system will receive a network acknowledgement (MAS message assurance) to an uplink message indicating that the message has been delivered to the aircraft's ACARS MU, and
- b) The avionics will receive a network acknowledgement to a downlink message indicating that the message has been delivered to the communication service provider system.

2.2.1 ATS facilities notification (AFN) logon

2.2.1.1 Purpose of the AFN logon

2.2.1.1.1 The AFN logon is the first step in the data link process. The receipt of an AFN logon from an aircraft is a prerequisite to the establishment of CPDLC and/or ADS-C connections by the ATSU. The purpose of the AFN logon is to:

- a) Provide the ATSU with the data link application “context” of the aircraft, namely:
 - 1) The ATS data link applications supported by the avionics (e.g. CPDLC, ADS-C), and the associated version numbers of these applications; and
 - 2) The unique ACARS address of the aircraft.
- b) Provide the ATSU with information such as the flight identification, registration and (optionally) the aircraft address. This information allows the ATSU to correlate the AFN logon information with its corresponding current flight plan.

2.2.1.1.2 The AFN logon provides the information necessary to allow the ATSU to establish CPDLC connections and/or ADS contracts, as needed.

2.2.1.2 Timing of the initial AFN logon

When the aircraft is entering an FIR that provides CPDLC and ADS-C service, the flight crew initiates an AFN logon:

- a) For aircraft departing from an airport located within the FIR:
 - 1) Prior to takeoff, no earlier than 45 minutes prior to ETD, using the AFN logon address for the FIR that the departure airport is located within; or
 - 2) After passing 10,000ft, using the AFN logon address for the FIR in which the aircraft is currently operating, with the exception that when an aircraft is within 15-25 minutes of entering an FIR that also provides CPDLC and ADS-C service, the flight crew initiates an AFN logon to the next ATSU, rather than the current ATSU.
- b) For aircraft departing from an airport in proximity to the FIR and the flight crew did not initiate the logon before takeoff, then after passing 10,000 feet and between 15 and 25 minutes prior to the FIR boundary estimate.
- c) When above 10,000 feet, then between 15 and 25 minutes prior to the FIR boundary estimate.
- d) When instructed by ATC for situations such as following an unsuccessful data link transfer to another ATSU.

2.2.1.3 The initial AFN logon

2.2.1.3.1 An initial AFN logon is needed when the aircraft does not already have an ADS-C or CPDLC connection, such as when:

- a) The aircraft is preparing to depart; or
- b) The aircraft will enter an area where data link services are available from an area where data link services are not available; or
- c) Instructed by ATC (e.g., following a failed data link transfer).

2.2.1.3.2 To perform an initial AFN logon the flight crew enters aircraft-specific information (e.g. flight identification, registration etc) into the avionics. The flight crew also enters the four character ICAO identifier of the ATSU to which the AFN logon is to be sent.

2.2.1.3.3 To avoid an automatic rejection of the AFN logon, the flight crew ensures that the flight identification and registration details entered into the FMS are exactly the same as the flight identification and registration details filed in the flight plan.

2.2.1.3.4 When the flight crew performs the AFN logon, the avionics transmits the logon information in an AFN CONTACT (FN_CON) message to the specified ATSU.

Note.— If the flight crew subsequently realizes that they have entered incorrect flight number (aircraft ID) and tail number (aircraft registration) for the AFN logon, they will need to reinitiate the AFN logon with a correct information.

2.2.1.4 Response to an AFN logon

2.2.1.4.1 As shown in [Figure 2-2](#), on receipt of an AFN CONTACT (FN_CON) message, the ground system automatically responds with an AFN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (FN_AK) to the aircraft. The FN_AK message provides information to the avionics concerning whether:

- a) The AFN logon was “accepted” (e.g. could be correlated with an ATS flight plan); or
- b) The AFN logon was “rejected” (e.g. could not be correlated with an ATS flight plan). This is an indication that information in the AFN logon was incorrect, or differed from the information in the flight plan.

2.2.1.4.2 The FN_AK message also provides information concerning which ATS data link applications (if any) the ATSU supports.

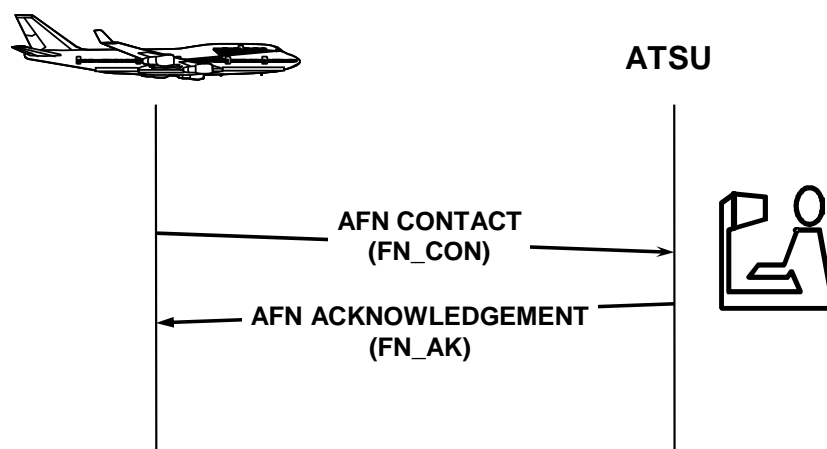


Figure 2-2. Initial AFN logon

2.2.1.4.3 If the AFN logon is rejected, the flight crew confirms that the aircraft identification and registration in the avionics matches the information provided in the flight plan and, as appropriate:

- a) Makes the necessary corrections; or
- b) Arranges for the flight plan to be corrected.
- c) Once the corrections have been completed, reinitiates the AFN logon.

2.2.1.5 Address forwarding AFN logon

2.2.1.5.1 An address forwarding AFN logon occurs without flight crew input when the flight is leaving one ATSU where a connection was already established and the connection is transferred to another ATSU. (See [paragraph 2.2.2.6](#) for details)

Note.— The functionality associated with address forwarding can also be imitated using the AIDC AIDC FAN message. Refer to the Asia Pacific or North Atlantic ATS Interfacility Data Communications Interfacility Control Documents (AIDC ICDs) for further information.

2.2.1.6 Correlating an AFN logon with a flight plan

2.2.1.6.1 On receipt of an AFN logon, the ATSU correlates the AFN logon information with the relevant information in the flight plan held by the ATSU. This ensures that any automation associated with ADS-C reports or CPDLC messages updates the correct flight plan.

2.2.1.6.2 When making this correlation, the ground system:

- a) Ensures that at least two items in the AFN logon (e.g. flight identification and registration) match corresponding items in the ATS flight plan; and
- b) Only uses the information contained within the portion of the AFN logon message that is CRC protected. The aircraft identification in the ACARS message header has a different format to that needed by the ground system (i.e. a two alpha character operator identifier followed by up to four numeric characters) and the flight crew does not use it to correlate aircraft identification.

Example
The following example of an AFN logon indicates what information in the ACARS message the ATSU uses to correlate the AFN logon with a flight plan.
<p>QU <ACARS “TO” address> . <ACARS “FROM” address> 010000 AFD FI AB0123/AN ST-XYZ DT QXT POR1 010000 J59A</p>
- AFN/FMHABC123,.ST-XYZ,,000002/FPOS30000E160000,0/FCOADS,01/FCOATC,01<CRC>
The ATSU only uses the information in the CRC-protected portion of the ACARS message. In the example above, the aircraft identification is “ABC123” (not the “AB0123” contained in the ACARS header), and the registration is “ST-XYZ”.
<i>Note.— Some ATSUs may operate a ground system that does not integrate data link capability with a flight data processing system. Under these circumstances, the ATSU will need to ensure that the flight identification and registration are available for the controller to manually cross-check the information with the details in the flight plan.</i>

2.2.2 FANS 1/A CPDLC connection management

2.2.2.1 Purpose of a CPDLC connection

The purpose of a CPDLC connection is to allow the exchange of CPDLC messages between an aircraft and an ATSU. FANS-1/A aircraft can have two CPDLC connections established concurrently, each with a different ATSU. Only one of these connections can be active at any given time – the other connection is inactive.

2.2.2.2 Active and inactive CPDLC connections

2.2.2.2.1 A CPDLC connection is active if the ATSU and the aircraft can exchange CPDLC messages. The ATSU with which an aircraft has an active CPDLC connection is referred to as the current data authority (CDA).

2.2.2.2.2 A CPDLC connection is inactive if the ATSU and the aircraft cannot exchange CPDLC messages. The ATSU with which the aircraft has an inactive CPDLC connection is referred to as the next data authority (NDA).

2.2.2.2.3 An inactive connection becomes active when the active connection is terminated.

2.2.2.3 Establishing a CPDLC connection

2.2.2.3.1 The ATSU initiates a CPDLC connection by uplinking a CPDLC CONNECTION REQUEST (CR1) to the aircraft.

2.2.2.3.2 Provided that there is not an existing CPDLC connection, the avionics:

- a) Accept this CR1;
- b) Establish this CPDLC connection as the active connection; and
- c) Respond with a CPDLC CONNECTION CONFIRM (CC1).

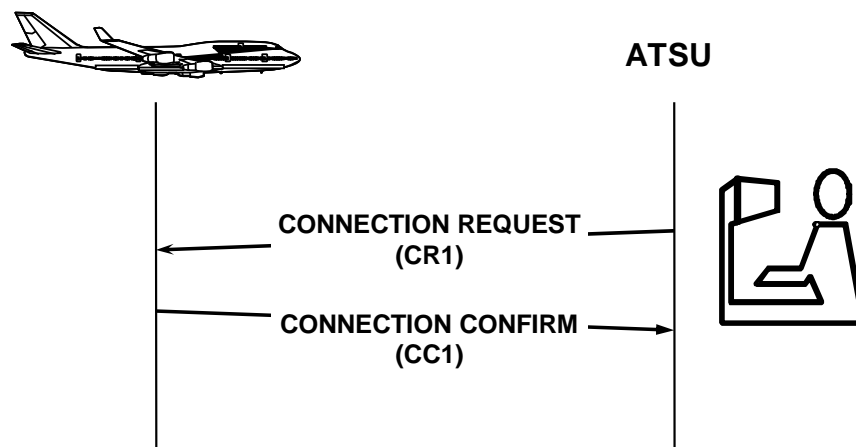


Figure 2-3. CPDLC connection sequence

2.2.2.3.3 The ATSU can establish an initial CPDLC connection only after it has successfully completed an AFN logon. Depending on the functionality of the ground system, the ATSU may uplink the CR1 either upon completion of the AFN logon, or at some later time (e.g. as the aircraft approaches the ATSU's airspace).

2.2.2.4 Transferring CPDLC connections

2.2.2.4.1 Once a CPDLC connection has been established, the ATSU ensures that wherever possible, the ATSU with responsibility for the flight holds the active CPDLC connection.

2.2.2.4.2 Under normal circumstances, the controlling ATSU, or current data authority, will initiate CPDLC transfers to adjacent ATSUs as the aircraft transits from one CPDLC-capable ATSU to another. These transfers are normally automatic, without flight crew action. [Paragraph 2.2.2.12](#) provides non-standard events associated with CPDLC transfers that may require controller action per [paragraph 4.1](#) and/or the flight crew action per [paragraph 5.2.4](#).

2.2.2.4.3 The controlling ATSU performs the following steps to transfer a CPDLC connection to the next ATSU:

- a) Notifies the avionics of the identity of the next ATSU permitted to establish a CPDLC connection;
- b) Instructs the avionics to initiate an AFN logon to the next ATSU; and
- c) Terminates the CPDLC connection with the aircraft.

2.2.2.5 Next data authority notification

2.2.2.5.1 The purpose of the CPDLC [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] (NDA) message is for the controlling ATSU to notify the avionics of the identity of the next ATSU authorized to establish an inactive CPDLC connection. The avionics will only accept a CPDLC CR1 from the ATSU specified in the NDA message.

2.2.2.5.2 The sending of the NDA message is the first step in the CPDLC transfer sequence of an aircraft between two ATSUs.

2.2.2.5.3 To notify the avionics of the identity of the next data authority, the current data authority transmits a [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] message to the aircraft, where [facility designation] is the identifier for the appropriate ATSU.

2.2.2.5.4 Only the current data authority can specify the next data authority.

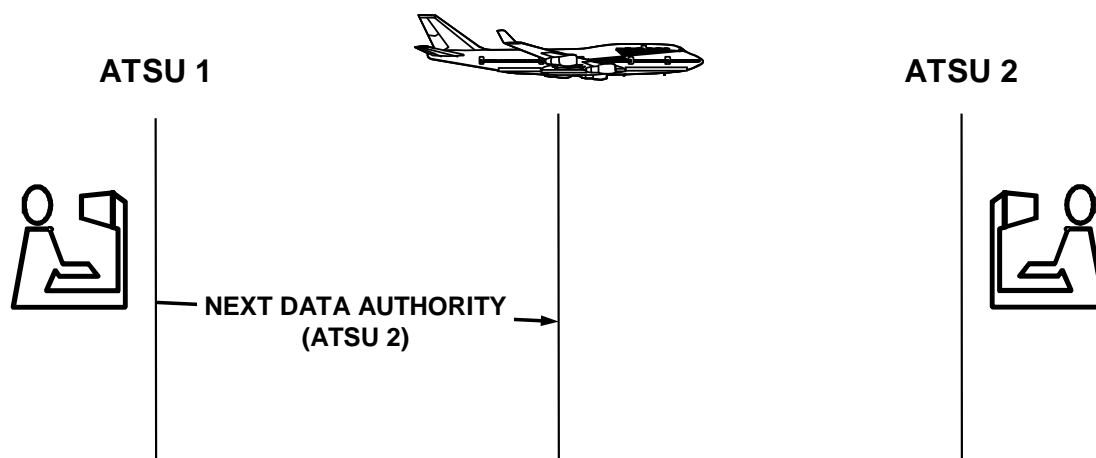


Figure 2-4. Next data authority notification

2.2.2.6 AFN logon triggered by address forwarding

2.2.2.6.1 Address forwarding is the process whereby one ATSU instructs the avionics to initiate an AFN logon to another ATSU. It is the second step in the process to transfer CPDLC connections.

2.2.2.6.2 The current data authority typically initiates address forwarding to a downstream or adjacent ATSU to permit them to establish an inactive CPDLC connection and/or an ADS contract for monitoring purposes.

2.2.2.6.3 Any ATSU can initiate address forwarding by sending an AFN CONTACT ADVISORY (FN_CAD) message to the aircraft. Upon receipt, the aircraft automatically transmits an AFN logon to the ATSU whose address was included in the FN_CAD message.

2.2.2.6.4 The sequence of messages associated with address forwarding are listed in the [Table 2-6](#), and depicted in [Figure 2-5](#).

2.2.2.6.5 Where the functionality is available, an ATSU can imitate address forwarding by the AIDC FAN message. The AIDC FAN message contains the same information as an AFN logon, but is transmitted by one ATSU to another as depicted in [Figure 2-6](#) using ground – ground links as a substitute for address forwarding.

Note.— Refer to the Asia Pacific AIDC ICD and North Atlantic Common Coordination ICD for more information concerning the AIDC FAN message.

2.2.2.6.6 To allow an uninterrupted transfer of the CPDLC connection at the FIR boundary, the current data authority initiates address forwarding at least 15 minutes prior to the estimate for the FIR entry position. (Refer to [paragraph 3.1.2.2](#))

2.2.2.6.7 The address forwarding process is not visible to the flight crew. As a result, the flight crew does not receive an indication as to whether or not the FN_CON or FN_AK messages have been

delivered correctly. However, the success of these messages is indicated in the AFN COMPLETE (FN_COMP) message sent to the ATSU initiating the address forwarding.

2.2.2.6.8 The flight crew receives an indication of a change to the active ATSU following a successful CPDLC connection transfer.

Table 2-6. Address forwarding messages

Message	Abbreviation	Purpose
AFN CONTACT ADVISORY	FN_CAD	Uplink message sent by an ATSU instructing an aircraft to send an FN_CON (AFN logon) to a specified ATSU.
AFN RESPONSE	FN_RESP	Downlink response sent by the aircraft to the ATSU that initiated the FN_CAD indicating an intent to send an FN_CON to the specified ATSU.
AFN CONTACT	FN_CON	AFN logon message sent by the aircraft to the specified ATSU.
AFN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	FN_AK	Uplink response sent by the ATSU receiving the AFN logon message to the aircraft providing the status of the AFN logon attempt.
AFN COMPLETE	FN_COMP	Response sent by the aircraft to the ATSU initiating the FN_CAD providing the status of the AFN logon to the specified ATSU.

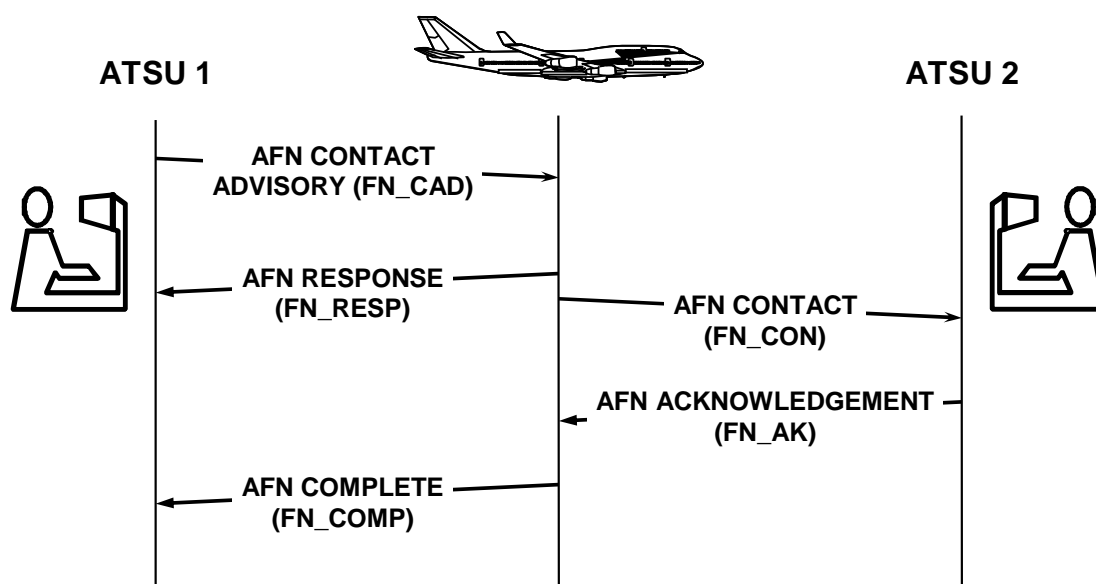


Figure 2-5. Address forwarding message sequence
(Transfer between areas where data link is provided)

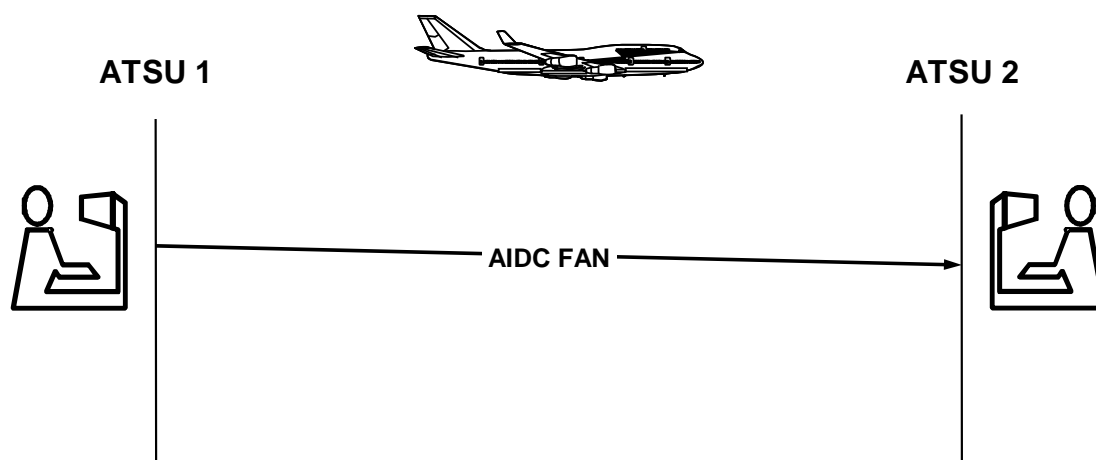


Figure 2-6. Transferring an AFN logon using the AIDC FAN message

2.2.2.7 Establishing an inactive CPDLC connection

2.2.2.7.1 The effect of receiving AFN logon information via address forwarding is the same as receiving it when the flight crew performs an initial ATN logon. However, when the next ATSU uplinks a CPDLC CR1 to establish an inactive CPDLC connection, the avionics follow a different set of rules to those described in [paragraph 2.2.2.3.2](#).

2.2.2.7.2 If there is an existing CPDLC connection, on receipt of a CPDLC CR1, the avionics verifies that the ATSU sending the CPDLC CR1 has been specified as the next data authority. If so, the avionics:

- a) Accept the CPDLC CR1;
- b) Establish the connection as the inactive connection; and
- c) Respond with a CPDLC CC1.

Otherwise:

- d) Reject the CPDLC CR1; and
- e) Downlink a message containing the identity of the current data authority.

2.2.2.7.3 Because the next data authority holds an inactive CPDLC connection, they cannot exchange CPDLC messages with the aircraft.

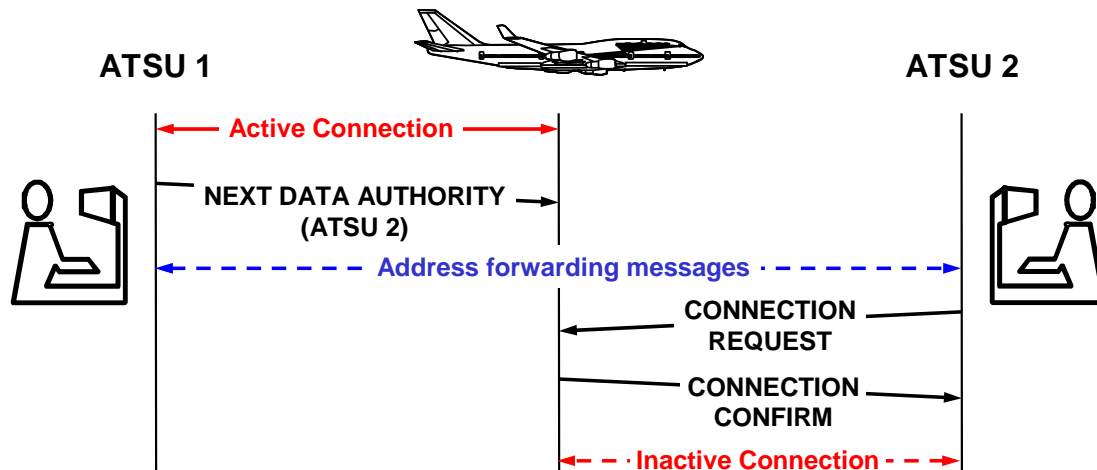


Figure 2-7. Successful attempt to establish an inactive CPDLC connection

2.2.2.7.4 [Figure 2-8](#) shows the effect of the next ATSU attempting to establish an inactive CPLDC connection when the [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] message has not been delivered to the aircraft (or was not sent in the first place). The avionics reject the CPDLC CR1, and respond with a downlink message containing the identity of the ATSU with the active CPDLC connection.

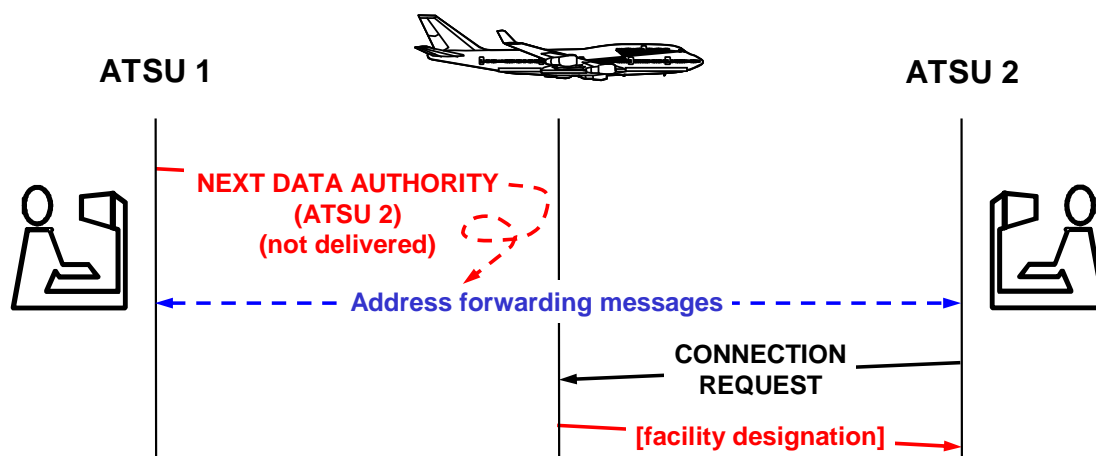


Figure 2-8. Unsuccessful attempt to establish an inactive CPDLC connection

2.2.2.8 Sequence of the NDA and FN_CAD messages

2.2.2.8.1 Some ATSUs initiate a CPDLC CR1 immediately following receipt of an AFN logon. If this CPDLC CR1 is received by the avionics prior to receipt of an appropriate NDA message, the CPDLC CR1 will be rejected.

2.2.2.8.2 To prevent such a rejection of the CPDLC CR1, the current data authority sends the NDA message prior to initiating address forwarding to the next ATSU (Refer to [paragraph 3.1.2.2](#)).

2.2.2.9 Terminating the active CPDLC connection

2.2.2.9.1 The termination of the active CPDLC connection is the final step in the CPDLC transfer sequence of an aircraft between two ATSUs.

2.2.2.9.2 Under normal conditions, the current data authority initiates the termination of the CPDLC connection by sending an [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message to the aircraft as depicted in [Figure 2-9](#) and [Figure 2-10](#). On receipt of an [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message:

- a) The avionics will downlink a CPDLC DISCONNECT REQUEST (DR1) message. The avionics will consider the aircraft to be disconnected as soon as the DR1 message has been sent.
- b) The current (active) CPDLC connection will be terminated, activating the inactive connection (if one exists). The next data authority becomes the current data authority and is now able to exchange CPDLC messages with the aircraft.

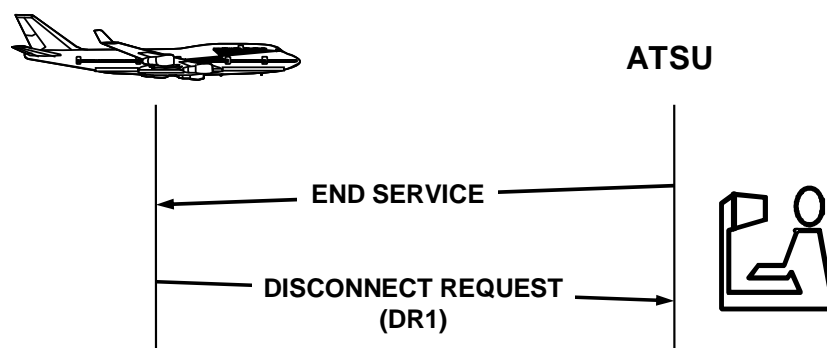


Figure 2-9. Termination of the CPDLC connection

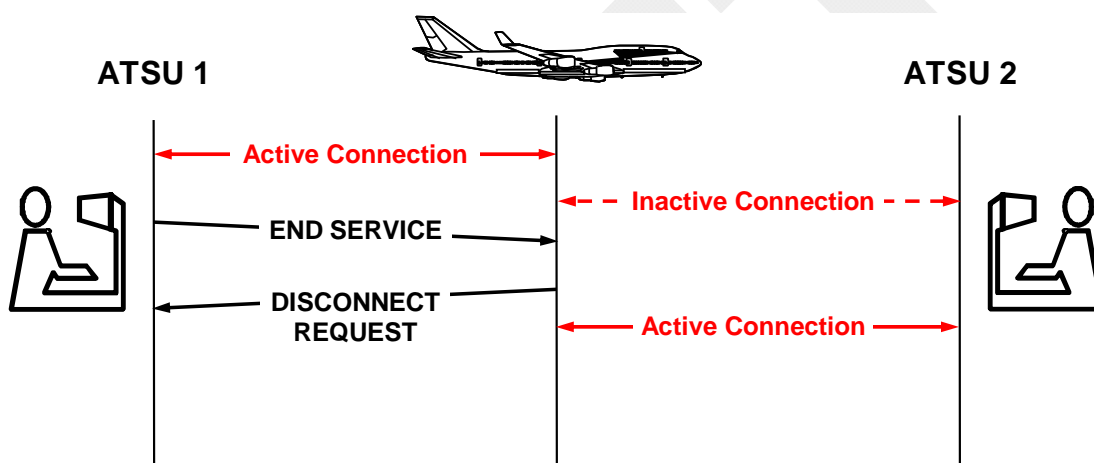


Figure 2-10. CPDLC transfer sequence of an aircraft between two ATSUs

2.2.2.9.3 A successful CPDLC transfer is dependent upon the next ATSU establishing its own CPDLC connection prior to the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message being received by the aircraft. Failure of the next ATSU to establish a CPDLC connection before the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message reaches the aircraft will leave the aircraft without CPDLC connectivity.

2.2.2.9.4 The previous ATSU will no longer be able to exchange CPDLC messages with the aircraft. The first ATSU to send a CPDLC CR1 message to the aircraft will become the current data authority, provided that an AFN logon has been completed with that ATSU.

2.2.2.9.5 The new current data authority has no indication that they have the active CPDLC connection until a CPDLC downlink is received from the aircraft.

2.2.2.9.6 Alternatively, implementation of the AIDC FCN message depicted in [Figure 2-11](#) can be used to provide notification to the next ATSU that the previous ATSU has terminated their CPDLC connection.

Note.— Only the current data authority can terminate their CPDLC connection. If the next data authority attempts to uplink an **UM 161** END SERVICE message to the avionics, the uplink will be rejected.

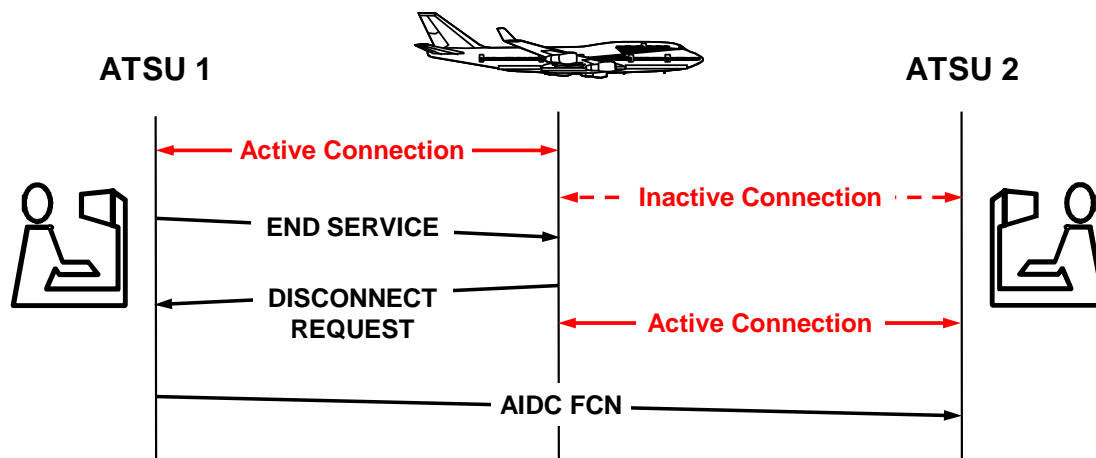


Figure 2-11. Use of the AIDC FCN message

2.2.2.9.7 The sequence of messages from the initial AFN logon to the completion of the CPDLC transfer is depicted in **Figure 2-12**. **Figure 2-13** shows the same sequence of messages, with the AIDC FAN message being used instead of address forwarding.

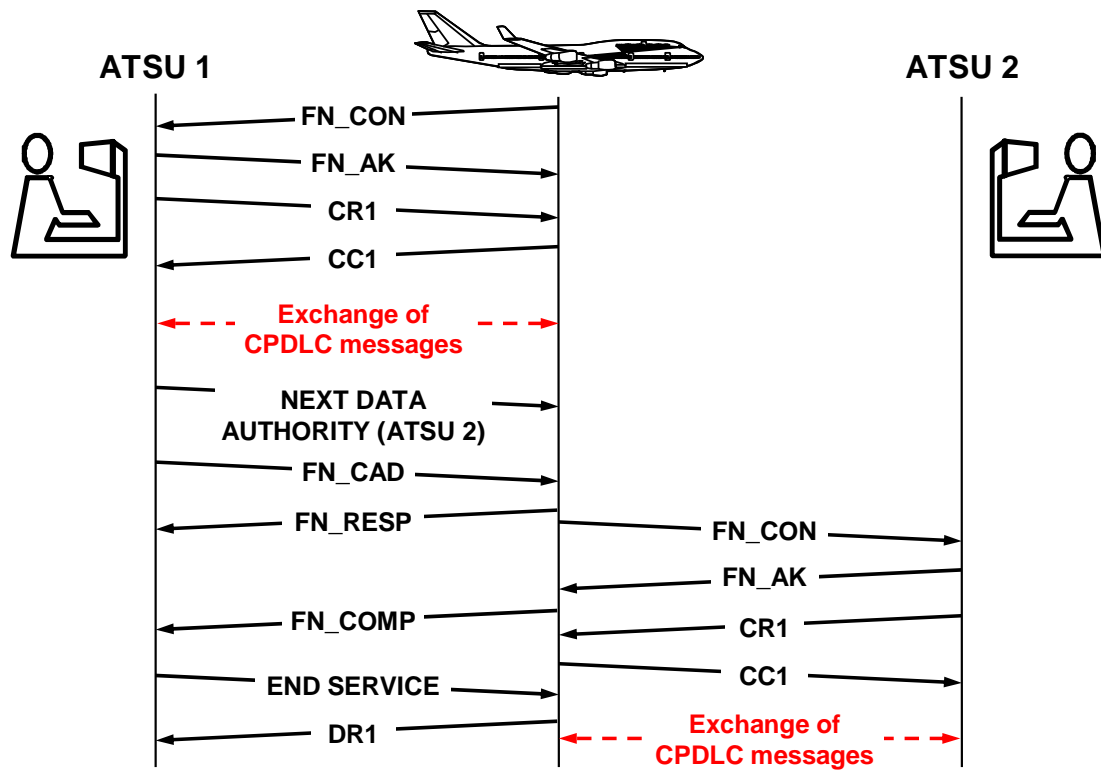


Figure 2-12. Initial AFN logon transfer of CPDLC connection using address forwarding

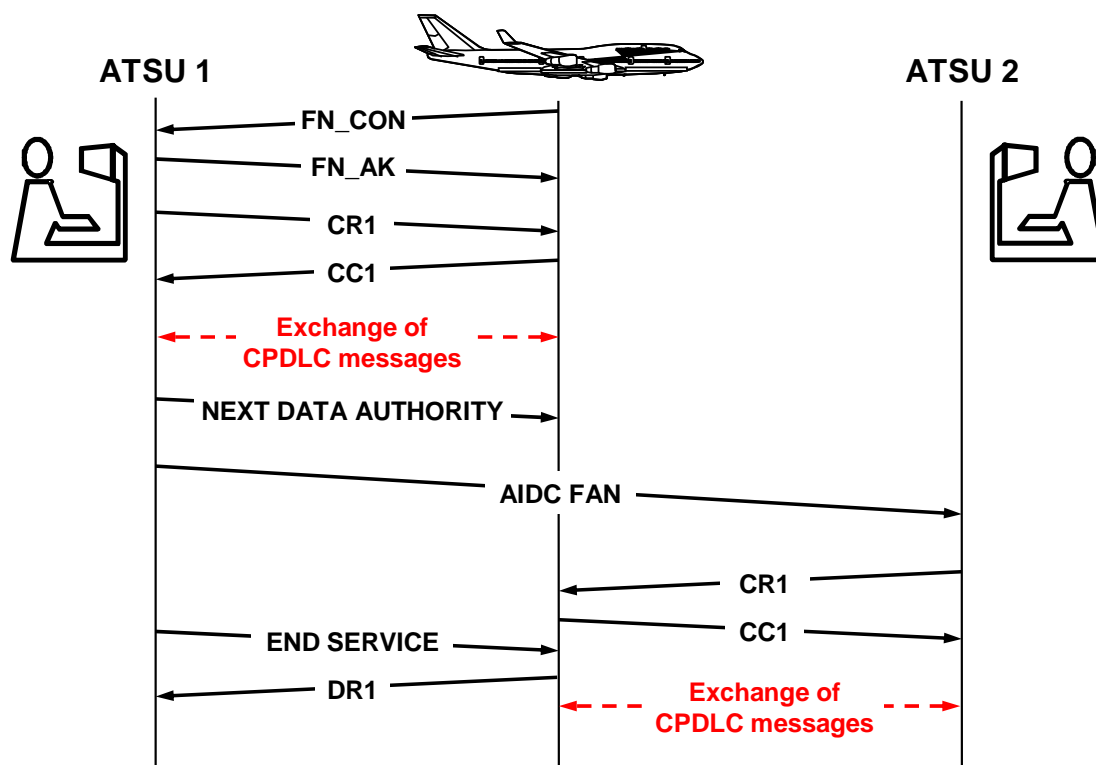


Figure 2-13. Initial AFN logon to transfer CPDLC connection using the AIDC FAN message

2.2.2.10 The CPDLC Connection Sequence

2.2.2.10.1 As the aircraft transits from CPDLC-capable ATSU to another, the same CPDLC transfer process repeats itself. The cyclical nature of this process is depicted in [Figure 2-14](#).

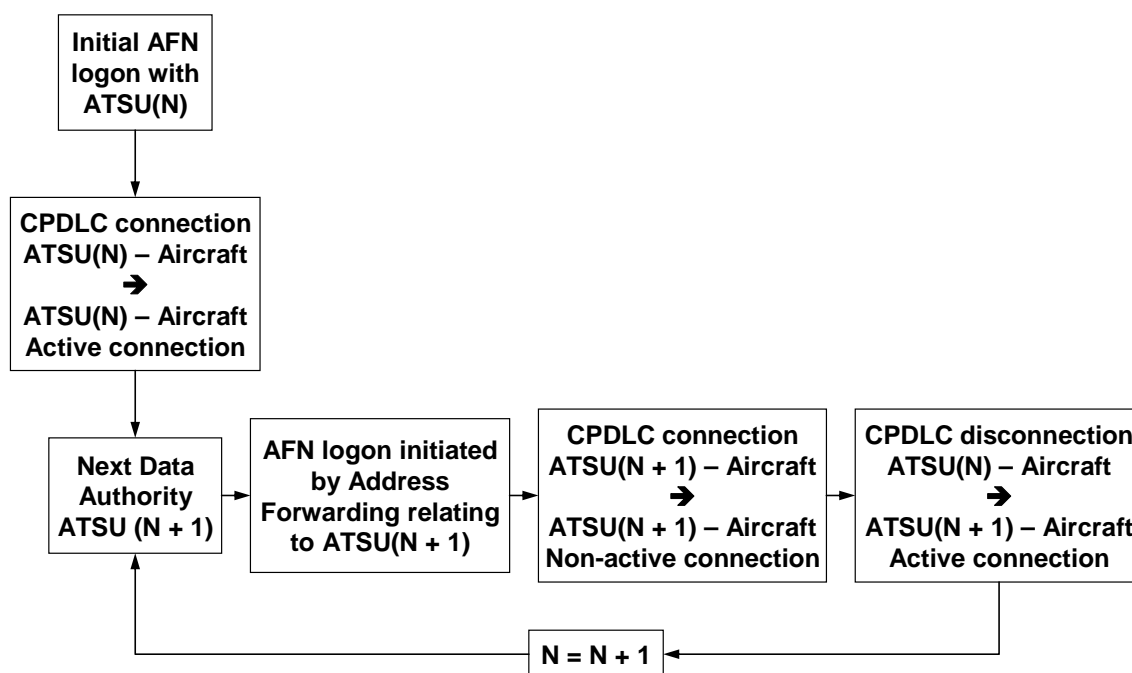


Figure 2-14. Life cycle of the CPDLC connection process

2.2.2.11 Determination of an active CPDLC connection

2.2.2.11.1 CPDLC messages can only be exchanged between the aircraft and the current data authority. If the ATSU with the inactive connection uplinks a CPDLC message to the aircraft, the avionics rejects the message and sends **DM 63** NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY to the ATSU.

2.2.2.11.2 The receiving ATSU can use the following methods to confirm a CPDLC connection is active:

- Wait until a CPDLC downlink message is received from the aircraft; or
- Send a message to the aircraft with the possibility of receiving a **DM 63** NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY message if the connection is inactive as shown in **Figure 2-15**.
- Wait until an AIDC FCN message for the flight is received from the transferring ATSU.

*Note.— Non-receipt of a **DM 63** NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY message does not necessarily confirm that a CPDLC connection is active.*

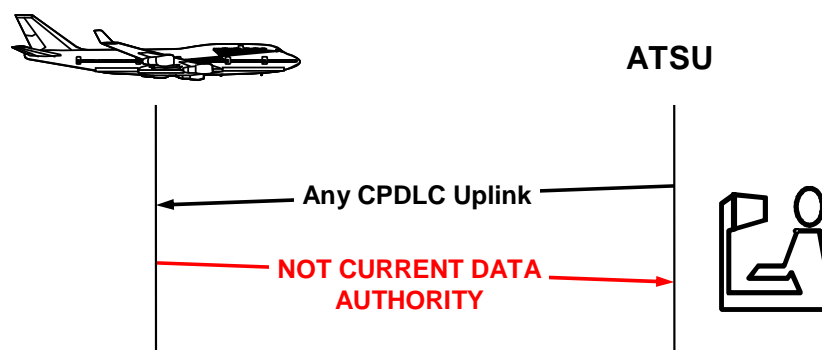


Figure 2-15. Avionics reject CPDLC uplinks sent by the ATSU with the inactive connection

2.2.2.12 Non-standard events associated with CPDLC transfers

2.2.2.12.1 Multiple NDA messages

2.2.2.12.1.1 Under normal circumstances, the current data authority sends only a single NDA message to an aircraft. Exceptions to this may include:

- a) Following a re-route (e.g. due to weather) that affects the identity of the next ATSU whose airspace the aircraft will enter;
- b) If the initial NDA message was not delivered to the aircraft.

2.2.2.12.1.2 When the avionics receive a **NDA** message, it supersedes any previous NDA message the avionics had received. In addition, any inactive CPDLC connection that an ATSU may have established is terminated (even if this connection is with the same ATSU specified in the NDA message).

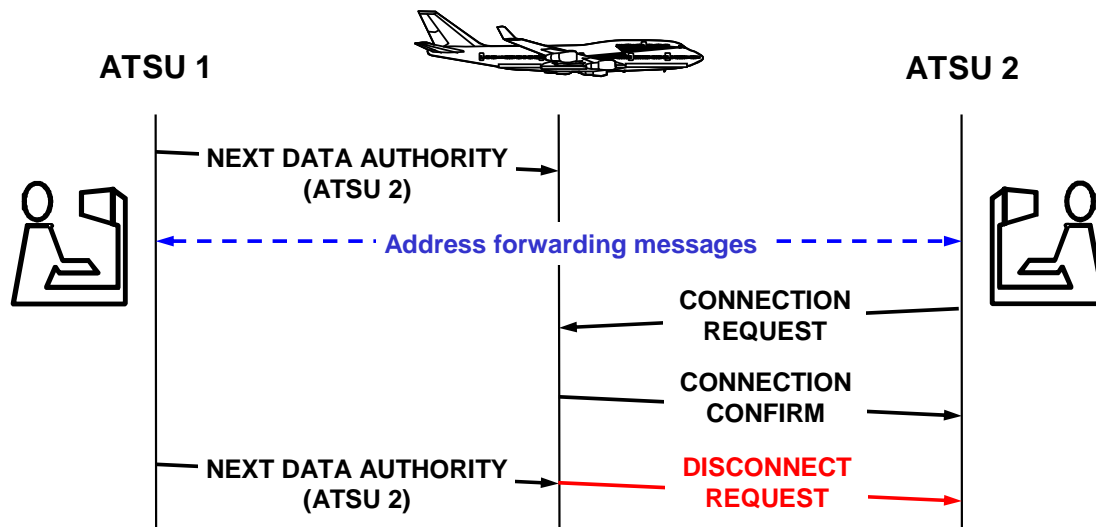


Figure 2-16. Effect of uplinking duplicate (or multiple) NDA messages

2.2.2.12.2 Amendment to the identity of the next data authority

2.2.2.12.2.1 If the identity of the next data authority changes after the transferring ATSU has already sent the initial NDA message, they will need to send an additional NDA message containing the identity of the (new) next ATSU. The avionics will supersede the original NDA message with the new NDA message and will disconnect any inactive connection that an ATSU may have established.

2.2.2.12.2.2 In [Figure 2-17](#), the next ATSU on the aircraft's route was ATSU 2. Shortly after ATSU 1 had commenced the CPDLC transfer sequence to ATSU 2, the aircraft has been re-routed in such a way that ATSU 3 is now the next ATSU.

2.2.2.12.2.3 [Figure 2-18](#) shows that ATSU 1 sends a new NDA message nominating ATSU 3 as the next data authority. On receipt of this NDA message, the avionics disconnects from ATSU 2 (if they had already established an inactive connection). In addition, ATSU 1 initiates address forwarding for the aircraft to ATSU 3.

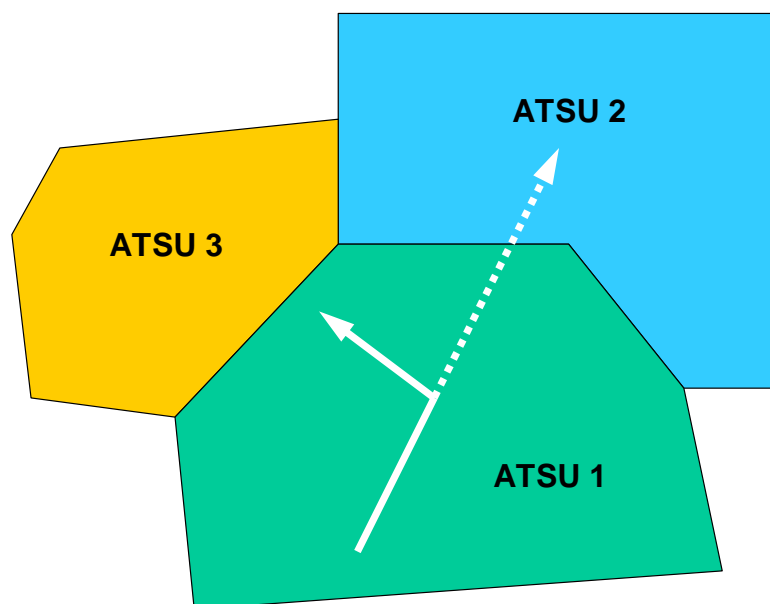


Figure 2-17. Depiction of the change in route of an aircraft

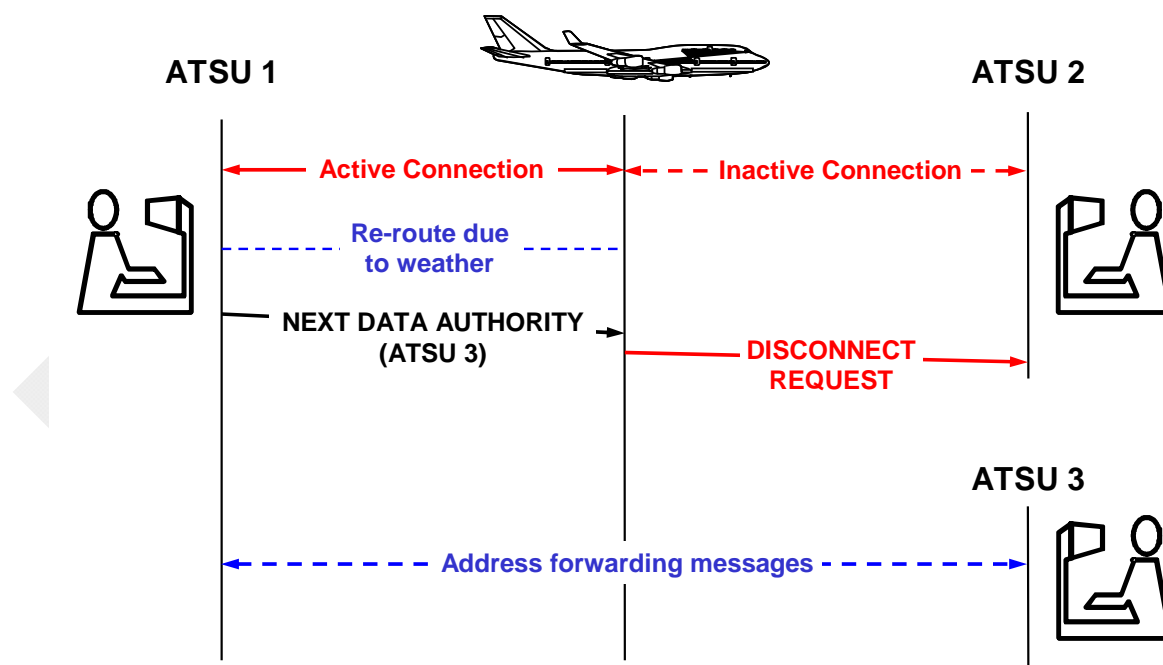


Figure 2-18. Uplinking a new NDA following a re-reroute

2.2.2.12.3 Failures of the CPDLC CR1 message

2.2.2.12.3.1 The avionics will reject the CPDLC CR1 message and send a message to the next ATSU containing the identity of the current data authority, as shown in [Figure 2-19](#), when:

- a) the avionics receives the CPDLC CR1 message from the next ATSU before the [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] message from the current data authority; or,
- b) the avionics receives the [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] message, but the ATSU specified in it is different to the identity of the ATSU uplinking the CPDLC CR1.

2.2.2.12.3.2 The flight crew has no indication that the CPDLC CR1 has been rejected.

2.2.2.12.3.3 If the controlling ATSU sends to the aircraft another [UM 160](#) NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation] message nominating the correct ATSU, the next ATSU will need to send a subsequent CPDLC CR1 to establish the connection, as shown in [Figure 2-20](#).



Figure 2-19. Non-delivery of the NDA message

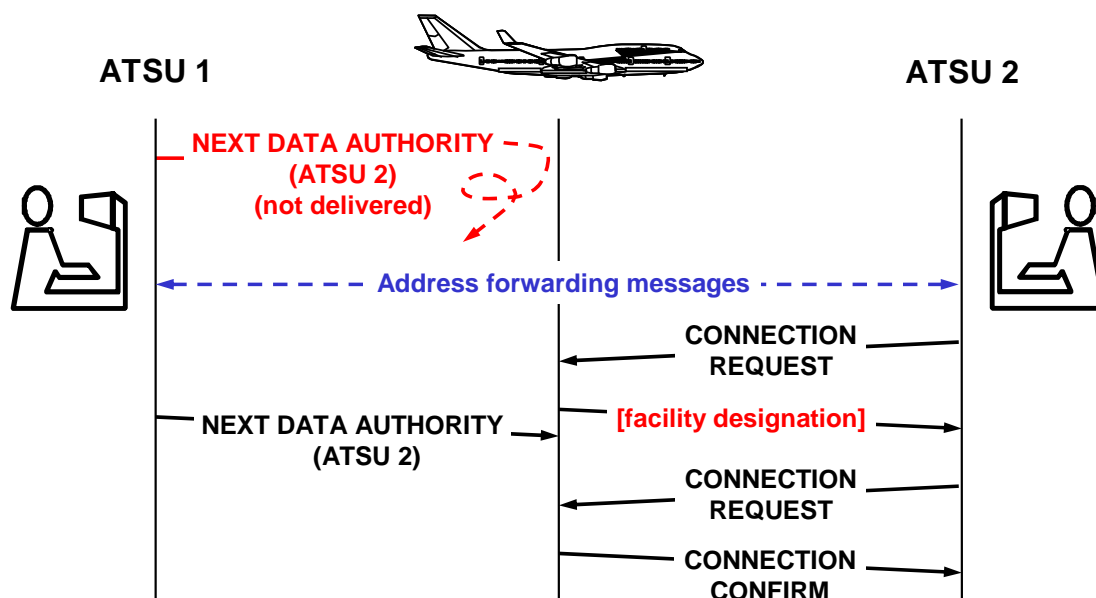


Figure 2-20. Successful CPDLC connection following a re-send of the NDA message

2.2.2.12.4 Termination of both active and inactive CPDLC connections

Normally, on receipt of an **UM 161** END SERVICE message, the avionics will only terminate the active CPDLC connection. However, under certain circumstances, the avionics will terminate all CPDLC connections (active and inactive) when:

- Any CPDLC uplink message remains open when the aircraft receives the **UM 161** END SERVICE message (depends on avionics software load); or
- If the **UM 161** END SERVICE message element is part of a multi-element message, where none of the elements require a W/U response.

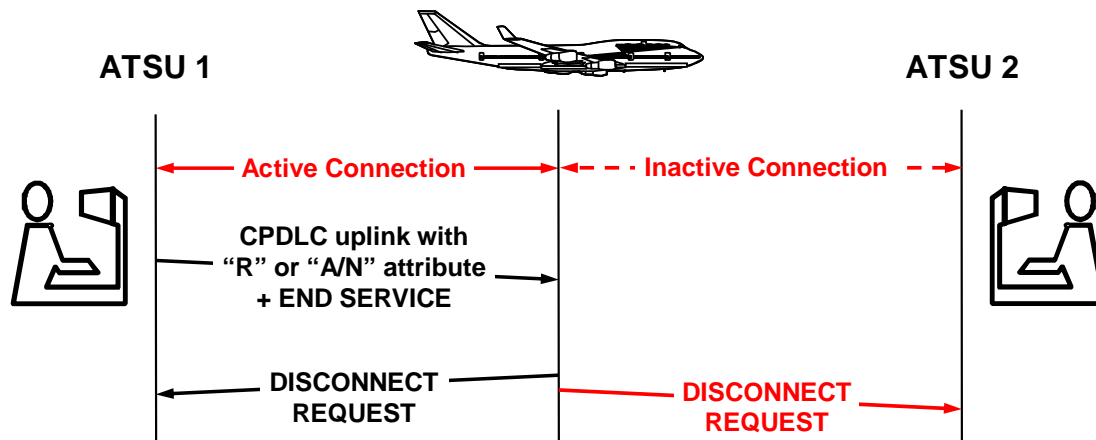


Figure 2-21. Disconnection of both active and inactive connections

2.2.3 Controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC)

2.2.3.1 CPDLC - general

2.2.3.1.1 CPDLC is a data link application that supports the exchange of text based messages directly between a controller and a flight crew.

2.2.3.1.2 CPDLC greatly improves communication capabilities in remote airspaces, especially in areas where the controller and the flight crew previously had to rely on a third party HF communications relay.

2.2.3.1.3 Generally, when a CPDLC aircraft is operating within a CPDLC airspace beyond the range of VHF voice communications, and other local rules do not apply, then:

- a) CPDLC will be the normal means of communication, and
- b) Voice will be used as the alternative communication medium (for example VHF, direct HF, third party HF, Satcom voice).

2.2.3.1.4 In addition to the benefits of the direct communications link, other advantages associated with CPDLC include:

- a) Allowing the flight crew to print messages;
- b) Allowing messages to be stored, and reviewed as needed;
- c) Reducing flight crew-input errors, by allowing the loading of specific uplink messages into the FMS;
- d) Allowing the flight crew to downlink a complex route clearance request, which the controller can respond to without having to manually enter a long string of coordinates;
- e) Reducing workload by supporting automatically transmitted reports when a specific event occurs, such as crossing a waypoint, occurs;

f) Automatic updating of the ATS flight plan when a specific downlink message (and the response to some uplink messages) is received.

2.2.3.2 CPDLC message set

2.2.3.2.1 The CPDLC message set consists of a set of message elements most of which correspond to a radiotelephony phraseology.

2.2.3.2.2 CPDLC message elements are referred to either as:

- a) “Uplinks” (message elements that are sent to an aircraft), or
- b) “Downlinks” (message elements that are sent by the aircraft)

2.2.3.2.3 Each message element has a number of attributes associated to it, including:

- a) A message number that uniquely identifies each type of message element. Uplink message elements are prefixed “UM” and downlink messages prefixed with “DM”;
- b) A response attribute that defines whether or not a response is required for a message element, and if so, what type of response is required.

2.2.3.2.4 The various responses required for CPDLC uplinks are described in [Table 2-7](#) and [Appendix A, paragraph A.1](#).

2.2.3.2.5 The full CPDLC message set is included in [Appendix A](#).

Table 2-7. Responses to CPDLC uplink messages

Response type	Description
W/U	A DM 0 WILCO or DM 1 UNABLE is required in response to this CPDLC uplink message element
A/N	An DM 4 AFFIRM or DM 5 NEGATIVE is required in response to this CPDLC uplink message element
R	A DM 3 ROGER is required in response to this CPDLC uplink message element
NE	No response is required in response to this CPDLC uplink message element
Y	A response is required in response to this CPDLC downlink message element
N	No response is required in response to this CPDLC downlink message element

2.2.3.3 CPDLC messages

A CPDLC message consists of either a single message element, or a combination of up to five message elements. A CPDLC message that consists of more than one message element is a multi-element message.

Note.— As a general rule, the size of a CPDLC message is kept to a minimum. Refer to [paragraphs 4.2.6, 4.3.4, and 5.4.1.4](#) for guidelines on use of multi-element messages.

2.2.3.4 Responses to CPDLC messages

2.2.3.4.1 Even though a multi-element CPDLC message may contain a number of message elements each of which requires a response, the flight crew or controller only provides a single response for the entire CPDLC message.

2.2.3.4.2 The flight crew or controller responds to a multi element message associated with the highest priority response type for the elements in the message. [Table 2-8](#) lists the priority order to determine the highest priority response type.

Table 2-8. Priority of CPDLC responses

Priority	Response type
1	W/U
2	A/N
3	R
4	NE

2.2.3.4.3 [Table 2-9](#) provides examples on the appropriate responses to various multi-element CPDLC uplinks.

Table 2-9. Examples of multi-element CPDLC messages

Multi-element message	(Individual) response required for each message element	(Single) response required for entire message
UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL370 UM 129 REPORT LEVEL FL370	W/U R	W/U
UM 106 MAINTAIN M083 OR LESS UM 150 CAN YOU ACCEPT FL370 AT 2200	W/U A/N	W/U
UM 147 REQUEST POSITION REPORT UM 169 ADS-C HAS FAILED	NE R	R
UM 150 CAN YOU ACCEPT FL370 AT 2200 UM 130 REPORT PASSING MINNY	A/N R	A/N

2.2.3.5 Open and closed CPDLC messages

2.2.3.5.1 A CPDLC message is open if the avionics or ground system expects a response, and has not yet received it.

2.2.3.5.2 A CPDLC message is closed if the avionics or ground system either:

- a) do not expect a response; or

- b) do expect a response and have already received it.

Note.— UM 1 or DM 2 *STANDBY* and UM 2 *REQUEST DEFERRED* do not close a CPDLC message

2.2.3.5.3 Some CPDLC uplink messages are self-closing CPDLC messages for which the avionics do not indicate the message status as either open or closed, but provides any appropriate response(s) to the flight crew.

2.2.3.6 CPDLC dialogues

2.2.3.6.1 Messages that are related – e.g. a CPDLC downlink request and the corresponding CPDLC uplink clearance – are CPDLC dialogues.

- a) A CPDLC dialogue is open if any of the CPDLC messages in the dialogue are open;
b) A CPDLC dialogue is closed if all CPDLC messages in the dialogue are closed.

2.2.3.6.2 Some CPDLC dialogues may consist of a single CPDLC message.

2.2.3.6.3 Table 2-10 provides examples on the message status of various CPDLC dialogues.

Table 2-10. Examples of CPDLC message status

CPDLC message	Message status	Dialogue status
<u>UM 30</u> MAINTAIN BLOCK FL330 TO FL350	OPEN	OPEN
<u>DM 27</u> REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO 15NM LEFT OF ROUTE <u>UM 1</u> STANDBY	OPEN CLOSED	OPEN
<u>DM 22</u> REQUEST DIRECT TO MICKY <u>UM 2</u> REQUEST DEFERRED <u>UM 74</u> PROCEED DIRECT TO MICKY	CLOSED CLOSED OPEN	OPEN
<u>DM 9</u> REQUEST CLIMB TO FL370 <u>UM 20</u> CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL370 <u>UM 129</u> REPORT LEVEL FL370 <u>DM 0</u> WILCO	CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED
<u>UM 147</u> REQUEST POSITION REPORT	CLOSED	CLOSED
<u>DM 37</u> LEVEL FL370	CLOSED	CLOSED

2.2.3.7 Message identification numbers

2.2.3.7.1 For each CPDLC connection, the ground system and avionics assign every CPDLC uplink and downlink message a unique identifier, known as a message identification number (MIN). The ground system assigns the MIN for uplink messages, and the avionics assign the MIN for downlink messages.

2.2.3.7.2 The ground system and avionics may assign message identification numbers sequentially, although this is not a technical requirement.

2.2.3.8 Message reference numbers

2.2.3.8.1 The ground system and avionics assign a message reference number (MRN) to a CPDLC message when it is a response to another CPDLC message. The MRN of the response message is the same as the MIN of the corresponding CPDLC message in the dialogue.

2.2.3.8.2 The ground system and avionics associate corresponding CPDLC messages within a dialogue by their message identification numbers and message reference numbers.

2.2.3.8.3 This functionality ensures that the ground system and avionics associate a CPDLC response message with the correct CPDLC message in the dialogue.

2.2.3.8.4 [Table 2-11](#) provides an example of a CPDLC dialogue to illustrate the way in which the ground system and avionics track the CPDLC messages using the MIN and MRN.

Table 2-11. Example of CPDLC dialogue

CPDLC message	MIN	MRN	Comment
DM 6 REQUEST FL350	8		The avionics assigns a MIN of 8 to this message. The downlink request is open.
UM 1 STANDBY	12	8	The ground system assigns a MIN of 12 to this uplink. Because this uplink is a response to the downlink, the ground system assigns the MRN equal to the MIN of the downlink request (i.e., MRN = 8). UM 1 STANDBY is not a closure message. The status of the downlink request is open.
UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350 UM 129 REPORT LEVEL FL350	13	8	The ground system assigns a MIN of 13 to this uplink (i.e., the ground system increments the MIN of the previous uplink message by one). Because this uplink is a response to the downlink, the ground system assigns the MRN equal to the MIN of the downlink request (i.e. MRN = 8).
DM 0 WILCO	9	13	The avionics assigns a MIN of 9 to this downlink (i.e., the avionics increments the MIN of the previous downlink message by one). Because this downlink is a response to the uplink, the avionics assigns the MRN equal to the MIN of the uplink (i.e., MRN = 13). DM 0 WILCO is a closure message. The status of the uplink message is closed.

CPDLC message	MIN	MRN	Comment
DM 37 LEVEL FL350	10		<p>The avionics assigns a MIN of 10 to this downlink (i.e., the avionics increments the MIN of the previous downlink message by one).</p> <p>The ground system does not assign an MRN because it is not associated with an uplink message.</p> <p>The ground system does not respond to this downlink because it is a self-closing message.</p>

2.2.4 Automatic dependent surveillance – contract (ADS-C)

2.2.4.1 ADS-C – general

2.2.4.1.1 ADS-C is an application that enables one or more ATSUs to establish an ADS contract with an aircraft. The ADS contract instructs the avionics to automatically provide ADS-C reports that contain certain parameters (e.g., position, altitude, and speed) and intent information for surveillance and route conformance monitoring.

2.2.4.1.2 Although the terms are similar, ADS-C is a different application than ADS B. ADS-C permits as many as four different ATSUs and one AOC facility to establish a contract with an aircraft. Each facility specifies to the avionics what information to include in a report and the conditions on when to send it. The aircraft sends the report only to the ATSU(s) that established the contract.

2.2.4.1.3 In comparison, an ADS-B-capable aircraft broadcasts current information at a relatively high rate (i.e., one message per second), and any appropriate equipment within range can receive the message.

2.2.4.2 ADS contract

2.2.4.2.1 After receiving an AFN logon, the ATSU will need to establish ADS contract(s) with the aircraft before it can receive any ADS-C reports. There are three types of ADS contracts:

- a) Periodic contract;
- b) Demand contract;
- c) Event contract.

2.2.4.2.2 The establishment of ADS contracts is initiated by the ground system and does not require flight crew action providing that the airborne system is armed. The flight crew has the ability to cancel all contracts by selecting ADS-C off.

2.2.4.2.3 Periodic contract

2.2.4.2.3.1 A periodic contract allows an ATSU to specify:

- a) The interval at which the avionics sends an ADS-C report;

- b) The optional ADS-C Groups that are to be included in the periodic report.

2.2.4.2.3.2 It is also possible for the ATSU to specify that the avionics send optional ADS-C groups only in every *n*th ADS-C periodic report.

2.2.4.2.3.3 The ground system may permit the controller to alter the periodic reporting interval to allow for situations where the controller desires a higher or lower reporting interval. The controller may select a lower reporting interval, for example, during an off track deviation or an emergency.

Note.— The ATSP ensures that separation minima are applied in accordance with appropriate standards. The ground system may prevent the controller from selecting a periodic reporting interval that is higher than the minimum interval specified in the standard for the separation minima being applied.

2.2.4.2.3.4 An ATSU can establish only one periodic contract with an aircraft at any one time. A number of ATSUs can each establish their own periodic contract and specify their own conditions for the report with the same aircraft at the same time.

2.2.4.2.3.5 A periodic contract remains in place until it is either cancelled or modified. Whenever an ATSU establishes a new periodic contract, the avionics automatically replaces the previous periodic contract with the new one.

2.2.4.2.3.6 Arbitrarily selecting a low periodic reporting interval adds undue economic costs and unnecessarily loads the data link system.

2.2.4.2.3.7 As shown in [Figure 2-22](#), in response to a new ADS-C periodic contract, the aircraft:

- a) Sends an acknowledgement; and
- b) Sends the first periodic report of the new contract

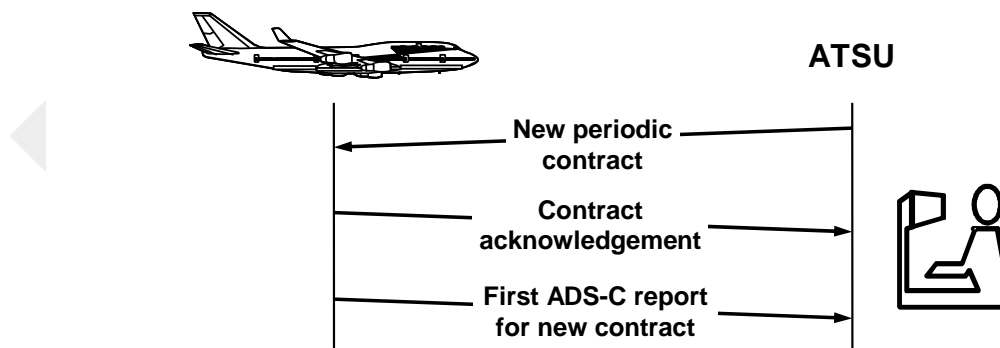


Figure 2-22. ADS-C periodic sequence

2.2.4.2.4 Demand contract

A demand contract is a one-off request for an ADS-C periodic report. A demand contract does not affect any other ADS contracts that may be in effect with the aircraft.

2.2.4.2.5 Event contract

2.2.4.2.5.1 An event contract allows an ATSU to request the avionics to transmit an ADS-C report whenever a specific event occurs. An ATSU can establish only one event contract with an aircraft at any one time. However, the event contract can contain multiple event types. These types of optional events include:

- a) Waypoint change event
- b) Altitude range change event
- c) Lateral deviation event
- d) Vertical rate change event

2.2.4.2.5.2 An event contract remains in place until either the ATSU cancels it or all the specific events in it have been fulfilled.

2.2.4.2.5.3 Waypoint change event (WCE)

2.2.4.2.5.3.1 The avionics sends a WCE report when a change occurs to the Next and/or Next + 1 waypoint in the FMS. The usual cause of this is the aircraft sequencing a waypoint.

2.2.4.2.5.3.2 As shown in [Figure 2-23](#), when the aircraft sequences MICKY, the Next and Next + 1 waypoints contained in the FMS change. This results in sending a WCE report to all ATSU's that have an event contract containing a WCE with this aircraft.



	Next	Next + 1
Before sequencing MICKY	MICKY	PLUTO
After sequencing MICKY	PLUTO	MINNY

Figure 2-23. ADS-C waypoint change event

2.2.4.2.5.3.3 Other events that may cause the avionics to send a WCE report include:

- a) The aircraft being cleared direct to a waypoint (i.e. Next waypoint is changed)
- b) The flight crew inserting a waypoint ahead of the aircraft (resulting in a change to the Next or Next + 1 waypoint)

2.2.4.2.5.3.4 All waypoint change event reports contain the following ADS-C Groups:

- a) Basic ADS-C Group; and
- b) Predicted Route Group.

2.2.4.2.5.4 Altitude range change event (ARCE)

2.2.4.2.5.4.1 The avionics sends an ARCE report when the aircraft's flight level is outside the level range tolerances defined in the ADS-C event contract.

2.2.4.2.5.4.2 The ATSU specifies the ARCE by defining the lower and upper limits of the level range.

2.2.4.2.5.4.3 In [Figure 2-24](#), the ARCE has been defined with a lower limit of FL368 and an upper limit of FL372.

2.2.4.2.5.4.4 Once an aircraft sends an ARCE report, it will not send another altitude range change event report until the ATSU establishes a new ADS-C event contract containing an altitude range change event.

2.2.4.2.5.4.5 An ARCE report contains the ADS-C Basic group only.

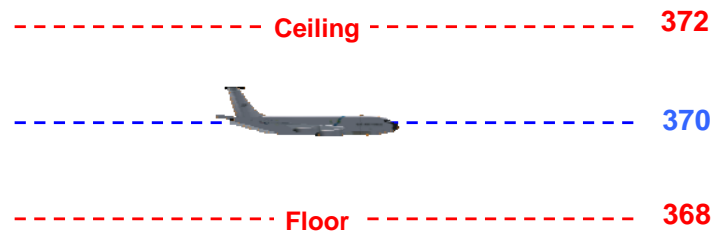


Figure 2-24. ADS-C altitude range change event

2.2.4.2.5.5 Lateral deviation event

2.2.4.2.5.5.1 The lateral deviation event is triggered when the lateral distance between the aircraft's actual position and its expected position on the active flight plan route exceeds the parameter defined in the ADS-C event contract.

2.2.4.2.5.5.2 This event is specified by defining a maximum off track distance. It is not possible to define different distances on each side of track.

2.2.4.2.5.5.3 In [Figure 2-25](#), the lateral deviation event has been defined to be triggered for a deviation of greater than 5NM either side of track.

2.2.4.2.5.5.4 If the aircraft's actual position exceeds the maximum tolerance off track defined in the event contract, a lateral deviation event report is downlinked.

2.2.4.2.5.5.5 Once an aircraft has downlinked a lateral deviation event report, no further deviations will trigger another report until the ATSU re-establishes an ADS-C event contract containing a lateral deviation event.

2.2.4.2.5.5.6 Lateral deviation event reports contain the ADS-C basic group only.

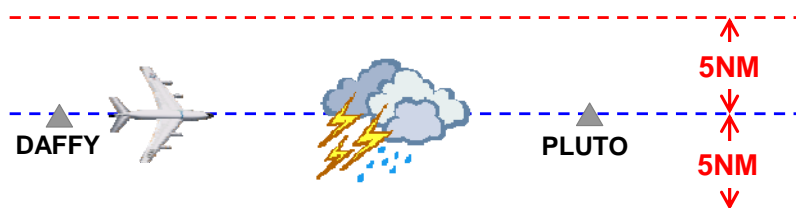


Figure 2-25. ADS-C lateral deviation event

2.2.4.2.5.6 Vertical rate change event

2.2.4.2.5.6.1 Vertical rate change event is triggered when the aircraft's vertical rate is either less than or greater than a parameter defined in the contract.

2.2.4.2.5.6.2 Vertical rate change event reports contain the ADS-C basic group only.

2.2.4.2.6 Cancelling ADS contracts

The ATSU either automatically or manually cancels an ADS contract when it no longer needs ADS-C reports to avoid situations leading to congestion. The ground system cancels ADS contracts when:

- a) The aircraft has crossed the FIR exit position and has passed beyond the normal "back coordination" parameter;
- b) The ATSU has cancelled or finished the ATS flight plan for the aircraft; or
- c) The previous ATSU, the controlling authority or an adjacent ATSU needs no further surveillance or monitoring information for the flight.

2.2.4.3 ADS-C report

2.2.4.3.1 The avionics sends specific aircraft parameters in an ADS-C report. The ADS-C report contains various ADS-C groups, each of which contains specific data. When the ATSU establishes an ADS contract with an aircraft, they define the ADS-C groups that are to be contained in the ADS-C report.

2.2.4.3.2 ADS-C groups include:

- a) Basic group;
- b) Flight identification group;
- c) Earth reference group;

- d) Air reference group;
- e) Airframe identification group;
- f) Meteorological group;
- g) Predicted route group (PRG);
- h) Intermediate projected intent group; and
- i) Fixed projected intent group.

2.2.4.3.3 At a minimum, all ADS-C reports contain the basic group – other groups are optional.

2.2.4.3.4 The contents of the various ADS-C groups are depicted in the following diagrams

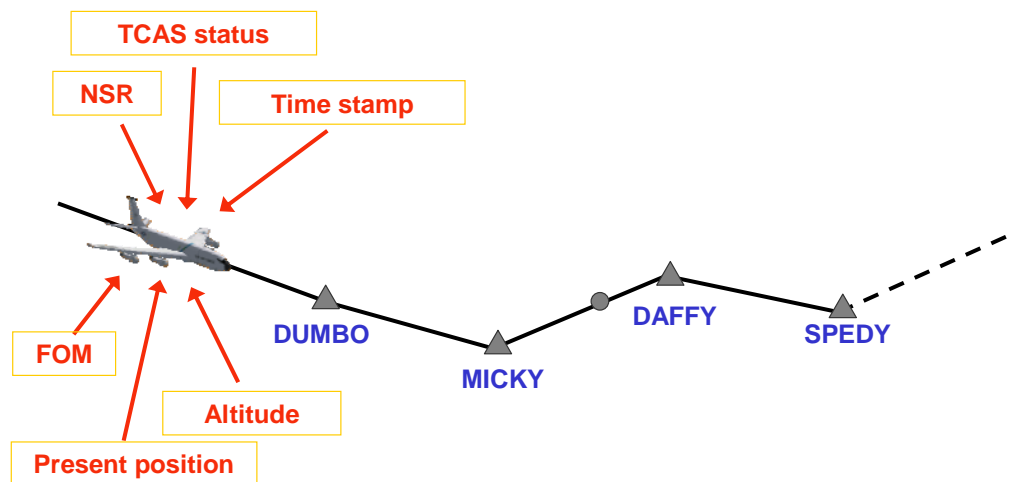


Figure 2-26. ADS-C basic group

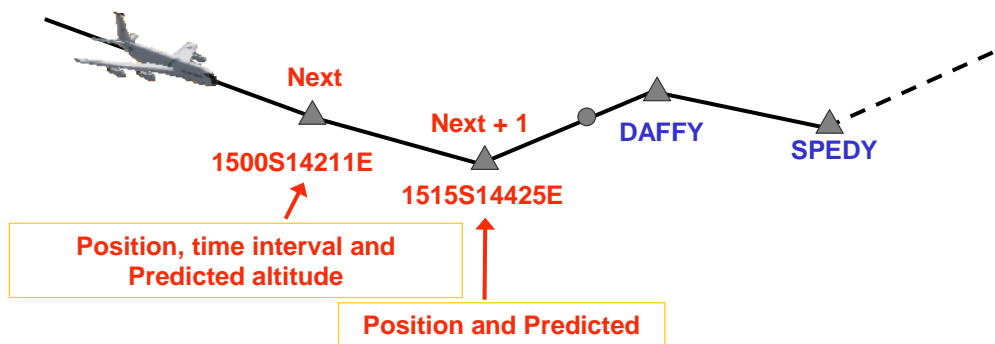


Figure 2-27. ADS-C predicted route group

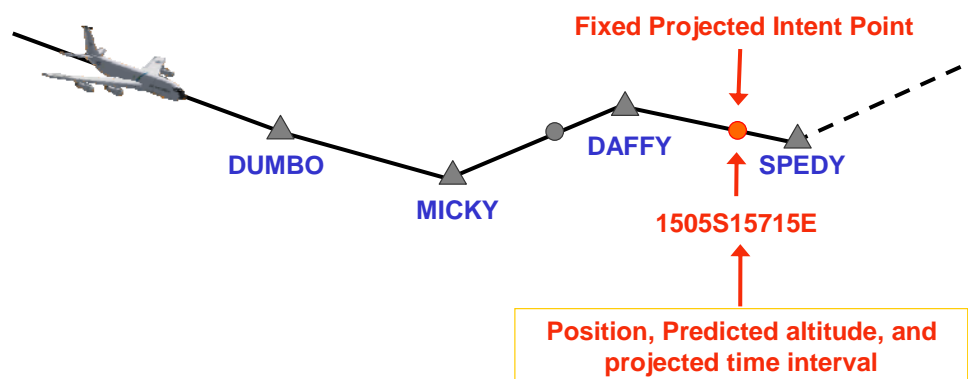


Figure 2-28. ADS-C projected intent group

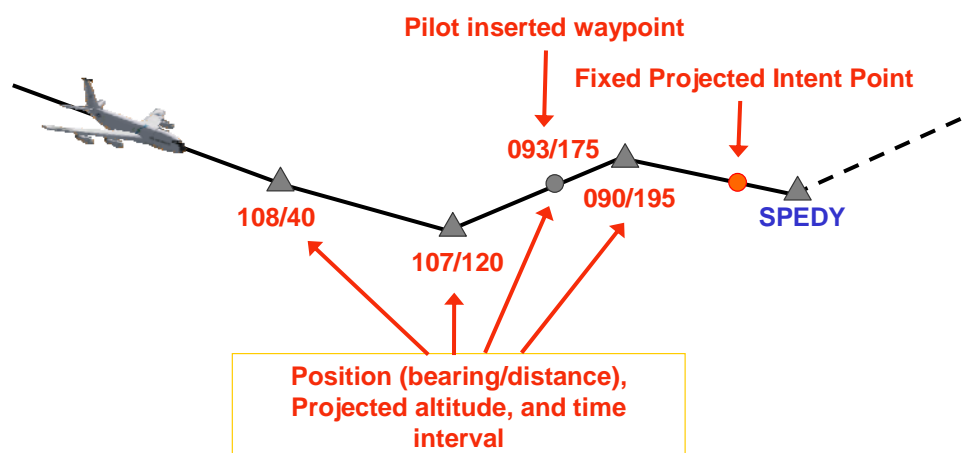


Figure 2-29. ADS-C intermediate intent group

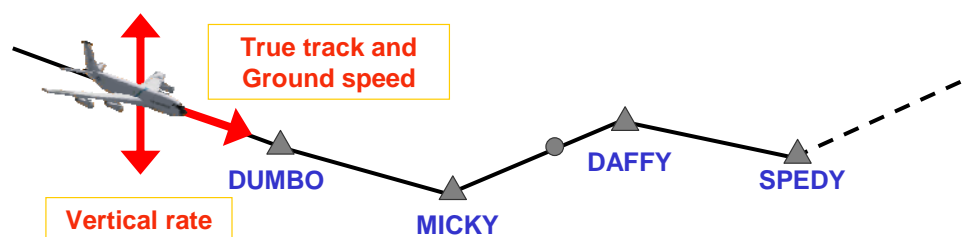


Figure 2-30. ADS-C earth reference group

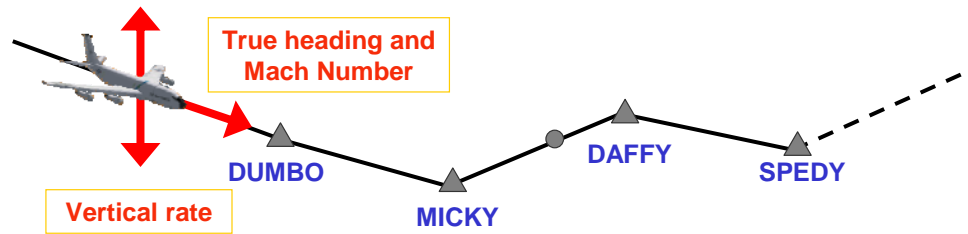


Figure 2-31. ADS-C air reference group

2.2.4.4 Contents of ADS-C groups – additional information

2.2.4.4.1 The avionics defines the present position (in the basic group), and Next and Next + 1 information (in the PRG) as latitude/longitude, and defines positional information in the intermediate projected intent group as a bearing/distance from the present position in the basic group. Positional information in an ADS-C report does not contain the name(s) of waypoints.

2.2.4.4.2 The time stamp is expressed in seconds past the last hour

2.2.4.4.3 Estimates are expressed as estimated time intervals (in seconds) from the time stamp at the present position in the basic group.

2.2.4.5 Using ADS-C reports

2.2.4.5.1 The ATSU may use an ADS-C report for a variety of purposes. These include:

- a) Establishing and monitoring of traditional time-based separation minima;
- b) Establishing and monitoring of distance-based separation standards;
- c) Flagging waypoints as 'overflown';
- d) Updating estimates for downstream waypoints;
- e) Updating the display of the ADS-C position symbol, and the associated extrapolation;
- f) Generating (and clearing) alerts;
- g) Generating (and clearing) ADS-C emergencies; and
- h) Updating other information in the ATS flight plan.

2.2.4.5.2 Predicted route conformance

2.2.4.5.2.1 The ATSU may use information from the basic group, the intermediate intent group and the predicted route group for route conformance monitoring.

2.2.4.5.2.2 The ATSU can compare information from the PRG or IPIG against the expected route in the ATS flight plan to provide an indication to the controller when a discrepancy exists.

Note.— To prevent nuisance indications, route conformance monitoring needs to cater for aircraft conducting 1 or 2 nm strategic lateral offset procedures.

2.2.4.5.2.3 Most aircraft can support ADS contracts (periodic and event) with up to 5 different ATSU. One of these is reserved for the AOC.

2.2.4.5.2.4 Each ATSU can specify periodic and event contracts differently to meet their needs, such as:

- Different ADS-C groups as shown in [Figure 2-32](#);
- Different periodic reporting interval as shown in [Figure 2-33](#); and
- Different types of event contracts as shown in [Figure 2-34](#).



Figure 2-32. Multiple ADS periodic contracts with different groups



Figure 2-33. Multiple ADS periodic contracts with different reporting intervals



Figure 2-34. Multiple ADS event contracts

2.2.4.5.3 Figure of merit

The ADS-C basic report contains a figure of merit (FOM) that provides the navigational accuracy of position data in the basic report in accordance with [Table 2-12](#).

Table 2-12. Figure of merit values

Figure of merit value	Accuracy of position
0	Complete loss of navigational capabilities
1	< 30 nm
2	< 15 nm
3	< 8 nm
4	< 4 nm
5	< 1 nm
6	< 0.25 nm
7	< 0.05 nm

2.2.4.5.4 ADS-C reporting interval

2.2.4.5.4.1 While ADS-C reporting intervals are generally referred to in whole minutes, they are not actually defined that way in the ADS contract. The required ADS-C reporting interval is uplinked to the aircraft in one byte (eight bits) of data, in accordance with [Figure 2-35](#).

Reporting Interval = (1 + Rate) x SF, where			
Rate	is the value contained in bits one to six. These six bits allow a range of values between 0 and 63.		
SF	is the scaling factor in bits seven and eight where:		
	Bit 7	Bit 8	Definition
	0	0	0 seconds, used for a Demand Contract Request
	1	0	1 second
	0	1	8 seconds
	1	1	64 seconds

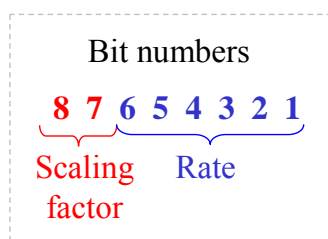


Figure 2-35. Calculation of ADS-C periodic reporting interval

2.2.4.5.4.2 For example, to establish a “40 minute” reporting interval, the SF would equal 64 seconds and the interval would equal 36 minutes. The actual reporting interval specified in the ADS contract would be $64 \times (1 + 36) = 2368$ seconds (39 minutes 28 seconds).

2.3 FMC WPR data link system

2.3.1 FMC WPR - general

2.3.1.1 An aircraft may have ACARS capability, but is not FANS-1/A-equipped. These aircraft can exchange data link messages with the operator’s aeronautical operational control (AOC) facility, but not with an ATSU.

2.3.1.2 The operator configures these aircraft to send ACARS position reports to their aeronautical operational control (AOC) facility for flight monitoring. Additional ground-based functionality can reformat the ACARS position report and forward it to an ATSU via AFTN as a replacement for voice position reports.

2.3.1.3 The method of delivery for the ACARS position report from an aircraft to an ATSU is referred to as flight management computer waypoint position reporting (FMC WPR).

2.3.1.4 The ATSP uses FMC WPR to give an operator an alternative to FANS 1/A ADS-C position reporting, in cases where FANS 1/A equipage is impractical or cost prohibitive for the operator. FMC WPR is not intended to replace or delay FANS 1/A equipage.

2.3.2 Description

2.3.2.1 In some airspace, the aircraft sends the FMC waypoint position report to a central FMC waypoint reporting system (CFRS) or to the operator's AOC host computer. The CFRS or operator's AOC host computer converts the position report to a suitable format and delivers it via AFTN to appropriate ATSUs. A CFRS may also convert the report to standard AFTN 'ARP' format and deliver it to appropriate Meteorological facilities to support weather forecasting.

2.3.2.2 In other airspaces, the operator's AOC host computer converts the FMC waypoint position report to an ARP message and delivers it via AFTN to appropriate ATSUs.

2.3.2.3 Appendix E, paragraph E.1 indicates which of the above two approaches each FIR uses.

2.3.3 Position report - description

2.3.3.1 An AFN logon is not necessary to initiate FMC WPR.

2.3.3.2 In order to be suitable for ATS operations an FMC WPR is a position report that:

- a) consists entirely of data entered automatically by the FMS;
- b) consists of data CRC protected by the FMS;
- c) consists of data formatted and populated in accordance with the ARINC 702-1A specification;
- d) is composed and processed by avionics certified to Level C;
- e) contains an H1 label and the appropriate sub-label (FMC, FML or FMD); and
- f) does not contain geographic coordinates in ARINC 424 format.

2.3.3.3 FMC WPRs can be automatically initiated without flight crew action or manually initiated by the flight crew. Local procedures will need to prescribe any requirements.

2.3.3.4 An operators participating in FMC WPR ensures that:

- a) The FMC WPR is generated at each ATC waypoint of a cleared route; and
- b) The FMC WPR contains data only for an ATC waypoint.

2.4 ATN B1 data link system

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Chapter 3. Administrative provisions related to data link operations

This chapter includes the prerequisites for data link operations, including service provision, operator eligibility, and flight planning.

3.1 ATSP service provision

3.1.1 ATSP system validation

3.1.1.1 The ATSP should ensure a validation process that confirms the integrity of their equipment and procedures meets system integrity requirements. This process should include:

a) A system safety assessment which demonstrates that the service provision meets the safety objectives. The ATSP should conduct a system safety assessment through a functional hazard analysis or a documented system safety case for initial implementation as well as for future enhancements. These assessments should include:

- 1) Identifying failure conditions;
- 2) Assigning levels of criticality;
- 3) Determining probabilities for occurrence; and
- 4) Identifying mitigating measures;

b) Integration test results confirming interoperability for operational use of avionics and the ground system; and

c) Confirmation that the ATS operation manuals are compatible with those of adjacent providers.

3.1.1.2 Following the safety assessment, the ATSP should institute measures through automation or procedures to mitigate the identified failure conditions. For example:

a) If the ATSP uses integrated measurement tools for the purpose of determining screen-based separation, they may need to publish limitations on the use of such tools for establishing and monitoring separation standards.

b) If an ATSP uses both ADS-C and CPDLC position reporting and a discrepancy of less than 3 minutes between the reports is detected, the ATSU should detail in local documentation methods to be used by the controller for the reconciliation of the time difference. Where the time difference is greater than 2 minutes, the controller should query the estimate received in the CPDLC position report and request confirmation of the estimate for the waypoint in question.

3.1.1.3 The ATSP should ensure that it provides communication services that meet the performance specifications provided at [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#), and that the contracted CSP meets its performance allocations. The risks represented by the requirements are regarded as being minimum for the specified ATS function to maintain operational efficiency while meeting its required safety needs.

3.1.1.4 If the ATSP uses free text messages, it should conduct operational assessments to determine safety and performance criteria associated with the use of free text messages. When the intent/use of the free text message impacts seamless operations, the ATSP should globally coordinate the

free text message to define the operational contents, format, and use as a new standardized free text message. The standardized free text messages are provided in [Appendix A, paragraph A.4](#).

a) The results of an operational assessment may conclude that a free text message needs to be pre-formatted and readily available for the flight crew or the controller because it is too workload intensive to manually enter the message. Pre-formatted free text messages should only be selected from standardized free text messages, which are appropriate for the intended use.

b) When the ATSP establishes procedures that require the controller or flight crew to use a free text message element to mimic ICAO Doc 4444 standard message elements, the ATSP should apply the following criteria:

1) The ground system should apply any range, resolution, and units of measure restrictions prior to use of the message.

2) The ground system and aircraft system should provide a human interface for message composition and recognition of free text messages consistent with operational, safety, and performance requirements associated with use of the free text message.

3) The ATSU should not use free text to mimic an ICAO Doc 4444 message element with a W/U response attribute, unless the free text is combined with a standard message element with a W/U response attribute as part of a multi-element message.

4) The ATSU should provide for operational closure of the dialogue that uses a free text message to mimic a message element with a Y response attribute.

Note.— The ground system will technically close the uplink message when it receives the appropriate response from the aircraft.

3.1.1.5 The ATSP should conduct trials with aircraft to ensure that the system meets the requirements for interoperability such as is defined for FANS 1/A in RTCA DO-258A/EUROCAE ED-100A. Refer to [paragraph 2.1](#) for applicable interoperability standards for the different data link system.

3.1.1.6 The ATSP should develop appropriate procedures or other means to:

a) Respond to CPDLC downlink message elements defined in [Appendix A](#). (See [paragraph 3.1.4.1](#) for publication of unsupported downlink messages.)

b) Ensure that data is correct and accurate, including any changes, and that security of such data is not compromised.

c) Notify adjacent ATSUs of system failures, software upgrades (or downgrades) or other changes, which may impact them. Such notification procedures will normally be detailed in letters of agreement between adjacent units.

d) Ensure that the ATSU only establishes an ADS contract with aircraft for which that ATSU has direct control or monitoring responsibility.

Note.— An ATSU may need to establish ADS contracts with aircraft operating in their area of responsibility for purposes other than direct control or monitoring, e.g., testing of ground system software before operational release.

3.1.1.7 The ATSP should ensure that its controllers receive appropriate training in accordance with Annex 1 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and obtained any necessary approval from the State.

3.1.2 ATC automation

3.1.2.1 AFN logon

3.1.2.1.1 To ensure that CPDLC messages are sent only to aircraft for which the ATSU has a flight plan, the ATSU should reject an AFN logon if:

- a) the aircraft registration in the AFN CONTACT message does not match the aircraft registration in the flight plan;
- b) the flight plan does not contain the aircraft registration; or
- c) there is no flight plan in the FDPS for the flight.

3.1.2.1.2 Hyphens contained in an aircraft registration are not valid characters in the ICAO flight plan and therefore are not present in the filed flight plan. The ground system should be configured to prevent the AFN logon being rejected due to hyphens being included in the aircraft registration sent in the AFN CONTACT message, but not in the flight plan.

3.1.2.2 CPDLC and ADS-C connection management

3.1.2.2.1 To prevent rejection of the CPDLC CR1, the current data authority should send the NDA message prior to initiating address forwarding to the next ATSU.

3.1.2.2.2 To avoid interruption of data link service, the ATSU should initiate address forwarding at least 15 minutes prior to the estimate for the FIR entry position.

3.1.2.2.3 If the ground system does not receive the AFN COMPLETE message within 20 minutes of sending the AFN CONTACT ADVISORY message, it should provide an indication to the controller. Refer to [paragraph 4.1.3](#) for associated controller procedures.

3.1.2.2.4 In situations where a CPDLC connection cannot be established, the ground system should indicate to the controller that no connection has been established.

3.1.2.3 Emergency message element handling

3.1.2.3.1 The ground system should provide a clear indication to the controller of downlinked messages that contain any of the message elements from the emergency message elements (see [Appendix A, paragraph A.3](#), for the list of emergency message elements.)

3.1.2.3.2 When the ground system receives an emergency-mode ADS-C report, it should present it to the controller. If a periodic contract is active, the emergency report will be transmitted at the existing periodic interval. Otherwise, the interval will default to a value determined by the aircraft avionics (see [Appendix F](#)). Only the flight crew can cancel the emergency mode (see [paragraph 4.7.3](#) for associated controller procedures).

3.1.2.4 Automated responses

3.1.2.4.1 With the exception of [UM 1](#) STANDBY or [UM 2](#) REQUEST DEFERRED, the ground system should assign an MRN to only one uplink message in response to a particular downlink message. If the ground system sends two separate messages with the same MRN, and neither of the messages is [UM 1](#) or [UM 2](#), the avionics will discard the second message and not display it to the flight crew.

3.1.2.4.2 The ground system should only assign a MRN to an uplink message that is responding to a downlink message with the associated MIN and the downlink message requires a response. If the ATSU sends an uplink message with a MRN and the downlink message with the associated MIN did not require a response, the avionics will discard the uplink message and not display it to the flight crew.

Note.— If an uplink message is discarded for the reasons described in [paragraph 3.1.2.4.1](#) or [paragraph 3.1.2.4.2](#), the aircraft system will send an error message to the ground system indicating that the MRN was not recognized.

3.1.2.4.3 If the ATSU receives a downlink message that they do not support, then it should send free text uplink message [UM 169u](#) MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT rather than terminating the connection. The ATSU should not use [UM 162](#) as the aircraft system may display SERVICE UNAVAILABLE to the flight crew, which is confusing to the flight crew.

3.1.2.4.4 ATSUs may automate the sending of the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message, based upon the estimated time aircraft are expected to cross CTA/FIR boundaries. Refer to [paragraph 2.2.2](#) and [paragraph 4.1](#) for the proper sequence and timing for sending the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message and associated controller procedures. Refer to [paragraph 3.1.4.8](#) for guidance on detailing the parameters for this operation in interfacility agreements.

3.1.2.5 Abnormal cases with ADS-C

3.1.2.5.1 When duplicate ADS-C reports are received, the ground system should log all duplicates per [paragraph 3.1.4.11](#) and update the flight data with the one received first.

3.1.2.5.2 When the ground system receives an old ADS-C report, as determined locally from the time stamp in the basic group, it should log the report per [paragraph 3.1.4.11](#) but not use it to update any flight data.

3.1.2.5.3 If the aircraft is in heading select mode and the aircraft passes abeam a flight planned waypoint by more than a defined parameter, the FMS will not sequence this or subsequent waypoints. As a result, once the aircraft has passed the waypoint, the intent information will be directed back towards the non-sequenced waypoint. As a result, some ground systems may see an extrapolated symbol move in a different direction to the actual track of the aircraft.

Note.— When the aircraft is in heading select mode, the intent and predicted route information transmitted by the aircraft will contain the next FMS flight plan waypoint regardless of the actual position and heading of the aircraft. Predicted information is based on the FMS intent, which may not necessarily reflect the intentions of the flight crew.

3.1.2.6 Satcom channel numbers in CPDLC messages. The CPDLC standard provides a [FrequencySatchannel] variable that is intended for ATSUs to send satellite voice telephone numbers in MONITOR and CONTACT messages ([UM 117](#) to [UM 122](#)). However, the decoding of this variable

varies on different aircraft. Therefore, the ATSU should not use this variable in these messages unless the ground system can determine the appropriate decoding in use by the receiving aircraft and encode the uplink accordingly.

3.1.3 Contractual considerations for CSP

3.1.3.1 The communication service provider should meet the performance criteria for communication services, in accordance with [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#).

3.1.3.2 For those situations when a communication service provider cannot continue to provide data communications, it should inform ATSPs and operators in accordance with established coordination procedures.

Note.— A CSP that holds a contract with an operator but not with the ATSP should notify the ATSP when such situations occur and that operator is conducting data link operations in the ATSP's airspace.

3.1.3.3 In the event of a centralized ADS (CADS) failure, the communication service provider should inform ATS.

3.1.3.4 In the event of a CFRS failure, the communication service provider should inform ATS.

3.1.4 Aeronautical information, notifications, and interfacility agreements

3.1.4.1 The ATSP should notify operators of data link services using the AIP or NOTAM. Notification includes:

- a) ATS facility designation, e.g., 4 character ICAO code;
- b) Logon address;
- c) Applications, including for each application; application name, version interoperability coverage, scheduled service, shutdowns, and information/alert bulletins;
- d) Differences between national regulations and practices, and related ICAO SARPs and procedures;
- e) Requirements for use, for example:
 - 1) Procedures for initiation - When an ATSU is unable to accept an AFN logon sent between 15 and 25 minutes prior to either the ETD or the estimate for entering the FIR, the ATSP should publish in appropriate AIP or NOTAM the criteria for when an AFN logon will be accepted. Refer to [paragraph 2.2.1.2](#).
 - 2) ADS C and CPDLC position reporting requirements; and

Note.— The AIP may specify that ADS-C reports may fulfill all normal position reporting requirements. Refer to [paragraph 5.6.3](#) for position reporting guidelines in an ADS-C environment.

- 3) Supporting reduced separations, reroutes, tailored arrival and associated RCP type(s); and
- f) Flight plan form and submission requirements.

3.1.4.2 The ATSP should support all downlink message elements as defined in [Appendix A](#), unless otherwise the ATSP publishes in the appropriate regional/State supplement along with procedures for handling unsupported message elements.

Note 1.— Emergency messages, as a minimum, are displayed to the controller per [paragraph 3.1.2.3](#).

Note 2.— When a reduced CPDLC message set is used across a group of adjoining ATSUs, the ATSP(s) need to ensure that the reduced message set is common and adequate for the applicable airspace.

3.1.4.3 An ATSP may suspend ADS-C, FMC WPR and/or CPDLC (including trials) for the control area under its jurisdiction. Notification to affected ATSUs should be carried out in accordance with coordination requirements specified in applicable interfacility agreements.

3.1.4.4 The ATSP should issue a timely NOTAM for scheduled and/or extended outages of the ADS-C or FMC WPR service and advise the operators to conduct position reporting via CPDLC or voice communications.

3.1.4.5 When an ATSP suspends CPDLC operations or when a planned system shutdown of the communications network or the ATS system occurs, the ATSP should publish a NOTAM to inform all affected parties of the shutdown period and advise operators to use voice communications during that time. The ATSP should ensure procedures are established for the ATSU to notify flight crews by voice of any imminent loss of CPDLC service.

3.1.4.6 In the event of an unexpected outage of ADS-C service, the ATSP should establish interfacility agreements with other ATSUs concerned and issue a NOTAM if required to inform affected parties.

3.1.4.7 In the event of an unexpected outage of CPDLC service, or if an ATSU suspends CPDLC operations without prior notice, the ATSP should:

- a) inform aircraft currently in communication with the ATSU of the loss of CPDLC service;
- b) inform other ATSUs concerned;
- c) specifically advise whether the outage also affects ADS-C service; and
- d) issue a NOTAM, if required.

3.1.4.8 When an ATSP provides CPDLC service, it should establish interfacility agreements to coordinate and ensure the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message is sent (see [paragraph 3.1.2.4.4](#) regarding related ATC automation and [paragraph 4.1](#) for associated ATC procedures):

- a) in sufficient time to allow the NDA (if established) to establish an active CPDLC connection prior to the aircraft crossing the common boundary;
- b) in sufficient time to prevent an inappropriate active CPDLC connection from continuing with an aircraft while it is transiting non-CPDLC airspace; and

3.1.4.9 When an ATSU will only have control of a FANS 1/A aircraft for a relatively short duration (e.g. less than 30 minutes flying time), the ATSP may establish procedures in appropriate letters of agreement to coordinate the transfer of communications for the aircraft among the controlling and the affected ATSUs. Refer to [paragraph 4.1.7](#).

3.1.4.10 The ATSP should establish interfacility agreements, as appropriate, to ensure that adjacent FIRs can establish ADS contracts to monitor aircraft during close boundary operations.

3.1.4.11 The ATSP should establish appropriate interfacility agreements to ensure the ATSUs advise frequencies to the adjoining ATSUs.

3.1.4.12 As operators bear the cost of data link communications, the ATSP should be aware of Duty of Care responsibility issues when ADS-C and other technologies allow the surveillance of aircraft and the possible detection of conflicts inside another ATSU's airspace. The ATSP should provide instructions and interfacility agreements that detail the coordination in the case of a suspected conflict being detected in the adjacent ATSU's airspace. The instructions should ensure that ATSUs establish ADS contracts with aircraft only inside their area of interest.

3.1.5 Monitoring and data recording

3.1.5.1 The FANS 1/A CNS/ATM environment is an integrated system including physical systems (hardware, software, and communication network), human elements (the flight crew and the controller), and the related procedures.

3.1.5.2 Because of the integrated nature of the system and the degree of interaction among its components, the ATSP should establish end-to-end system monitoring in accordance with the guidelines provided in [Appendix D](#). The guidelines aim to ensure end-to-end system integrity through post-implementation monitoring, identifying, reporting and tracking of problems, and corrective action.

Note.— The guidelines presented herein do not replace the ATS incident reporting standards and guidelines, as specified in ICAO PANS-ATM, Appendix 4; ICAO Air Traffic Services Planning Manual (Doc 9426), Chapter 3; or applicable State regulations, affecting the parties directly involved in a potential ATS incident.

3.1.5.3 The ATSP and its communication service provider(s) should retain records for at least 15 days to allow for accident/incident investigation purposes. (The providers are strongly encouraged to retain the records for at least 30 days.) The ATSP and CSPs should make these records available for air safety investigative purposes on demand. These recordings should allow replaying of the situation and identifying the messages that the ATSU sent or received.

3.2 Operator eligibility

3.2.1 Data link authorization

3.2.1.1 An operator using CPDLC or ADS-C service should obtain a data link authorization with the State of registry or State of the operator in accordance with their rules and means of compliance. This operational authorization should address flight crew training and qualification, maintenance, MEL, user modifiable software, service agreements with CSP, and procedures for submitting problem reports and data to the regional/State monitoring agencies. It should also ensure that aircraft equipment has been approved for the intended use, e.g. RCP 240 or RCP 400 operations, in accordance with airworthiness requirements and related means of compliance (such as FAA AC 20-140).

3.2.1.2 The operator is not required to obtain an operational authorization to use FMC WPR. See [paragraph 3.4](#) for guidance.

3.2.1.3 The operator should establish policy and procedures for flight crews and operational staff involved in data link operations, and incorporate them in appropriate operations manuals. The operations manuals should include:

- a) Procedures for the data link operations taking into account the guidance provided in [Chapter 5](#).
- b) Minimum equipment lists (MEL) modifications (if required); and
- c) Flight crew and operational staff procedures, including procedures for establishing and maintaining voice communications (including any required SELCAL check(s)) with every CTA/FIR along the route of flight.

3.2.1.4 The operator should ensure the flight crews and operational staff, e.g., dispatcher receives appropriate training in accordance with Annex 1 and Annex 6 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

3.2.1.5 If applicable, the operator should ensure operational staff are trained in the requirements of data link operations. This training should include:

- a) Description of the data link network including ACARS, AFTN and SATCOM;
- b) Flight planning requirements for data link flights;
- c) Implications of flights departing under minimum equipment list (MEL) relief; and
- d) Implications of planned and unplanned network outages on data link operations.

3.2.1.6 From time to time aircraft manufacturers release new software which will often rectify in service issues and may add increased functionality. The operator should update their software as new releases become available to ensure best possible performance.

3.2.1.7 The operator should initially coordinate with its CSP or CSPs to initiate ground system configuration for its aircraft. In operations involving CFRS, to ensure FMC WPR downlinks are properly routed to the appropriate CFRS system(s), the operator should coordinate with their CSP(s) to configure for routing their FMC WPRs to the appropriate CFRS system(s).

3.2.1.8 The operator should ensure that their CSP notifies them and appropriate ATSPs, per [paragraph 3.1.3.1](#), when data communication services can not be provided in accordance with the performance specifications ([Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#)) prescribed for the intended operations.

3.2.1.9 The operator should ensure that flight operations, the flight crews and the appropriate ATSPs are notified of failures.

3.2.1.10 The operator should provide flight operations and the flight crew with procedures, as appropriate, when the following occurs:

- a) The operator is notified of data link system failures per [paragraph 3.2.1.8](#), or
- b) The AOC system or aircraft equipment fails such that the aircraft capability can no longer meet the performance specifications ([Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#)) prescribed for the intended operation..

3.2.1.11 The operator may be required to make special arrangements with an ATSU for the purposes of undertaking trials using ATC data link equipment.

3.2.2 Regional/State monitoring agencies

Note.— Guidelines on problem reporting and corrective action can be found at [Appendix D](#). Contact information for the appropriate regional/State monitoring agency can be found at [Appendix E](#).

3.2.2.1 The operator should indicate their intention to participate in data link operations by contacting the appropriate regional/State monitoring agency and providing the following information thirty days in advance:

- a) Requested ATS data link services;
- b) Operator name;
- c) Operator contact person;
- d) Aircraft type(s) and associated registration(s) and aircraft data link capability, e.g., FANS 1/A, FMC WPR, etc.;
- e) whether the option of updating the FMC time using the GPS time has been installed for the particular aircraft involved;
- f) anticipated start date of participation; and
- g) In operations involving CFRS, the appropriate 8-letter aeronautical fixed telecommunication network (AFTN) address(es) if the operator requires receipt of converted ADS or FMC WPR reports.

3.2.2.2 If any of the information provided in [paragraph 3.2.2.1](#) changes, the operator should advise the appropriate regional/State monitoring agency.

3.2.2.3 The operator should establish procedures to report to the appropriate regional/State monitoring agency any problems its flight crews and dispatchers have with data link operations.

Note.— Filing a report with regional/State monitoring agencies does not replace the ATS incident reporting procedures and requirements, as specified in ICAO Doc 4444, Appendix 1; ICAO Doc 9426, Chapter 3; or applicable State regulations affecting parties involved in a potential ATS incident.

3.3 Flight planning

3.3.1.1 When participating in data link operations, the operator should file to use these services only if the flight crew is qualified and the aircraft is properly equipped for the data link operation.

3.3.1.2 The operator should ensure that the proper information is included in the ICAO flight plan.

3.3.2 CPDLC and ADS-C

3.3.2.1 ATS systems use Field 10 (Equipment) of the standard ICAO flight plan to identify an aircraft's data link capabilities. The operator should insert the following items into the ICAO flight plan for FANS 1/A aircraft:

- a) Field 10a (Radio communication, navigation and approach equipment); insert the letter "J" to indicate data link equipment.
- b) Field 10b (Surveillance equipment); insert the letter "D" to indicate ADS capability.
- c) Field 18 (Other Information); insert the characters "DAT/" followed by one or more letters as appropriate to indicate the type of data link equipment carried, when the letter "J" is inserted in field 10. (see table below)

Table 3-1 Indicating data link equipment in Field 18

Letter following DAT/	Type of data link equipment
S	Satellite data link
H	HF data link
V	VHF data link
M	SSR Mode S data link

3.3.2.2 For FANS 1/A or ATN B1 flights conducted wholly or partly in the EUR CPDLC airspace (per regional supplements), in addition to the letter S and/or any other letters, as appropriate, the operator should:

- a) Insert the letter J in Item 10 of the flight plan and insert the indicator DAT/V in Item 18 of the flight plan for aircraft equipped with CPDLC avionics; or
- b) Insert the indicator STS/EXMCPDLC in Item 18 for aircraft not equipped but which have been granted an exemption.

3.3.2.3 The operator should ensure that the correct aircraft registration is filed in Field 18 of the ICAO flight plan. The ATSU compares the registration number of the aircraft contained in Field 18 (Other Information) of the ICAO flight plan with the registration number contained in the AFN logon.

3.3.3 FMC WPR

3.3.3.1 There are no additional flight planning requirements specific to participation in FMC WPR.

Note.— The aircraft identification (ACID) provided in the FMC WPR is correlated with the ID provided in the filed flight plan and will be rejected if they do not match.

3.4 FMC WPR – additional guidance

3.4.1.1 In addition to the guidelines provided in [paragraph 3.2](#), an operator who intends to participate in FMC WPR data link trials and operations should advise participating ATSPs of the following:

- a) whether the FMC WPRs will be manually triggered by the flight crew or be fully automated;
- b) that the necessary coordination has taken place with the CSP, in operations involving a CFRS; and
- c) the registration of an aircraft new to the trial at least 30 days in advance, in operations involving a CFRS, since CFRS reports can only be received from aircraft whose registration is known to the system.

3.4.1.2 The participating operator should demonstrate to the appropriate planning and implementation regional group (PIRG) that they meet the surveillance performance specifications (see [Appendix C](#)) for the provision of FMC WPRs for ATS purposes. Once this has been demonstrated, the operator will be able to participate in FMC WPR operations. Utilizing FMC WPR will be at the discretion of the operator.

3.4.1.3 The operator participating in FMC WPR should ensure that:

- a) the FMC WPR is generated at each ATC waypoint of a cleared route in FMC WPR airspace;
- b) any waypoint uplinked to the FMS for the purposes of generating automatically initiated FMC WPRs is an ATC waypoint; and
- c) the FMC WPR contains the data elements that are required for ATC, per ICAO Doc 4444.

3.4.1.4 Whenever possible, the operator should avoid the use of flight numbers that contain alphabetic characters by flights participating in FMC WPR. For example, avoid the use of flight numbers such as ABC124A or ABC324W. The use of such flight numbers results in the FMC WPR not being associated with the flight.

Note.— If a flight number contains an alphabetic character (for example ABC124A or ABC324W), the flight cannot participate in FMC WPR.

3.4.1.5 Certain Airbus avionics configurations should not participate in FMC WPR because they are prone to large errors in position data. This can be rectified with a software upgrade. For further information, operators should contact Airbus.

Chapter 4. Controller and radio operator procedures

This chapter provides guidance on procedures and recommended practices for the controller and the radio operator in airspaces where data link services are available.

This information is intended to assist in the development of:

- a) Local procedures and associated documentation; and
- b) Appropriate training programs.

Controllers should be knowledgeable in the ATC automation. Refer to [paragraph 3.1.2](#) for guidelines for implementation of ground systems supporting data link operations.

Controllers should be knowledgeable in data link operations. Refer to [Chapter 2](#) for an overview of data link operations.

Radio operator procedures specific to data link operations can be found in [paragraphs 4.7.4 and 4.7.5](#).

4.1 CPDLC and ADS-C connection management and voice communication transfers

4.1.1 General

4.1.1.1 ATSU's should manage CPDLC connections to ensure that the ATSU with control for the flight holds the active CPDLC connection. Connections should be maintained and terminated to support this requirement, however an ATSU or sector may have an active connection with an aircraft not in that ATSU's or sector's airspace:

- a) When an aircraft is transiting a CPDLC serviceable FIR subject to coordination between ATSU's;
- b) During the CPDLC connection transfer process;
- c) Where the active connection is retained by the transferring ATSU subject to prior coordination;
- d) When the aircraft is within a non-serviceable or non-CPDLC FIR and the flight crew initiates a logon to the controlling ATSU for the next FIR; or
- e) In emergency circumstances.

4.1.1.2 Except as noted above, the ATSU should ensure that controllers do not issue clearances or instructions to a flight via CPDLC when it is under the control of another sector/ATSU.

4.1.2 Establish CPDLC connection

4.1.2.1 The next ATSU should establish an inactive CPDLC connection prior to the current data authority terminating the active CPDLC connection. See [paragraph 2.2.2](#) for a description of CPDLC connection management.

4.1.3 Transferring the CPDLC connection – abnormal conditions

4.1.3.1 When the NDA delivery has not been successful, the controller's initial action should be to send another NDA message. If this is also unsuccessful, the controller should then instruct the flight crew to manually initiate an AFN logon with the subsequent ATSU after termination of the CPDLC connection. An [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message is not needed in this case.

4.1.3.2 The controller should use the following messages via CPDLC. When using voice, use the equivalent voice phraseology:

Controller [UM 117](#) CONTACT [unitname] [frequency]
 [UM 169am](#) SELECT ATC COMM OFF THEN LOGON TO [facility designation]
Flight crew [DM 0](#) WILCO

Note 1. — The [facility designation] is the relevant four character ICAO code.

Note 2. — Instructing the flight crew to select ATC comm off will result in loss of CPDLC connectivity. This procedure should only be applied approaching the FIR boundary with the next ATSU.

4.1.3.3 If the controller at the ATSU initiating the transfer receives indication that the AFN logon to the NDA is not successful, they should reinitiate address forwarding with the next ATSU and instruct the aircraft to manually initiate an AFN logon with the next ATSU (see [paragraph 4.7.2.6](#) for the appropriate voice phraseology). The controller should not re-send the NDA message (see [paragraph 3.1.2.2](#) regarding related ATC automation and [paragraph 2.2.2.12](#) for a description of non-standard events with CPDLC transfers). The controlling ATSU should:

- a) Coordinate with the next ATSU, establishing clearly when or where the aircraft will be instructed to initiate an AFN logon with that ATSU.
- b) Time the AFN logon instruction to allow the next ATSU to establish an active CPDLC connection prior to the aircraft's crossing the common boundary. When the flight initiates the AFN logon with the next ATSU, it will terminate the currently active CPDLC connection.

4.1.4 Termination of the CPDLC connection

4.1.4.1 The controller should ensure that no open uplink CPDLC messages exist prior to the sending an [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message. If there is an indication of open uplink CPDLC messages, the ATSU should uplink the free text message [UM 169j](#) CHECK AND RESPOND TO OPEN CPDLC MESSAGES.

4.1.4.2 The controlling ATSU should:

- a) ensure that no uplink messages remain open before sending the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message; or
- b) coordinate with the NDA with reference to CPDLC messages that were still open after sending the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message.

4.1.4.3 The controlling ATSU should respond to open CPDLC downlink messages prior to sending the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message.

4.1.4.4 If the current ATSU intends to delay the CPDLC transfer until after the aircraft has passed the FIR transfer point, the controller should notify the flight crew of the intended delay with the free text message **UM 169** EXPECT CPDLC TRANSFER AT [time].

4.1.4.5 If the controller intends to terminate or suspend use of CPDLC when voice contact is established, then the controller should instruct the flight crew by appending the appropriate free text message to the CONTACT message element.

4.1.4.6 For aircraft entering airspace where radar and air-ground VHF are available, and the aircraft will not cross the FIR boundary or enter airspace under the control of another ATSU, the current data authority does not need to send an **UM 161** END SERVICE message to terminate the active CPDLC connection. In this case, the CPDLC connection may remain active until the flight is terminated. If a subsequent control sector within an ATSU does not have CPDLC capability, and local instructions do not exist to the contrary, the controller with the active CPDLC connection should not issue clearances or to the aircraft while it is under the control of another sector.

4.1.4.7 If the controller receives indication that the **UM 161** END SERVICE message was unsuccessful, the controller initially should send another **UM 161** END SERVICE message. If this is also unsuccessful, the controller should instruct the flight crew to terminate the CPDLC connection and logon to the next unit. The controller should use the following CPDLC free text or voice equivalent phraseology:

Controller **UM 169am** SELECT ATC COMM OFF THEN LOGON TO [facility designation]

Flight crew **DM 3** ROGER

Note.— The [facility designation] is the four character ICAO code.

4.1.5 Transfer voice communications with CPDLC connection transfer

4.1.5.1 The controlling ATSU should send the CPDLC MONITOR (or CONTACT) [icaounitname] [frequency] message element and the **UM 161** END SERVICE message element as separate uplink messages as shown in **Figure 4-1**. To ensure synchronization of the CPDLC and the voice communication transfers, the ATSU should send the **UM 161** END SERVICE message as soon as possible after the receipt of the **DM 0** WILCO response.

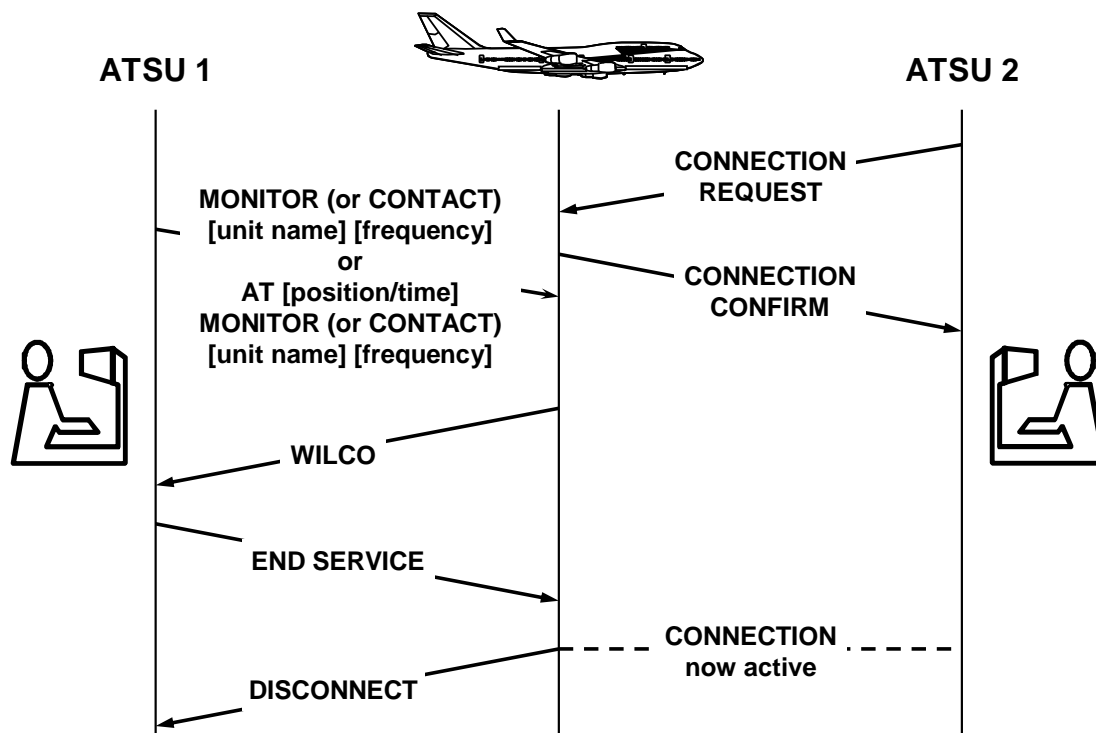


Figure 4-1. CPDLC connection transfer - separate messages

4.1.5.2 The ATSU should not send the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message element in the same message with the MONITOR (or CONTACT) message.

4.1.5.3 The controlling ATSU should send the MONITOR (or CONTACT) [icaounitname] [frequency] and, subsequently, the [UM 161](#) END SERVICE message elements after the last position report, but not less than 5 minutes prior to crossing the FIR boundary. This ensures that the next ATSU has an active CPDLC connection when the aircraft crosses the FIR boundary.

4.1.5.4 Since the CONTACT/MONITOR message elements listed in [Table 4-1](#) include only one [frequency] parameter, the controller should only use these message elements when instructing the flight crew to change the primary frequency. In areas of poor radio coverage, the controller may append the free text message [UM 169c](#) SECONDARY FREQUENCY [frequency] to specify a secondary frequency.

Table 4-1. CONTACT/MONITOR message elements

UM Ref	Message element
UM 117	CONTACT [icaounitname][frequency]
UM 118	AT [position] CONTACT [icaounitname][frequency]
UM 119	AT [time] CONTACT [icaounitname][frequency]
UM 120	MONITOR [icaounitname][frequency]
UM 121	AT [position] MONITOR [icaounitname][frequency]

UM Ref	Message element
UM 122	AT [time] MONITOR [icaounitname][frequency]

4.1.5.5 In the FANS-1/A message set, the option of RADIO per ICAO Annex 10, Volume II, paragraph 5.2.1.7.1.2 is not a possible value for the [icaounitname] parameter used in CONTACT and MONITOR messages (UM 117 to UM 122). In the absence of this option, some ATSPs use CENTER to apply to an aeronautical station (RADIO). Other ATSPs use free text UM 169 MONITOR/CONTACT instructions and spell out RADIO in the free text message element.

4.1.5.6 The current data authority should complete the voice frequency change process with the CPDLC connection transfer either by:

- a) Sending the MONITOR (or CONTACT) [icaounitname] [frequency] and then, in a separate CPDLC message, sending the UM 161 END SERVICE as soon as possible after the receipt of the DM 0 WILCO response to the MONITOR (or CONTACT) instruction; or
- b) Sending the AT [position/time] MONITOR (or CONTACT) [icaounitname] [frequency] and then, as a separate CPDLC message, sending the UM 161 END SERVICE after the receipt of the DM 0 WILCO response to the MONITOR (or CONTACT) instruction and the aircraft is approaching the FIR boundary.

4.1.6 ADS-C connection management

4.1.6.1 When the ATS ground system receives an AFN logon message, the ATSU may initiate an ADS-C connection by establishing an ADS contract(s) with the aircraft.

4.1.6.2 The FANS 1/A system does not assign any technical priority to ADS-C connections; therefore the controlling ATSU may not be aware of other connections established with the aircraft. As a result, a procedural hierarchy controlled by the address forwarding (FN_CAD message) has been established.

4.1.6.3 Using the address forwarding process, the current controlling ATSU should allocate ADS-C connection priority to the next ATSU that will have air traffic control responsibility for the aircraft. The allocation of ADS-C connections should be in the following priority order:

- a) The current ATSU or current data authority;
- b) The next ATSU or next data authority;
- c) An ATSU requiring a connection for monitoring operations close to a boundary;
- d) An AOC facility; and
- e) Other miscellaneous connections.

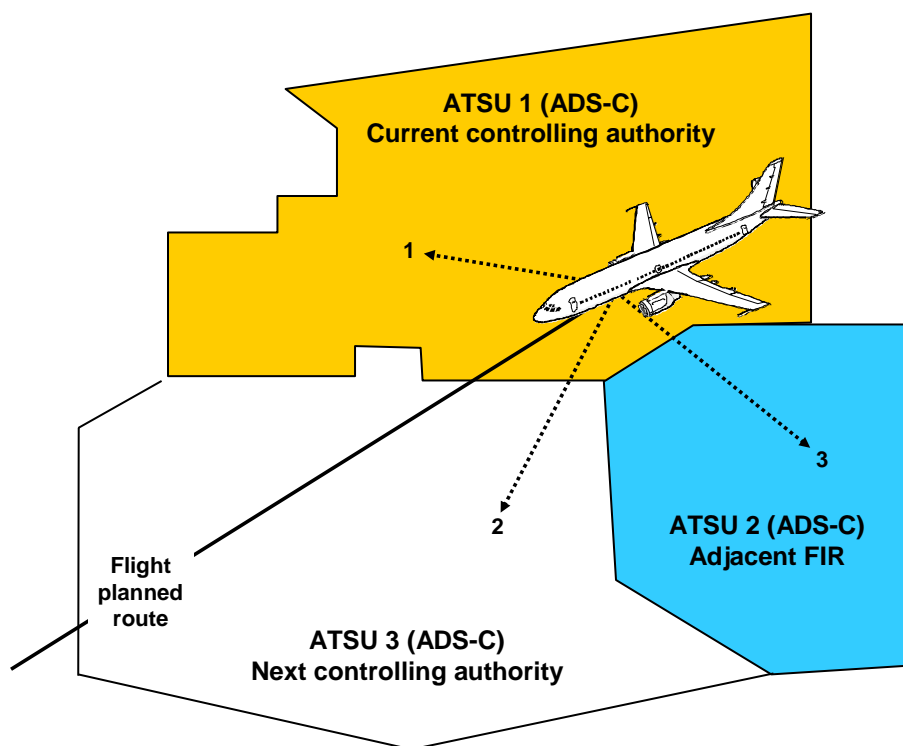


Figure 4-2. Priorities for ADS-C connections

4.1.6.4 For example, as shown in [Figure 4-2](#), an ADS-C contract is required by ATSU 2 to monitor the aircraft's progress near the FIR boundary. To ensure that the next unit with direct control responsibility for the aircraft has priority over the ADS-C connections, ATSU 1 will initiate address forwarding to ATSU 3 prior to address forwarding to ATSU 2.

4.1.6.5 When all available ADS-C connections with a particular aircraft have been established (see Figure 2), any other ATSUs attempting to connect with the aircraft will receive an ADS-C DISCONNECT REQUEST (DR1) message with "reason code 1" (congestion).

4.1.6.6 When an ADS-C DR1 is received by an ATSU, which would normally have priority for an ADS-C connection, the that ATSU should notify the current controlling ATSU. The controlling ATSU should resolve the situation.

4.1.6.7 The controlling ATSU has a number of options available, such as coordination with the previous ATSU or other adjacent ATSUs to ensure that existing ADS-C connections are still required, or when considered absolutely necessary, instructing the flight crew to turn the ADS-C application off and turn it on again. The latter option will terminate all current ADS contracts; therefore, the controlling authority should consider the operational effect on other ATSUs prior to employing this method.

4.1.6.8 Once all contracts have been terminated, the controlling authority should allocate priority for the connections to other ATSUs via the address forwarding process. Only ATSUs with direct control or monitoring responsibilities should re-establish contracts with the aircraft.

4.1.6.9 For example, as shown in [Figure 4-3](#), the aircraft has ADS-C connections with four ATSU's and one AOC facility:

Connection:	1 - with ATSU 1, 2 - with ATSU 2, 3 - with the previous controlling ATSU, 4 - with the AOC facility, 5 - with a ground facility collecting test data.
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ATSU 3, the next controlling authority, is unable to establish an ADS-C connection with the aircraft due to congestion.

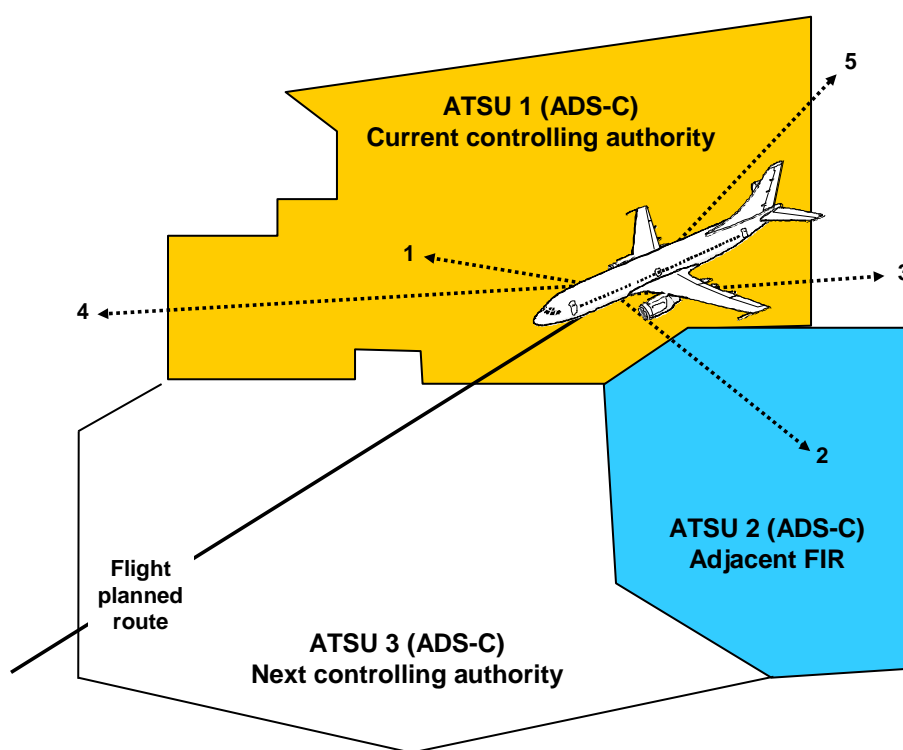


Figure 4-3. ADS-C connection not available

4.1.6.10 The ATSU should strictly monitor the termination of ADS contracts with an aircraft, whether performed automatically or manually, to avoid situations leading to congestion. The ground system should terminate all ADS contracts with the aircraft when the:

- a) Aircraft has crossed an FIR boundary and has passed beyond the normal “back coordination” parameter; or
- b) Ground system’s flight plan for the aircraft has been cancelled or has finished; or
- c) Previous ATSU, the controlling authority or an adjacent ATSU has no further surveillance or monitoring requirements for a particular flight.

4.1.7 Aircraft transiting small data link areas

4.1.7.1 Connection transfer failures have attributed to controllers or systems not completing the connection transfer during a short transit time across a portion of the FIR.

4.1.7.2 If the ATSU concerned requires ADS contracts to monitor the transit of the aircraft across a portion of the FIR, but the transfer of CPDLC is not required, the controlling ATSU should perform address forwarding in the order of priority described in [Figure 4-4](#).

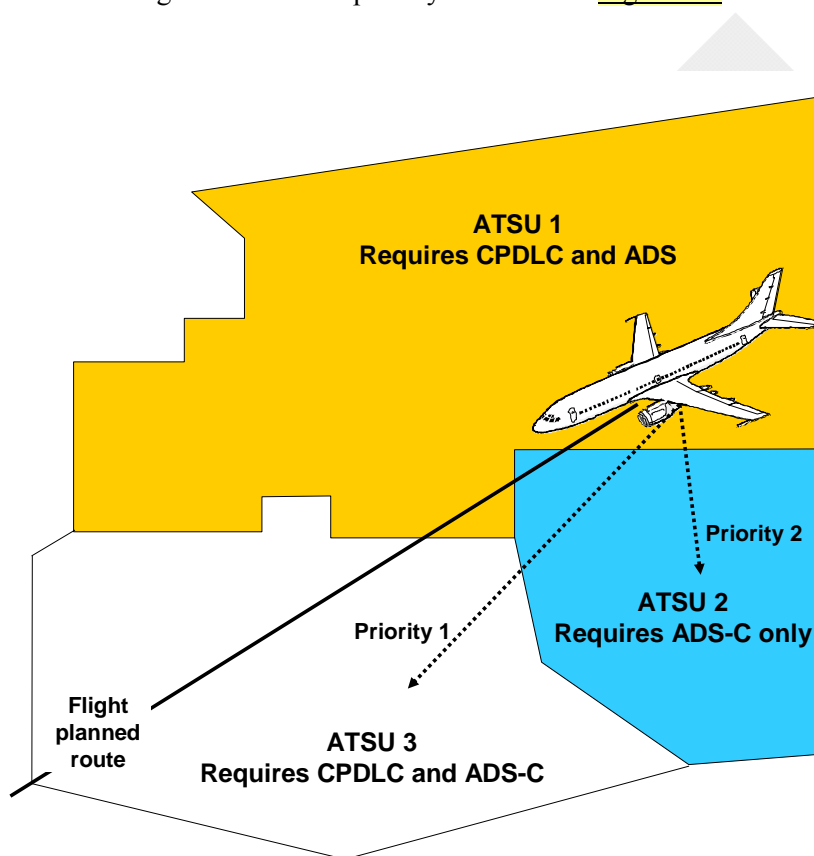


Figure 4-4. Transiting data link areas

4.1.7.3 ATSU 1 should terminate the active CPDLC connection with the aircraft. The aircraft will enter ATSU 2 using voice. The flight crew should initiate an initial AFN logon to ATSU 3 between 15 and 25 minutes prior to the estimated time at the FIR boundary.

4.1.7.4 ATSU 1 may initiate address forwarding with ATSU 3 to "jump" the connections over a FIR not requiring an active CPDLC or ADS-C connection when agreed by the appropriate ATSUs (Refer to Chapter 3). In this circumstance, the controller should inform the flight crew by appending the free text message [UM 169m](#) EXPECT NEXT CENTER [facility designation]. CONTACT WITH [facility designation] NOT REQUIRED to the frequency transfer instruction.

Example:

Controller	<p>UM 121 AT TEKEP MONITOR NADI CENTER 13261.</p> <p>UM 169m CONTACT WITH AUCKLAND NOT REQUIRED.</p>
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4.1.7.5 ATSU 1 should initiate address forwarding to ATSU 3 (priority 1) prior to initiating address forwarding to ATSU 2 (priority 2) to ensure that ATSU 3 can establish ADS contracts for monitoring the transit of the aircraft across the relevant portion of the FIR.

4.1.7.6 When an ATSU accepts the transfer of data link for a short transit across its FIR, the receiving controller needs to be aware of whether any automated transfer process to the subsequent ATSU will be affected by the relatively short transit period across the FIR.

4.1.7.7 If any automated transfer process will be affected by the short transit period across its FIR, then the controller should ensure that all messages are sent in the proper sequence at the correct time to successfully transfer the connections to the next ATSU (e.g. NDA, address forwarding, MONITOR/CONTACT, and [UM 161](#) END SERVICE messages), and manually intervene, if necessary.

Note.— The receiving ATSU will need to be the current data authority (CDA) before any of these messages can be sent successfully. For example, if the receiving ATSU tries to send the NDA message prior to becoming the CDA to account for a short transit time, the avionics will reject the NDA.

4.2 CPDLC – Uplinks

4.2.1 General

4.2.1.1 If the controller receives an unexpected or inappropriate response to a CPDLC uplink message or there is any misunderstanding or doubt about the intent of a CPDLC dialogue, they should initiate voice contact to clarify the meaning or intent. (see [Appendix A](#) for intent and use of CPDLC uplink and downlink message elements).

4.2.1.2 When the controller does not receive a response to a message after a reasonable period of time has passed and no error message has been received indicating the non-delivery of the message, the controller should send a query message rather than resending the message. Alternatively, they may use voice communication.

4.2.1.3 When necessary, the controller should include terms or conditions relating to a specific clearance or instruction in a single uplink message. The controller should not send separate messages. Refer to [paragraph 4.2.5.2](#), for guidelines on multi-element uplink messages.

4.2.1.4 The controller should use standard message elements, particularly when requesting or issuing a clearance.

Note.— The use of standard message elements will minimize the risk of input errors, misunderstandings, and confusion, and facilitate use by a non-native English speaking controller. The use of standard message elements allows the ground system and the avionics to automatically process the information in the messages that are exchanged. For example, the ground system can automatically update flight plan data for route conformance monitoring, the flight crew can automatically load clearance information into the FMS and review the clearance, and both aircraft and ground system can associate responses to messages.

4.2.2 Use of free text

4.2.2.1 Whilst the controller should avoid the use of the free text message element, given local constraints and limitations of the data link system, its use may offer a viable solution to enhance operational capability.

4.2.2.2 The controller should only use free text messages when an appropriate standard message element does not exist. In particular, when issuing of clearance uplinks should be performed by the use of standard message elements only. The use of standard message elements allows the flight crew to respond more quickly by taking full advantage of avionics matching a standard response to a standard clearance. Additionally, this process minimizes the risk of input errors and misinterpretation.

4.2.2.3 When free text is used, the controller should use standard ATS phraseology and format and avoid nonessential words and phrases. The controller should only include abbreviations in free text messages when they form part of standard ICAO phraseology, for example, ETA.

4.2.3 Vertical clearances

4.2.3.1 The controller should precede conditional vertical clearances containing the word “AT” with **UM 19** MAINTAIN [altitude] indicating to the flight crew to maintain their present altitude until the condition of the clearance is satisfied:

Controller	UM 19 MAINTAIN [altitude] UM 21 AT [time] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Controller	UM 19 MAINTAIN [altitude] UM 22 AT [position] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Controller	UM 19 MAINTAIN [altitude] UM 24 AT [time] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Controller	UM 19 MAINTAIN [altitude] UM 25 AT [position] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]

Note.— The potential exists for the restriction “AT” contained at the beginning of certain conditional clearances to be missed by the flight crew and consequently the clearance may be executed prematurely. Including the **UM 19** MAINTAIN [altitude] message element will emphasize that the message contains a conditional altitude clearance and may prevent such clearances being executed prematurely.

4.2.3.2 If a CPDLC level report is needed, the controller should append **UM 129** REPORT LEVEL [altitude] to the vertical clearance message element to a single altitude so that the flight crew has access to the standard message element **DM 37** MAINTAINING [level] or LEVEL [altitude].

4.2.3.3 The controller should append **UM 129** REPORT LEVEL [level] to every altitude clearance where a single level is assigned.

Note 1.— If no **UM 129** REPORT LEVEL [altitude] is appended, the flight crew may not report when they are maintaining the cleared flight level.

Note 2.— Some States do not request a CPDLC level report in an ADS-C environment.

Example: The controller issues a conditional clearance to a flight currently cruising at FL310 requesting climb to FL350 when the climb can not be executed until the aircraft is at MICKY. The controller appends a request for a report when level at FL350.

Controller	<u>UM 19</u> MAINTAIN FL310 <u>UM 22</u> AT MICKY CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350 <u>UM 129</u> REPORT LEVEL FL350
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4.2.3.4 The controller should not use UM 175 REPORT REACHING [level].

Note.— ICAO Doc 4444 has reserved this message element. The programmed intent of this message element was to request a report if the aircraft occupies the specified level, which occurs as the aircraft is about to level at the specified level, but also occurs if the aircraft passes through the specified level during a climb or descent. The purpose of reporting intermediate levels should be served by ADS-C.

4.2.3.5 To cancel a previously issued block clearance and limit the aircraft to one specific level, the controller should issue an appropriate vertical instruction.

Example:

Controller	<u>UM 19</u> MAINTAIN [altitude]; and <u>UM 20</u> CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]; or <u>UM 28</u> DESCEND TO REACH [altitude] by [time]; and <u>UM 129</u> REPORT LEVEL [altitude].
Flight crew	<u>DM 0</u> WILCO

Note.— The DM 0 WILCO response to the vertical clearance uplink cancels any previously issued block clearance.

4.2.3.6 Depending on circumstances, the controller may use CPDLC message elements provided in Table 4-2 to issue a level restriction as either:

- A “stand-alone” clearance; or
- A level requirement for an interim level, when appended to another CPDLC vertical clearance.

Table 4-2. Conditional vertical clearance instructions

UM #	Message element
<u>UM 26</u>	CLIMB TO REACH [altitude] BY [time]
<u>UM 27</u>	CLIMB TO REACH [altitude] BY [position]
<u>UM 28</u>	DESCEND TO REACH [altitude] BY [time]
<u>UM 29</u>	DESCEND TO REACH [altitude] BY [position]

Example 1: The controller clears the aircraft to climb to FL 390, and is maintaining FL 390 AT or BEFORE 2200.

Controller	UM 26 CLIMB TO REACH FL390 BY 2200

Example 2: The controller may issue a requirement for an interim level. In both cases, the controller clears the aircraft to climb to FL 390, and reach FL 370 (or higher) AT or BEFORE 0100

Case 1: The controller uses FANS 1/A message elements. In some FIRs, the controller may reverse the order of the elements, but the controller should include both message elements in a single message.

Controller	UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL390 UM 26 CLIMB TO REACH FL370 BY 0100

Case 2: The controller uses the message element UM 192, defined in ICAO Doc 4444. This message element is not available in FANS 1/A message set.

Controller	UM 20 CLIMB TO FL390 UM 192 REACH FL370 BY 0100

Example 3: The controller should not send a vertical clearance in a CPDLC message and then subsequently send a related level restriction in a separate message. If the controller decides to add a level restriction after send the initial clearance, they should restate the entire clearance, as presented in Example 2.

Note.— If the controller sends the vertical clearance and the related level restriction in two separate CPDLC messages, the controller would be unintentionally amending the final cleared level of the aircraft (to FL 370) with the level restriction. The flight crew may misinterpret the two separate instructions.

Controller	CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL390
Flight crew	WILCO
	followed by
Controller	CLIMB TO REACH FL370 BY 2200

4.2.3.7 If the controller is unable to approve a request to climb or descend to a particular level, but is able to approve a climb or descent to an intermediate level, then the controller should:

- Respond to the request with UM 0 UNABLE; and
- Issue a separate message to clear the aircraft to climb to the intermediate level.

4.2.4 Route modifications

4.2.4.1 The controller should not offer unsolicited direct routing to aircraft flying a UPR

Note.— The operator calculates the optimal trajectory for the specific aircraft (UPR) based on the latest available weather. A direct route may be less optimal than the aircraft's current route and a re-route may also compromise ETOPS considerations which differ between operators and aircraft types.

4.2.5 Report/confirmation requests

4.2.5.1 If the controller requests the aircraft's Mach number or indicated airspeed, then the controller should use the standard message element **UM 134** CONFIRM SPEED.

4.2.5.2 If a scheduled CPDLC position report is not received, the controller may request the report by uplinking message **UM 147** REQUEST POSITION REPORT.

4.2.6 Creating multi-element uplink messages

4.2.6.1 The controller should keep to size of a CPDLC uplink message to a minimum.

4.2.6.2 The controller should only combine clearance message elements that are related into a single uplink message that the flight crew can provide a single unambiguous response.

Note.— The flight crew may mis-interpret messages that contain unrelated elements or reject (UNABLE) the entire message when the flight crew could have accepted (DM 0 WILCO) one of the elements on its own.

Example: The controller sends a multi-element uplink clearance as a single message.

Controller	UM 164 WHEN READY (or UM 177 AT PILOTS DISCRETION) UM 23 DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN FL280 UM 129 REPORT LEVEL FL280
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4.2.6.3 When the elements are not dependent on each other, the controller should send a single element clearance and wait for the response before sending any subsequent instruction(s).

Example: The controller does not send the unambiguous multi-element uplink clearance because the flight crew response of AFFIRM or NEGATIVE would be ambiguous.

Controller	CAN YOU ACCEPT FL350 AT 2200 CAN YOU ACCEPT FL370 AT DAFFY
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4.2.6.4 The controller should send all elements of a dependent clearance in a single unambiguous uplink message.

Note 1.— A dependent clearance is a message consisting of more than one clearance element, where the flight crew needs to comply with each of the elements. A rejection of any of the elements, either singly or in combination, renders the entire clearance invalid.

Note 2.— Sending the elements as individual messages may compromise safety or separation if the flight crew accepts the first uplink of a dependent clearance, complies with the instruction, and then responds UNABLE to the next message when received.

*Note 3.— The flight crew will respond to the multi-element uplink message with either **DM 0 WILCO** or **DM 1 UNABLE**, which applies to the entire message. The flight crew cannot respond to individual elements of a multi-element message.*

Example 1: The controller sends a single multi-element uplink message containing an amended route clearance that is dependent on a vertical clearance. To ensure no ambiguity, the controller carefully chose the second element to reinforce that the flight crew needs to comply with the vertical clearance prior to complying with the amend route clearance.

Controller	UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL330 UM 78 AT FL330 PROCEED DIRECT TO TUNTO UM 129 REPORT LEVEL FL330.
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Example 2: The controller does not send the dependent clearance in a single multi-element uplink message because the message element **UM 165** THEN followed by the route clearance **UM 74** PROCEED DIRECT TO TUNTO is ambiguous. It does not unambiguously convey that the flight crew needs to complete the climb clearance prior to commencing the route clearance.

Controller	CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL330 THEN PROCEED DIRECT TO TUNTO
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4.2.7 Weather deviations

4.2.7.1 A weather deviation clearance remains in effect until either:

- A “back on route” report is received; or
- The aircraft reaches a subsequent waypoint to which it has been cleared when clear of weather.

4.2.7.2 When issuing a deviation clearance, the controller should append the clearance with **UM 127** REPORT BACK ON ROUTE.

4.2.7.3 When the controller issues a clearance direct to a waypoint, the controller will need to determine where the aircraft is or protect the airspace granted by the weather deviation until the aircraft sequences the waypoint to which the flight crew was cleared.

4.2.8 Delayed uplink messages

4.2.8.1 A CPDLC function has been implemented in some aircraft. This function identifies whether an uplink message has been received more than XXX seconds after it was sent, where XXX is either a default maximum delay value or a value set by the flight crew. At present, it is not possible to identify the relatively small number of aircraft with this function. To avoid confusion, the flight crew will not normally be instructed to set a maximum delay value.

4.2.8.2 If an ATSU is advised that a delayed CPDLC message has been received, the following free text uplink message should be sent: SET MAX UPLINK DELAY VALUE TO 999 SEC. This will minimise the possibility of subsequent uplink messages being rejected. If this message is also rejected, the instruction should be provided via voice.

4.2.8.3 The controller should be aware of the flight crew procedures detailed in [Appendix F, paragraph F.13](#) and, at their discretion, re-send the delayed uplink or clarify the situation via voice (see [paragraph E.2.1.3](#) for related aeradio procedures).

4.3 CPDLC – Downlinks

4.3.1 General

4.3.1.1 If the ATSU receives a downlink message that they do not support, then they should send free text uplink message [UM 169u](#) MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT rather than terminating the connection. The ATSU should not use [UM 162](#) as the aircraft system may display SERVICE UNAVAILABLE to the flight crew, which is confusing to the flight crew.

4.3.1.2 The controller should respond to incoming requests as soon as practicable to avoid receiving duplicate requests.

4.3.2 Using voice communications to clarify downlink messages

4.3.2.1 In the case of a controller having any doubt as to the intent of a message, or if any other ambiguity exists, the controller or flight crew should seek clarification through the use of voice communication.

4.3.2.2 The controller should initiate voice contact to clarify the meaning or intent if there is any misunderstanding or doubt about the intent of a CPDLC dialogue. The controller should close any open CPDLC messages, regardless of any associated voice communications. The controller should respond consistent with the voice communication to prevent confusion.

4.3.3 Responses/acknowledgements

4.3.3.1 The controller should not use [UM 3](#) ROGER or [UM 4](#) AFFIRM to respond to a clearance request. The controller should only approve a clearance request by issuing a clearance using an appropriate message element.

4.3.3.2 When a clearance request is denied, the controller should use the element [UM 0](#) UNABLE (not [UM 5](#) NEGATIVE) in the uplink response. The controller should not restate the aircraft's current clearance.

4.3.3.3 When issuing negative responses to clearance requests, the controller should append a standard message element (e.g., [UM 166](#) DUE TO TRAFFIC) to provide a reason for the non-availability of a clearance.

4.3.3.4 The controller should use the uplink [UM 1](#) STANDBY message element to provide advice to the flight crew that their requested clearance is being assessed, but is not readily available, for example due to traffic, or delays in coordination with the next sector or ATSU.

4.3.3.5 The ATSU should not automatically or manually send a **UM 1** STANDBY to unconditionally acknowledge that it received a downlink request.

4.3.3.6 If the controller sends a **UM 1** STANDBY response, they should subsequently respond again within 10 minutes.

Note.— The message remains open. If the controller does not respond within this time, the flight crew should send an inquiry rather than resend a duplicated request.

4.3.3.7 If the ATSU receives a second identical downlink request after a reasonable period (more than 10 minutes) has passed since sending a **UM 1** STANDBY response to the earlier request, the controller should respond with **UM 0** UNABLE **UM 2** REQUEST DEFERRED.

Note.— This will close out the second request, inform the flight crew that the reply will take longer, and will leave only one open message requiring a response.

4.3.3.8 If the ATSU receives a second identical CPDLC request prior to having answered the first, the controller should respond to both of the messages to ensure message closure.

4.3.4 Responding to multi-element requests

4.3.4.1 While the flight crew is advised to avoid sending multiple clearance requests, the controller may receive a multiple clearance request in the one downlink message.

4.3.4.2 If the controller receives multiple clearance requests in a single message and can approve all clearance request elements, the controller should specifically respond to each clearance request element in the message.

Example

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO [level] DM 22 REQUEST DIRECT TO [position]
Controller	UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [level] UM 74 PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]

4.3.4.3 If the controller receives multiple clearance requests in a single message and cannot approve any of the clearance request elements, the controller should respond with **UM 0** UNABLE, which applies to all elements of the original message. The controller should not restate the aircraft's current clearance.

Example

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO [level] DM 22 REQUEST DIRECT TO [position]
Controller	UM 0 UNABLE

4.3.4.4 If the controller receives multiple clearance requests in a single message and can approve some of the clearance request elements, the controller should send, in a single message, **UM 0** UNABLE,

include a reason to remove any ambiguity and, if appropriate, information on when the clearance to that part of the request might be expected.

a) The controller may, following the **UM 0** UNABLE [reason] message, send a separate CPDLC message (or messages) to respond to those elements for which they can grant the request.

b) The controller should not uplink a single message containing only the word UNABLE for the part that cannot be granted and a clearance for the part that can.

Example:

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO [level] DM 22 REQUEST DIRECT TO [position]
Controller (provide reason using standard message element)	UM 0 UNABLE. UM 166 DUE TO TRAFFIC
Controller (separate message element)	UM 74 PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]

4.3.5 Offering alternative clearances to requests

4.3.5.1 If the clearance contained in a downlink request is not available, but an alternative (similar) clearance is available, the controller should first uplink an UNABLE to deny the original clearance request. Then, depending on workload and traffic, the controller may subsequently uplink an alternative clearance in a separate CPDLC message. The controller should not simply respond to the downlink request with the alternative uplink clearance.

Example:

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO FL370
Controller	UM 0 UNABLE. UM 166 DUE TO TRAFFIC
Controller	UM 20 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350. UM 129 REPORT LEVEL FL350

The ATC response in the following example is incorrect and should not be used

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO FL370
Controller	UNABLE. CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350. REPORT LEVEL FL350

4.4 ADS-C

4.4.1 General

4.4.1.1 ADS-C reports contain FMS information relating to the figure of merit (FOM), ACAS/TCAS and the aircraft's navigational redundancy. Some automated ground systems use the FOM value received in an ADS-C report to determine whether to display the report to controllers, or to display a "high" or "low" quality ADS-C symbol.

4.4.1.2 FOM data is not required for the use of current separation standards. However, where the separation standard being applied requires specific navigational accuracy, such as RNP, the controller should rely on flight crew advice as to the extent of any navigational degradation and adjust separation accordingly.

4.4.1.3 The flight crew may insert non-ATC waypoints into the active flight plan in the FMS for flight system monitoring, or modify the active route for planning purposes. Once the change is activated, a waypoint change event report may be triggered. If so, non-ATC waypoints included in the active flight plan will be reflected in the predicted route group, as well as the intermediate and fixed projected intent groups, which may result in the next, or the next-plus-one waypoints from the report not being waypoints expected in the ATS flight plan or flight data record.

4.4.1.4 Unless required for safety purposes, ATSUs should only establish ADS contracts for aircraft within their jurisdiction.

4.4.1.5 A controller who becomes aware of corrupt or incorrect data from an ADS-C report should establish voice contact with the aircraft concerned in order to correct the situation.

4.4.1.6 When an ATSU is using both ADS-C and CPDLC position reporting and detects a discrepancy of 2 minutes or less between the reports, the controller should reconcile the time difference. Where the time difference is greater than 2 minutes, the controller should query the estimate received in the CPDLC position report and request confirmation of the estimate for the waypoint in question.

Note.— CPDLC and ADS-C estimates received from the same aircraft for the same position may differ as a result of the ADS-C application reporting time to the second and the time reported by CPDLC application either being truncated or rounded to the nearest full minute (depending on aircraft type). The flight crew also has the ability to modify the estimate for the next position in the CPDLC position report. Any such modification will not be reflected in the ADS-C report.

4.4.1.7 The transferring controller should advise during coordination if the aircraft is currently at a level or on a route different from that intended for the boundary crossing. When the coordination information relating to the transfer of control is different from the displayed ADS C information and the receiving controller has not been advised, the receiving controller should confirm the coordinated information with the transferring controller.

4.4.1.8 Whenever an ADS-C report (either a periodic or waypoint change event report) is not received within a parameter of the expected time, the controller may initiate a demand contract request, re-establish a new periodic contract with the aircraft, request a CPDLC or voice position report. See also [paragraph 4.7.5.4.5](#).

4.4.1.9 If the controller becomes aware of a data link communications failure, the controller should advise affected aircraft to revert to voice position reporting in accordance with [paragraph 4.7.5](#).

4.4.2 ADS contract - periodic

4.4.2.1 When setting a default periodic reporting interval, the ATSP should take into account requirements for the separation standard in use, conformance monitoring, traffic levels, and alerting service. Typically, default periodic contract intervals are set to satisfy the position reporting requirements of the default separation standard in use.

4.4.2.2 The ATSP should avoid arbitrarily selecting small periodic default intervals because of the economic cost to the users and the unnecessary system loading imposed by these small default intervals.

4.4.2.3 There are a number of situations where a controller or ground automation may use a reporting interval other than the default interval in the periodic reporting contract. A change to the default interval for an aircraft may be required:

- a) When the aircraft is cleared to deviate from areas of known significant weather;
- b) When the application of a smaller separation standard requires a shorter periodic interval;
- c) During periods of turbulence;
- d) When an unauthorized deviation from the clearance is detected; or
- e) When the aircraft is approaching a crossing route on which there is other traffic.

4.4.2.4 The ATSP should ensure that the periodic reporting interval in use is in accordance with the position reporting requirements of the separation standard being used. When not required for the application of separation, or other factors, The ATSP should return to a higher periodic reporting interval to reduce overall costs to the system.

4.4.2.5 Where possible the controlling authority should limit any change to the periodic reporting interval to not less than five (5) minutes. An adjacent ATSP with ADS contracts established with the same aircraft should restrict its periodic contract reporting interval to not less than the maximum reporting interval for application of reduced separation.

4.4.3 ADS contract - waypoint change event

Waypoint event reports will be sent at any non-compulsory reporting point and reflected in the predicted route group.

4.4.4 ADS contract - vertical range change and lateral deviation events

4.4.4.1 When the altitude range change event and lateral deviation event contracts are established, the controller will only be alerted to vertical or lateral variations that exceed the associated tolerances.

Note.— If a regular periodic report is sent as the aircraft is deviating from cleared level or route (but still within the level or lateral tolerances) the controller will still be alerted to the variation despite no event report having been sent.

4.5 Separation

4.5.1 General – ADS-C

4.5.1.1 The ATSU may use ADS-C for the application of procedural separation within a mixed environment, such as airspace where position reports are provided by a mixture of aircraft reporting by ADS-C and aircraft reporting by other means.

4.5.1.2 For example, the ATSU may use a combination of ADS-C, voice reports, radar or ADS-B information to determine separation between two or more aircraft.

4.5.1.3 When ADS-C is used for reoute conformance monitoring to support the separation, the ATSU should establish appropriate ADS contracts that specify the periodic reporting interval and tolerances on events in accordance with separation standards.

Note.— This will ensure that estimates being used for route conformance monitoring are acceptable for the separation and the controller receives an indication when the aircraft is not in conformance with its cleared flight plan.

4.5.1.4 The ATSU should apply a separation standard in a mixed surveillance environment appropriate to the communications and navigational capability of the relevant aircraft. When an ATSU applies separation between ADS-C and non-ADS-C aircraft, the separation standard needs to be appropriate to the capabilities of the non-ADS C aircraft.

4.5.1.5 The controller should advise the flight crew when the controller observes that the aircraft has deviated significantly from its cleared flight profile. The controller should take action as appropriate if the deviation is likely to affect the air traffic service being provided.

4.5.2 Vertical separation –ADS-C

4.5.2.1 Where practical, the tolerances used to determine whether a specific level is occupied by an ADS-C reporting aircraft within the airspace of a specific ATSU should be consistent with other tolerances used throughout the airspace. For example, the vertical tolerances for ADS-C should be consistent with vertical tolerances used for level adherence monitoring by other forms of surveillance, such as radar.

4.5.2.2 Where other vertical tolerances do not exist, the ATSU should apply a vertical tolerance of (□) 300 feet for ADS C applications. However, an individual ATSU may specify in local instructions and the AIP that it uses a tolerance of not less than (□) 200 feet to provide consistency with other vertical tolerances applied within the FIR.

4.5.2.3 If displayed ADS-C level information does not satisfy the required tolerance for an individual ATSU, then the controller should advise the flight crew accordingly and request to confirm the

aircraft's level. If following confirmation of the level the displayed ADS-C level information is still beyond the required tolerance, the controller may need to apply another method of separation or another method of determining level information.

4.5.2.4 When displayed ADS-C level information is within the specified tolerance of the expected or cleared flight level, the ATSU may use the ADS-C level information to apply vertical separation and to determine that an aircraft has reached or is maintaining a specified level.

4.5.2.5 The controller can consider that an aircraft has left a specified level when the displayed ADS-C level information indicates that the aircraft has passed the level in the required direction by more than the required tolerance.

4.5.3 Lateral separation – ADS-C

4.5.3.1 An ATSU can use ADS-C report information to automatically detect conflicts and provide indication to the controller to confirm whether or not an aircraft is within or beyond an area of lateral conflict.

4.5.3.2 When conflict detection tools are not available, the controller can determine lateral conflicts by observing the ADS-C report information and determining if the aircraft is within or outside the area of conflict.

Note.— The adequacy of the procedures used to detect lateral conflicts is a matter of the State.

4.5.4 Longitudinal separation – ADS-C

4.5.4.1 ATSUs that use approved or integrated measurement tools for the purpose of determining screen-based separation should publish in local documentation any limitations on the use of such tools for the establishment and monitoring of separation standards.

4.5.4.2 The ATSU may use ADS-C reports to establish and monitor longitudinal time and distance separation standards.

4.5.4.3 Some ground systems display an extrapolated or interpolated ADS C symbol between the receipt of ADS-C reports. Providing that the periodic reporting interval in use is in accordance with any maximum reporting interval specified by the separation standard, the ATSU may determine separation between the extrapolated/interpolated symbols by the use of screen-based measurement tools, or by the use of automated conflict detection tools.

4.5.4.4 When the ATSU uses extrapolated or interpolated ADS C symbols to provide separation and any doubt exists as to the integrity or validity of the information being presented, the controller should send a demand contract to update the relevant information. If doubt still exists, the controller should consider using an alternative method of separation.

4.5.4.5 The ATSU may use ground system flight data records updated by ADS-C reports in the application of appropriate time-based separation standards. Methods of determination may include reference to:

- a) Estimates at actual waypoints;

- b) Calculated estimates for positions not contained in the ATS flight plan;
- c) Screen-based measurement tools; or
- d) Automated conflict detection tools.

4.5.4.6 The ATSU may use ADS-C reports for the application of appropriate longitudinal distance standards. Methods of determination may include:

- a) The use of automated system tools to measure the displayed positions of two or more aircraft reporting by ADS-C;
- b) Comparing the displayed position of an ADS-C aircraft with the position of another aircraft determined by an alternative form of surveillance; or
- c) The use of automated conflict detection tools.

4.5.5 Using FMC WPR for position reporting

4.5.5.1 Whenever an FMC WPR is overdue by more than a specific interval, as determined by ATC, the controller should take action to advise the aircraft concerned and request a voice position report. If either the flight crew or the controller notices intermittent operation, either may revert to voice reporting at any time. (The flight crew would be expected to report by voice for the remainder of the flight.)

4.5.5.2 A controller who becomes aware of corrupt or incorrect data in the FMC WPR report should establish voice contact with the aircraft concerned in order to correct the situation.

4.5.5.3 If the controller becomes aware of a data link communications failure, the controller should advise affected aircraft to revert to voice position reporting in accordance with [paragraph 4.7.5](#).

4.6 Alerting service

For ADS-C aircraft, the ATSU should base the provision of the alerting service on the scheduled position reports provided by the periodic report contract.

4.7 Emergency and non-routine procedures

4.7.1 General

4.7.1.1 The flight crew will use whatever means are appropriate, i.e. CPDLC and/or voice, to communicate during an emergency.

4.7.1.2 During an emergency, a controller would normally expect the flight crew to revert to voice communications. However, the flight crew may use CPDLC for emergency communications if it is either more expedient to do so or if they are unable to establish voice contact.

4.7.1.3 Whilst the emergency communication may be acknowledged by CPDLC, the controller may also attempt to make voice contact with the aircraft.

4.7.1.4 The controller should follow normal emergency response procedures, as appropriate, depending on the nature of the emergency.

4.7.1.5 Refer to current ICAO procedures for standards and recommended practices on complete communications failure (CPDLC and voice).

4.7.1.6 The procedures described in the following paragraphs are relevant only to the use of CPDLC and ADS-C during an emergency.

4.7.2 CPDLC and ADS C emergency

4.7.2.1 If the ATSU receives an ADS-C emergency report without a corresponding CPDLC emergency message, then the controller should request confirmation of the emergency in accordance with the guidelines provided in [paragraph 4.7.3](#).

4.7.2.2 The controller should treat any CPDLC downlink message that contains an emergency message element (see [Appendix A, paragraph A.3](#) for the list of emergency message elements) as an emergency message, with the exception of [DM 80](#) **DEVIATING UP TO [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE** or *DEVIATING [distanceoffset] [direction] OF ROUTE*.

4.7.2.3 If the ATSU receives a CPDLC emergency message such as [DM 56](#) MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY or [DM 55](#) PAN PAN PAN, with or without a corresponding ADS-C emergency report, the controller should acknowledge receipt of the CPDLC message using the most appropriate means (voice or CPDLC). If responding by CPDLC, the controller should use either of the following free text message elements (as appropriate):

- a) [UM 169r](#) ROGER PAN if the downlink message contains [DM 55](#) PAN PAN PAN; or
- b) [UM 169q](#) ROGER MAYDAY if the downlink message contains [DM 56](#) MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY.

Note.— For FANS 1/A, the CPDLC emergency messages do not require a closure response. Therefore, the avionics will reject receipt of the [UM 3](#) ROGER message element.

4.7.2.4 Whilst this uplink free text message element requires a closure response ([DM 3](#) ROGER), depending on flight crew workload and the nature of the emergency, the controller may not receive this response.

4.7.2.5 The controller should attempt to determine the nature of the emergency and ascertain any assistance that may be required.

Note.— When the ATSU receives [DM 55](#) or [DM 56](#), additional message elements (e.g. [DM 61](#) DESCENDING to [altitude]) may be appended. Any information appended to [DM 55](#) or [DM 56](#) may not accurately reflect the current altitude, attitude, tracking information, or the intentions of the flight crew.

4.7.2.6 If CPDLC is the normal means of ATC communication for the aircraft, then the ATSU should maintain the active connection until suitable voice communication becomes available. In this case, the ATSU should not transfer the CPDLC connection to another ATSU.

4.7.2.7 If a transfer of the CPDLC connection does not occur, then the current ATSU retains the responsibility for maintaining communications with the aircraft.

4.7.2.8 The ATSU with control responsibility for the flight may choose to:

- a) Decrease the ADS-C periodic reporting interval to 5 minutes;

Note 1.— Decreasing the ADS-C reporting interval reduces the period between cancellation of the ADS-C emergency and receipt of the ADS-C CANCEL EMERGENCY message.

Note 2.— Adjacent ATSUs should not decrease the ADS-C periodic reporting interval.

- b) Send a demand contract request.

Note 3.— This is not required if the periodic reporting interval has been decreased – an ADS-C report will have already been triggered by the avionics when the new periodic contract is received.

4.7.3 ADS-C emergency report without a CPDLC emergency message

4.7.3.1 When an ATSU not having control responsibility for the aircraft receives an indication of an ADS-C emergency, they should coordinate with the controlling authority to ensure that they received the emergency report (see [paragraph 3.1.2.3.2](#) for related information).

4.7.3.2 When an ATSU having control responsibility for the aircraft receives an indication of an ADS-C emergency report without either a CPDLC emergency message or voice confirmation, then it is possible that the aircraft may be subject to unlawful interference or inadvertent activation of the ADS-C emergency mode. If a subsequent ADS-C report indicates that the aircraft is maintaining normal operations (i.e. the aircraft is operating in accordance with its clearance), the controller should confirm the ADS-C emergency using CPDLC or voice.

4.7.3.3 To check for covert or inadvertent activation of the ADS-C emergency mode using CPDLC, the controller should send the following CPDLC free text uplink. (If voice is used for confirmation, the same message text should be used in the voice transmission).

Controller	UM 169ak CONFIRM ADS-C EMERGENCY
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If the emergency mode has been activated inadvertently, the flight crew will cancel the ADS-C emergency and advise the controller either by voice or the following CPDLC free text downlink.

Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER, then ADS RESET
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If the aircraft continues with the ADS-C emergency mode activated, the controller should assume the aircraft is in emergency conditions and follow normal alerting procedures.

Note. The avionics may not send the ADS-C CANCEL EMERGENCY message until the next ADS-C periodic report is due.

4.7.4 Voice communications related to data link

4.7.4.1 When CPDLC fails and the controller reverts to voice communications, the controller should consider all open messages not delivered and re-commence any dialogues involving those messages by voice.

4.7.4.2 The controller or radio operator should use the standard voice phraseology under certain conditions as indicated in [Table 4-3](#).

Table 4-3. Voice phraseology related to CPDLC

Condition	Voice phraseology
To instruct the flight crew to manually initiate an AFN logon to the subsequent ATSU	SELECT ATC COMM OFF THEN LOGON TO [facility designation] <i>Note 1.— The [facility designation] is the four character ICAO code..</i> <i>Note 2.— Use this phraseology when the CPDLC transfer to an adjacent ATSU has failed.</i>
To advise the flight crew that the data link has failed and instruct them to continue on voice.	DATA LINK FAILED. SELECT ATC COMM OFF. CONTINUE ON VOICE
To advise the flight crew prior to the commencement of a FANS I/A data link shutdown and instruct them to continue on voice.	DATA LINK WILL BE SHUT DOWN. SELECT ATC COMM OFF. CONTINUE ON VOICE.
To advise the flight crew that the transmission is being made due to a CPDLC failure	CPDLC FAILURE. <i>Note.— This phraseology should only be included with the first transmission made for this reason.</i>
To advise the flight crew of a complete ground system failure	ALL STATIONS CPDLC FAILURE [identification of station calling].
To advise the flight crew that the data link system has resumed operations	DATA LINK OPERATIONAL. LOGON TO [facility designation]

4.7.5 Data link service failures

4.7.5.1 CPDLC connection failure

4.7.5.1.1 If a CPDLC dialogue is interrupted by a data link service failure, the controller should recommence the entire dialogue by voice communication.

4.7.5.1.2 When the controller recognizes a failure of the CPDLC connection, the controller should instruct the flight crew to terminate the connection, by selecting ATC Com Off, and then initiate another AFN logon. The controller or radio operator should use the following voice phraseology:

Controller (or radio operator)	DATA LINK FAILED. SELECT ATC COMM OFF THEN LOGON TO [facility designation]
Flight crew	ROGER

Note.— The [facility designation] is the 4 character ICAO code.

4.7.5.1.3 Once the AFN logon is established, the ATS system should send a CPDLC CR1 message to re-establish the connection.

4.7.5.2 Data link service failure

4.7.5.2.1 In the event of an unexpected data link shutdown, the relevant ATSU should inform:

a) All affected aircraft using the following voice phraseology:

Controller (or radio operator)	DATA LINK FAILED. SELECT ATC COMM OFF. CONTINUE ON VOICE
Flight crew	ROGER

b) The adjacent ATSUs by direct coordination; and

c) All relevant parties via the publication of a NOTAM, if appropriate.

Note.— In the event of a planned or unexpected network or satellite data service outage (e.g., ground earth station failure), the communication service provider will notify all ATSUs within the affected area in accordance with [paragraph 3.1.3.1](#) so the controller can inform affected aircraft.

4.7.5.3 Planned data link shutdown

4.7.5.3.1 During the time period of a planned data link shutdown, the ATSP will advise the operators of the requirements to use voice communication procedures.

4.7.5.3.2 When advising the flight crew prior to the commencement of a planned data link shutdown, the controller should use the following CPDLC message or the radio operator should use the equivalent voice phraseology:

Controller (or radio operator, if voice)	UM 169 DATA LINK WILL BE SHUT DOWN. SELECT ATC COMM OFF. CONTINUE ON VOICE <i>Note 1.</i> — The controller could optionally provide the voice frequency.
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER <i>Note 2.</i> — The flight crew should select ATC Com Off when the message is received.

4.7.5.4 CPDLC or ADS-C service failure

4.7.5.4.1 Some ATSU's are not equipped with both CPDLC and ADS-C and consequently may experience a failure of either the CPDLC or ADS-C service. For ATSU's that have both CPDLC and ADS-C it is not likely that just one component will shutdown, however it is possible.

4.7.5.4.2 When either CPDLC or ADS-C service is shut down, the controller should follow the procedure in [paragraph 4.7.5.2](#) for data link service failure, as appropriate.

4.7.5.4.3 When the ADS-C service is shut down, the affected ATSU should inform all other affected parties of the shutdown and likely period.

4.7.5.4.4 If a CPDLC service is still available, the controller should send a CPDLC message to the flight crew notifying reporting requirements using the following free text message:

Controller	UM 169ao ADS-C SHUT DOWN REVERT TO CPDLC POSITION REPORTS
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER

4.7.5.4.5 When an ADS-C contract cannot be established, or if ADS-C reporting from an aircraft ceases unexpectedly, if CPDLC is still available, the controller should send a CPDLC message to the flight crew, using the following free text message:

Controller	UM 169an CONFIRM ADS-C ARMED
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER

Note.— The flight crew may have inadvertently selected ADS-C off. If ADS-C had been turned off, re-arming it will not re-initiate previous ADS contracts. The ATSU will need to establish new ADS contracts.

4.7.5.5 The controller or radio operator should use the following voice phraseology to advise the flight crew that the data link system has resumed operations.

Controller (or radio operator)	DATA LINK OPERATIONAL LOGON TO [facility designation]
Flight crew	LOGON [facility designation]

Note.— The [facility designation] is the 4 character ICAO code.

4.7.6 Using CPDLC to relay messages

4.7.6.1 When an ATSU and an aircraft cannot communicate, the controller may use CPDLC to relay messages via an intermediary CPDLC-capable aircraft. Depending on circumstances, the controller may first confirm that the CPDLC-capable aircraft is in contact with the subject aircraft, and obtain concurrence from the flight crew that they will act as an intermediary. The controller should only use free text, with the following form:

Controller	<p><u>UM 169ap</u> RELAY TO [call sign] [facilityname] [text of message to be relayed]</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [call sign] is expressed as the radiotelephony call sign, rather than the ICAO three letter or IATA two letter designator; • [facilityname] is expressed as the radiotelephony name, not the 4-character code; and • [text of message to be relayed] conforms to the guidelines provided <u>paragraph 3.1.1.4 and 4.2.2</u>, e.g., CLEARs [call-sign] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL340. <p><i>Note.— The use of standard message elements is prohibited because the intermediary aircraft's FMS could be unintentionally armed.</i></p>
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Example:

Controller	<u>UM 169ap</u> RELAY TO UNITED345 OAKLAND CLEARs UNITED345 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL340
Flight crew	<u>DM 3</u> ROGER
Flight crew	<u>DM 67ae</u> RELAY FROM UNITED345 CLIMBING FL340

Chapter 5. Flight crew procedures

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 Operational differences between voice and data link communications

5.1.1.1 Future Air Navigation System (FANS) 1/A operations typically involve three elements: communication (data link), navigation (RNAV/RNP), and surveillance (ADS-C). This section provides the flight crew procedures associated with CPDLC and ADS-C. Refer to other references for navigation (RNAV/RNP) qualification and use.

5.1.1.2 Development, testing, and in-service experience have highlighted fundamental differences between data link and voice communications. These differences should be considered when developing or approving flight crew procedures for use of air traffic service (ATS) communication data link systems.

5.1.1.3 For example, when using traditional voice communications, each flight crew member typically hears an incoming ATS instruction or an outgoing ATS transmission. With voice, the natural ability for each flight crew member to understand incoming and outgoing transmissions for their own aircraft has provided a certain level of situational awareness among the flight crew. With data link, flight crew procedures need to ensure an equivalent level of situational awareness to ensure the flight crew understands the content or intent of a message in the same way.

5.1.1.4 The operator should develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) to ensure that each flight crew member (e.g., pilot flying and pilot monitoring - communicating) reviews each uplink or downlink message.

5.1.1.5 An operator who uses augmented crews should ensure procedures include instructions to flight crew carrying out 'handover' briefings. The pilot carrying out the 'handover' briefing should thoroughly brief the 'changeover' flight crew or flight crew member on the status of ADS-C and CPDLC, including a review of stored uplink and downlink CPDLC messages.

5.1.1.6 Uplink messages require special attention to avoid flight crew accepting a clearance and not complying with that clearance. When ATC sends an uplink message to an aircraft that is accepted by the flight crew, ATC expects the flight crew to comply with the clearance. An effective method for minimizing errors for controller-pilot data link communications (CPDLC) uplink messages is for the SOP to ensure that each pilot reads the uplinked message independently (silently) before the pilot communicating initiates the discussion about whether and how to act on the message. Reading a message independently and silently is a key element to ensure that a pilot does not infer any preconceived intent different than what is intended or appropriate. Use of this “silent technique” can provide a flight crew with an acceptable level of situational awareness for the intended operations.

5.1.1.7 In a similar manner, downlink messages should typically be reviewed by each applicable pilot before a CPDLC message is sent. Although not done silently, having one person (generally the pilot monitoring) input the message and having the second person (pilot flying) review the message before it is sent promotes an adequate level of situational awareness, comparable to or better than when using voice transmissions. Flight crew coordination of uplink and downlink messages should typically be done using flight deck displays. Use of printer-based information for this verification function is typically not appropriate due to the potential error characteristics of printers and printed messages.

5.1.2 Operational authorization to use FANS 1/A data link

5.1.2.1 The flight crew needs to be qualified to use FANS 1/A data link (CPDLC and ADS-C) services in accordance with [paragraph 3.2](#).

5.1.3 When to use voice and when to use data link

5.1.3.1 When operating within CPDLC airspace and local ATC procedures do not conflict, CPDLC should be the primary means of communication. Voice should be used as the backup communication medium (e.g. direct HF, third party HF, Satvoice).

5.1.3.2 CPDLC provides for routine and non-routine communications. Depending on the circumstances, voice may be a more appropriate means for non-routine communications.

5.1.3.3 The response to a CPDLC message should typically be via CPDLC, and response to a voice message should be via voice.

5.1.3.4 If the flight crew receives conflicting CPDLC and voice clearance/instructions, they should seek clarification by voice.

5.1.3.5 If the flight crew is unsure of the intent of an uplinked message, the message should be rejected (i.e, sends UNABLE to the controller). The intent of the message should then be confirmed by voice.

5.1.3.6 When using CPDLC as the primary means of communication, the flight crew should monitor VHF/UHF guard frequency and maintain a SELCAL watch at all times. On aircraft with two-channel SATCOM systems, one channel may be selected to the speed dial number for the radio facility of the current flight information region (FIR) to enable timely voice communications to ATS should the

need arise. The second channel may be selected to the company speed dial number to enable timely voice communications with company dispatch.

5.1.4 Loss of SATCOM data communications

Aircraft crew alerting systems notify the flight crew when aircraft SATCOM data link system fails. When operating SATCOM as a primary communications and the flight crew is notified of a failure of the SATCOM system, the flight crew should notify the air traffic service unit (ATSU) of the failure. Timely notification is appropriate to ensure that the ATSU has time to assess the situation and apply a revised separation standard, if necessary.

5.2 Logon

5.2.1 General

5.2.1.1 Company data link systems such as the Aircraft Communication Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS) typically establish a connection with company or dispatch ground automation systems automatically when the system is powered.

5.2.1.2 FANS 1/A uses ACARS as the communications ‘conduit’ to transmit and receive messages. However, unlike ACARS, a FANS 1/A CPDLC connection requires a logon procedure before a connection can be established between the aircraft and the ATSU. The flight crew should actively initiate a CPDLC connection for ATS service.

5.2.1.3 The process of logon is started by sending a logon request from the aircraft to a specific ATSU. The logon request is used to provide an ATSU with the flight number (flight ID) and tail number (aircraft registration) for the aircraft intending to establish a connection. The ATSU uses this information to correlate the flight number (flight ID) and tail number (aircraft registration) with the corresponding flight data held by the ATSU’s flight data processing system (FDPS).

5.2.1.4 The flight crew should ensure all of the following:

- a) flight number (flight ID) on the ATC logon page exactly matches the filed flight plan;
- b) the current flight plan contains the correct tail number (aircraft registration); and
- c) tail number (aircraft registration) exactly matches the aircraft placard, when the aircraft does not automatically load the tail number (aircraft registration). Some aircraft include the tail number on the ATC logon page. On some aircraft this is a manual entry after maintenance.

If any of the above do not match, the flight crew will need to contact AOC.

Note.- The ATSU correlates the data sent in a logon message with flight plan data. If the data does not match exactly, a CPDLC or ADS-C connection will be rejected.

5.2.1.5 Each time a connection is established, the flight crew should ensure the four character active center identifier matches the identifier for the airspace in which they are operating.

Note.— Often the ATSU identifier is the same as the airspace identifier but in some airspace these do not match.

5.2.1.6 After the flight crew sends a logon request, a logon timer starts. If the ground does not uplink the appropriate connection messages within 10 minutes, the CPDLC CR1 message will time out, and an alert will be provided to the flight crew that the logon attempt was unsuccessful. Invariably, a failed logon is the result of incorrect data entry. If a second logon attempt is not successful, the flight crew should establish voice communications with the ATSU to try and resolve the issue.

5.2.1.7 In the event of an abnormal disconnect, the flight crew should reinitiate an AFN logon to resume FANS 1/A data link operations.

5.2.2 When to initiate an AFN logon

5.2.2.1 When the aircraft is entering an FIR that provides CPDLC and ADS-C service, the flight crew should initiate an AFN logon:

- a) For aircraft departing from an airport located within the FIR:
 - 1) Prior to takeoff, no earlier than 45 minutes prior to ETD, using the AFN logon address for the FIR that the departure airport is located within; or
 - 2) After passing 10,000ft, using the AFN logon address for the FIR in which the aircraft is currently operating, with the exception that when an aircraft is within 15-25 minutes from entering another FIR that also provides data link service, the flight crew initiates an AFN logon to the next ATSU, rather than the current ATSU.
- b) For aircraft departing from an airport in proximity to the FIR and the flight crew did not initiate the logon before takeoff, then after passing 10,000 feet and between 15 and 25 minutes prior to the FIR boundary estimate.
- c) When above 10,000 feet, then between 15 and 25 minutes prior to the FIR boundary estimate.
- d) When instructed by ATC for situations such as following an unsuccessful data link transfer to another ATSU. See also [paragraph 5.2.4.2](#).

5.2.2.2 When the avionics/flight crew recognizes a failure of the data link connection, the flight crew should terminate the CPDLC connection by selecting ATC Com Off and then initiate a new AFN logon (FN_CON) with the current ATSU.

5.2.3 Automatic transfer between FANS 1/A FIRs

5.2.3.1 When approaching a FIR boundary, the pilot communicating should display the logon page and monitor the transition from the current ATS facility to the next facility.

5.2.3.2 When transitioning between FIRs providing CPDLC and ADS-C services, the flight crew should not need to send a logon request. The current and next ATSUs typically exchange flight number and registration number information automatically, either through the airplane (transparent to the flight crew) or through ground coordination.

5.2.3.3 Typically, about 30 min prior to the FIR boundary, in addition to the active center, the flight crew should see the next center identifier displayed on the logon page.

5.2.3.4 Just before the boundary, the active center will uplink a (UM 117 to UM 122) CONTACT or MONITOR [unitname] [frequency] message. An end-service instruction can also be included in this uplink, and accepting the uplink will cause the next center to become the active center. Some ATSU's will initiate automatic transfers by sending a CONTACT/MONITOR message separately approximately 20 minutes before the boundary. Then they will send the end service instruction approximately 3 minutes before the boundary causing the connection transfer.

5.2.3.5 The CONTACT/MONITOR uplink messages (UM 117 to UM 122) instructs the flight crew to change to the specified frequency and may include a position or time for when to change to the new frequency.

a) When the flight crew receives any of the MONITOR uplink messages, they should change to the specified frequency when they receive the instruction or at the specified time or position. The flight crew should not establish voice contact on the frequency.

b) When the flight crew receives any of the CONTACT messages, they should change to the specified frequency when they receive the instruction or at the specified time or position, and establish voice contact on the frequency.

Note.— Upon receipt of any of the CONTACT uplink messages, flight crew should not expect that CPDLC will be terminated or suspended once voice contact is established.

5.2.3.6 When a new active CPDLC connection is established, the flight crew will be notified and, if entering an FIR that requires a CPDLC position report to confirm current data authority status (refer [Appendix E](#)), should send a CPDLC position report at the associated position.

5.2.4 Automatic transfer failures

5.2.4.1 There can be occasions when the CPDLC connection is not automatically transferred between adjacent FIRs. If the automatic transfer does not occur at the FIR boundary, and if transferring to an ATSU that use a CPDLC position report to confirm current data authority status (refer [Appendix E](#)), the flight crew should send a CPDLC position report after crossing the boundary. Receipt of a position report should provide an indication to the controller to manually transfer the connection to the next ATSU.

5.2.4.2 If the connection is not transferred within three minutes after sending a reminder CPDLC position report, or crossing the boundary where no CPDLC position report is required, the flight crew should cancel the current connection and manually send a new logon request to the appropriate ATSU.

5.2.5 Exiting CPDLC and ADS-C airspace

When exiting CPDLC and ADS-C airspace, the flight crew should ensure there is no active CPDLC connection by checking that the ACTIVE CENTER on the logon page is blank. The flight crew should also check to see that there is no active ADS connection. An active ADS-C indication when not in ADS-C surveillance airspace means that someone is tracking the airplane when not required. Ensuring that connections are not active when not required helps to reduce operating costs and loading of the network.

Note.— The flight crew should take care not to inadvertently select ADS-C emergency mode when selecting ADS-C OFF and then back to ARM.

5.3 CPDLC – ATS uplinks

5.3.1 General

5.3.1.1 To ensure situational awareness, when CPDLC uplinks arrive on the flight deck, each pilot should read the message silently. Once the message has been read silently by each pilot, (i.e., the pilot flying and the pilot monitoring) the flight crew starts the discussion to accept or reject the message.

5.3.1.2 A multi-element message is an uplinked message that contains multiple instructions or elements, such as [UM 20](#) CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350. [UM 128](#) REPORT LEAVING FL330. [UM 129](#) REPORT LEVEL FL350.

5.3.1.3 It is possible for multi-element CPDLC messages to be displayed on more than one screen page. The flight crew should carefully refer to screen page numbers to ensure that the entire uplink has been read in the correct sequence. Due to constraints associated with use of the flight deck printer, the flight crew should read CPDLC messages using the flight deck displays and should not use a printed CPDLC message for anything other than reference information.

5.3.1.4 When uplinks are accepted, the flight crew should enter the required data into the appropriate aircraft systems to comply with the clearance and then cancel the message from the display. Once the flight crew has accepted and acted on the message, the flight crew clears/cancels the display and the message is automatically added to the review list. This action resets the display and alerting systems so that subsequent uplink messages are not confused with previously accepted messages.

Note.— If the flight crew does not clear/cancel the displayed message, another message cannot be displayed and they may miss it.

5.3.1.5 When the flight crew receives a message containing only free text, or a free text element combined with elements that do not require a response, they should respond to the free text with a [DM 3](#) ROGER response before responding to any query that may be contained in the free text message element.

Example:

Controller	UM 169b REPORT GROUND SPEED
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER
Flight crew	DM 67I GS 490

5.3.2 Flight crew response times for uplinked messages

5.3.2.1 System performance requirements have been established that support reduced separation standards. Specific latency times have been allocated to the technical performance, based on flight crew and controller response times. Regional/State monitoring agencies monitor overall system latency and flight crew response times to uplinked messages to ensure the system and operators are meeting required standards. To support an RCP 240 operation, e.g., 30 mile longitudinal separation, the flight crew should respond to an uplink message within one minute.

Note.— Transmission times for messages may vary for a number of reasons including the type of transmission media, network loading, or the criteria for transitioning from one media to another, e.g.,

VHF/Satcom. Operational response times may vary depending on workload and complexity of the instruction or clearance.

5.3.2.2 Flight crew procedures should be developed to respond to uplinks as soon as practical after they are received. For most uplinks, the flight crew will have adequate time to read and respond within one minute. However, the flight crew should not be pressured to respond without taking adequate time to fully understand the uplinked message and to satisfy other higher priority operational demands.

5.3.2.3 If the flight crew determines they will need a significant amount of time to respond to a message, they should send a **DM 2** STANDBY response. A standby response can only be sent one time per message.

5.3.2.4 If a flight is transferred to a new ATSU with an ‘OPEN’ downlink message, the downlink message status will change to ABORTED and the flight crew will not be able to send this message to the new ATSU.

Note.— It is not uncommon to be transferred with an open “REPORT BACK ON ROUTE MESSAGE” as the condition of the report has not yet been satisfied.

5.3.3 Conditional clearances

5.3.3.1 Operational experience has shown that conditional clearances require special attention by the flight crew. Previously mentioned techniques whereby each flight crew member reads the uplinked clearances silently should aid in reducing errors.

5.3.3.2 An operator should specify standard operating procedures (SOPs) for responding to conditional clearances. These SOPs should be consistent with SOPs for voice communication procedures, and with using aircraft flight guidance and navigation systems for the particular airplane type.

5.3.3.3 An operator should ensure that their training and qualification program clearly addresses use of words “AT” or “BY” as used in conditional clearances, particularly for a non-native English speaking flight crew. **Table 5-1** clarifies the intended meaning for conditional clearance message elements. (Refer also to **Appendix A, paragraph A.2.**)

*Note.— Controllers will precede message elements **UM 21**, **UM 22**, **UM 24**, and **UM 25** with **UM 19** MAINTAIN [level], due to potential misinterpretation by the flight crew.*

Table 5-1. Conditional clearance clarification of vertical clearance messages

Message Intent	Message element
Instruction that, AT or AFTER the specified time, a climb to the specified level is to commence and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	UM 21 AT [time] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Instruction that, AFTER PASSING the specified position, a climb to the specified level is to commence and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	UM 22 AT [position] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]

Message Intent	Message element
Instruction that, AT or AFTER the specified time, a descent to the specified level is to commence and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	UM 24 AT [time] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Instruction that, AFTER PASSING the specified position, a descent to the specified level is to commence and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	UM 25 AT [position] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]
Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached AT or BEFORE the specified time.	UM 26 CLIMB TO REACH [altitude] BY [time]
Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached BEFORE PASSING the specified position.	UM 27 CLIMB TO REACH [altitude] BY [position]
Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached AT or BEFORE the specified time.	UM 28 DESCEND TO REACH [altitude] BY [time]
Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached BEFORE PASSING the specified position.	UM 29 DESCEND TO REACH [altitude] BY [position]

5.3.4 “EXPECT” uplinks

The ATSU may uplink “EXPECT” messages such as EXPECT CLIMB AT (time). The operator should ensure that their flight crews are trained not to execute an “EXPECT” message as if it were a clearance. The training should include procedures, consistent with ICAO standards, for handling “EXPECT” messages in the event of a total communication failure (loss of data and voice).

5.3.5 Uplinks containing FMC-loadable data

5.3.5.1 One of the safety advantages of using CPDLC is the capability to exchange route clearance messages that can be loaded directly into an FMC. The flight crew can use this capability to minimize the potential for data entry errors when executing ATC instructions involving loadable data. It also enables advanced data link operations, such as a reroute or a tailored arrival, provided in [Chapter 6](#), which otherwise would not be possible via voice.

5.3.5.2 If an uplink is received that contains data that can be loaded into the FMC, a “LOAD” prompt is provided on the uplink page. The flight crew should load the data into the FMC before accepting the clearance. During the loading process, the FMC checks the uplinked data to ensure it is compatible in format and with the FMC navigation database.

5.3.5.3 If the FMC cannot accept the uplinked data, a message is provided to the flight crew (e.g., partial clearance loaded or unable to load). If either loading failure message is displayed, the flight crew should reject the clearance.

5.3.5.4 If the uplink data is loaded without display of any failure messages, the flight crew should check to ensure the route modification created during the loading process does not contain any

discontinuities. If a discontinuity exists in the route modification, the flight crew should REJECT/UNABLE the uplink. The flight crew should clarify a rejected clearance due to any loading failures or route discontinuities by using voice communications.

5.3.5.5 If uplink data loads without any failure messages or discontinuities, the flight crew may execute an FMC route modification and accept (**DM 0** WILCO) the clearance.

5.4 CPDLC – ATS downlinks

5.4.1 General

5.4.1.1 Downlink messages can only be sent to the ATSU that is the ACTIVE CENTER as shown on the logon page. To provide situational awareness, operations manuals should ensure that each flight crew member has read each downlink message before it is sent. To avoid potential ambiguity, the flight crew should, where possible, avoid sending multiple clearance requests in a single downlink message. For example, the flight crew should send separate downlink requests for REQUEST CLIMB TO FL350 and REQUEST DIRECT TO [fix] unless there is an operational need to combine them in a single request (i.e., the flight crew does not want to climb unless they can reroute).

5.4.1.2 When the aircraft has an active CPDLC connection with an ATSU, but the flight is not in that ATSU's airspace, the flight crew should not downlink a clearance request.

5.4.1.3 The flight crew should use the preformatted downlink pages to compose and send clearance requests, CPDLC position reports, and other requested reports. Additional qualifiers such as DUE TO WEATHER are provided on the downlink pages and should be used as needed.

5.4.1.4 The flight crew should avoid sending multi-element clearance requests.

5.4.1.5 If the flight crew receives a **UM 1** STANDBY response to a downlink message, the flight crew should expect the controller to subsequently respond again within 10 minutes. The message remains open. If the flight crew does not receive a response within this time, they should send an inquiry rather than resend a duplicated request.

5.4.1.6 When the flight crew does not receive a response to a message after a reasonable period of time has passed and no error message has been received indicating the non-delivery of the message, the flight crew should send an inquiry message rather than resending the message. Alternatively, they may use voice communication.

Example:

Flight crew	DM 9 REQUEST CLIMB TO [level]
	Reasonable period of time has passes
Flight crew	DM 67h WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CLIMB TO [altitude]

5.4.1.7 When the flight crew receives an indication of non-delivery of a message, they may elect to re-send an identical message. Alternatively, they may use voice communication.

5.4.2 Free text

5.4.2.1 The flight crew should use standard message elements, particularly when requesting or issuing a clearance.

Note.— The use of standard message elements will minimize the risk of input errors, misunderstandings, and confusion, and facilitate use by a non-native English speaking flight crew. The use of standard message elements allows the avionics and the ground system to automatically process the information in the messages that are exchanged. For example, the flight crew can automatically load clearance information into the FMS and review the clearance, the ground system can automatically update flight plan data for route conformance monitoring, and both aircraft and ground system can associate responses to messages.

5.4.2.2 While the flight crew should avoid the use of the free text message element, given local constraints and limitations of the data link system, its use may offer a viable solution to enhance operational capability.

5.4.2.3 Free text messages should be used only when an appropriate preformatted message element does not exist. In particular, creation of clearance request downlinks and issuing of clearance uplinks should be performed by the use of preformatted message elements only. The use of preformatted message elements allows the air traffic controller to respond more quickly by taking full advantage of ground automation's matching a preformatted request to a preformatted response. Additionally, this process minimizes the risk of input and interpretation errors.

5.4.2.4 When use of free text is required, standard ATS phraseology and format should be used. Nonessential words and phrases should be avoided. Abbreviations should only be included in free text messages when they form part of standard ICAO phraseology, for example, ETA.

5.4.3 Unsupported messages

5.4.3.1 Some FIRs provide CPDLC service using a limited message set. The operator should ensure that its flight crews are aware of any unsupported downlink messages provided by regional or State documentation.

5.4.3.2 If the flight crew sends a downlink message that is not supported, they will typically receive the uplink free text message **UM 169u** MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT, rather than terminating the connection. If the flight crew receives this message, they should accept (**DM 3** ROGER) the message.

5.4.4 CPDLC emergency page

5.4.4.1 A CPDLC emergency page is provided through the CPDLC downlink menu to enable timely alerting of emergency or degraded operations to an ATSU (by sending either a **DM 56** MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY or **DM 55** PAN PAN PAN message). Sending such a message enables the emergency ADS-C position reporting.

5.4.4.2 The flight crew should enter SOULS on BOARD to send the emergency message. This may be completed during preflight preparation or prior to logon.

5.4.4.3 If the situation is resolved, the flight crew should send a **DM 58** CANCEL EMERGENCY message.

5.4.5 CPDLC reports

5.4.5.1 On occasion, ATSUs may include REPORT elements with other CPDLC uplinks. For example, a common uplink might be **UM 20** CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL350. **UM 128** REPORT LEAVING FL330. **UM 129** REPORT LEVEL FL350. FANS-equipped aircraft include a feature which automatically prepares to send the needed report elements when trigger threshold conditions are satisfied (e.g., LEAVING FL330 and **DM 37** LEVEL FL350). Once an uplink message that includes report elements is accepted, the flight crew may ARM the report elements. ARMing the report element(s) enables automatic transmission of the requested report when the report trigger logic is satisfied (having leveled at FL350).

5.5 Automatic dependant surveillance – contract

The Automatic Dependant Surveillance Contract (ADS-C) system allows ATSU ground automation to track an aircraft automatically.

The flight crew procedure for use of ADS-C is to ensure the system is not selected “off” when sending the initial logon request. The logon request provides the flight number and tail number addressing information required to establish an ADS-C connection with an aircraft. From then on, the flight crew should check to ensure the ADS-C system is not selected to “off” when sending a CPDLC logon downlink. The flight crew can select “ADS OFF” to cancel all ADS-C connections. This should only be done to comply with an ATC or AOC instruction.

While the “ADS STATUS” is shown as “OFF”, the ground system will not be able to establish an ADS-C connection.

5.6 Position reporting

5.6.1 General

5.6.1.1 The flight crew should ensure correct waypoint sequencing. If a waypoint is passed abeam by more than the aircraft FMS parameter while flying in heading select mode, the flight crew should re-program the FMS (e.g. to fly direct to the next relevant waypoint) to enable subsequent waypoints to be sequenced.

Note.— When an aircraft passes abeam a waypoint in excess of the defined sequencing parameter for the aircraft type, the FMC will not sequence the active waypoint on the Legs and Position Report pages.

5.6.1.2 The flight crew should not include latitudes and longitudes encoded as fix names in the ARINC 424 format. Example 10N40 (indicates lat/long of 10N140W).

Note.— The ATSU may reject any downlink message containing fix names in the ARINC 424 format (e.g., 10N40, indicating 10N140W).

5.6.2 Position reporting in a non-ADS-C environment

5.6.2.1 When ADS-C is not available, the flight crew should conduct position reporting by voice or CPDLC. A CPDLC position report should be sent either automatically or manually by the flight crew whenever an ATC waypoint is sequenced, (or passed abeam when offset flight is in progress). The controller expects the CPDLC position report based on downlink message **DM 48** POSITION REPORT [position report].

5.6.2.2 When using CPDLC for position reporting, the flight crew should ensure that the position and next position information applies only to compulsory reporting points unless requested otherwise by ATC. The ensuing significant point may be either the compulsory or non-compulsory reporting point after the next position (Refer AIREP form PANS-ATM, Appendix 1).

5.6.2.3 When using voice or CPDLC for position reporting, the flight crew should send position reports only at compulsory ATC waypoints,

5.6.3 Position reporting in an ADS-C environment

5.6.3.1 The flight crew should not insert non-ATC waypoints (e.g. mid-points) in cleared segments of the active flight plan.

Note.— If the flight crew inserts non-ATC waypoints into the active flight plan and activates the change, the aircraft system may trigger an ADS-C waypoint change event report at the non-ATC waypoint, or include information about the non-ATC waypoint in the predicted route group, as well as the intermediate and fixed projected intent groups. As a result, the ADS-C report will include information about the non-ATC waypoint, which is not expected by the ATC ground system.

5.6.3.2 When reporting by ADS-C only, the flight crew should not remove ATC waypoints even if they are not compulsory reporting points. Waypoint event reports will be sent at any non-compulsory reporting point and reflected in the predicted route group.

5.6.3.3 In an ADS C environment, unless otherwise instructed, the flight crew should not provide:

- a) voice position reports; or
- b) CPDLC position reports, with the exception of one CPDLC position report when entering an FIR that requires a CPDLC position report to confirm current data authority (refer Appendix E) and the following events occur:
 - 1) An initial CPDLC connection is established; and
 - 2) The CPDLC connection transfer has been completed, or at the associated FIR entry position.

Note.— This CPDLC position report provides the controlling ATSU confirmation that it is the current data authority and the only ATSU able to communicate with the aircraft via CPDLC.

5.6.3.4 In an ADS C environment, the flight crew should not provide revised waypoint estimates by CPDLC or voice, except when

- a) the flight crew previously advised the ATSU of an estimate by CPDLC or voice and that estimate will change by more than 2 minutes; or
- b) the estimate for the next waypoint, shown on the FMS at the time a waypoint is crossed, subsequently changes by more than 2 minutes.

5.6.3.5 In either case, the flight crew should provide a revised estimate to the controlling ATS unit as soon as possible via voice or CPDLC using free text DM 67k REVISED ETA [position] [time].

5.6.4 Position reporting using FMC WPR

5.6.4.1 The flight crew should verify the aircraft identification (ACID) is correct per filed flight plan.

5.6.4.2 When FMC WPR reports are manually initiated, the flight crew should send the report within 3 minutes of crossing each waypoint. If this cannot be achieved, the FMC WPR should not be triggered, but a voice report made instead.

5.6.4.3 The flight crew may assume that the estimate for the next waypoint, shown on the FMS at the time a waypoint is crossed, is the estimate transmitted to ATC in the FMC WPR report. If that estimate subsequently changes by more than 2 minutes, the flight crew should transmit a revised estimate via voice to the ATSU concerned as soon as possible.

5.6.4.4 The flight crew should avoid inserting non-ATC waypoints (e.g. mid-points) in route segments because as non-ATC waypoints may prevent the provision of proper ETA data in the FMC reports required for ATC purposes.

5.6.4.5 If the flight number contains an alphabetic character (such as ABC132A or ABC324W) the flight cannot participate in FMC WPR and the flight crew should not use the term “F-M-C” during contact with aeradio (see [paragraph 3.4.1.4](#) for more information regarding this technical problem). The flight crew should not use the initial contact procedures in [Appendix E, paragraph E.2.1.1](#), but should revert to normal voice procedures.

5.7 Weather deviations

5.7.1 Multiple weather deviations

5.7.1.1 The distance off route contained in a weather deviation request or clearance is measured from the cleared route of the aircraft. If the flight crew receives a clearance off route and then requests and receives a subsequent deviation clearance, they should execute the new clearance, which supersedes the previous clearance. Only the most recent clearance is valid.

5.7.1.2 For example, the flight crew requests a clearance to operate 20NM left of route. The controller grants the clearance.

Flight crew	DM 27 REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO 20NM LEFT OF ROUTE
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Controller	UM 82 CLEARED TO DEVIATE UP TO 20NM LEFT OF ROUTE UM 127 REPORT BACK ON ROUTE
Flight crew	DM 0 WILCO

The flight crew then requests a clearance to operate a further 30NM left of route. They specify the deviation distance in the clearance request based on the cleared route rather in relation to the current weather deviation clearance. The controller grants the clearance.

Flight crew	DM 27 REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO 50NM LEFT OF ROUTE
Controller	UM 82 CLEARED TO DEVIATE UP TO 50NM LEFT OF ROUTE UM 127 REPORT BACK ON ROUTE
Flight crew	DM 0 WILCO

The aircraft then requests a clearance to operate 30NM right of route. The controller grants the clearance. The flight crew expeditiously navigates from one side of route to the other in accordance with the above clearance.

Note.— The ATSU applies the appropriate separation standards during the maneuvers.

Flight crew	DM 27 REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO 30NM RIGHT OF ROUTE
Controller	UM 82 CLEARED TO DEVIATE UP TO 30NM RIGHT OF ROUTE UM 127 REPORT BACK ON ROUTE
Flight crew	DM 0 WILCO

5.7.2 Deviations either side of route

5.7.2.1 There are a number of valid formats for the CPDLC [direction] variable. A number of aircraft types, however, can only request one direction (left or right) in weather deviation requests. When operating these aircraft types, the flight crew should request a deviation left and right of route using the following procedures:

- Construct a preformatted weather deviation downlink request for a deviation on one side of route, and
- Append free text describing the distance to the other side of route

5.7.2.2 For example, the flight crew requests a deviation left and right of route.

Flight crew	DM 27 REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO 20NM LEFT OF ROUTE. DM 67ac AND 20NM RIGHT
Controller	UM 82 CLEARED TO DEVIATE UP TO 20NM EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE UM 127 REPORT BACK ON ROUTE
Flight crew	DM 0 WILCO

5.7.3 Reporting back on route

5.7.3.1 When the flight crew no longer needs the deviation clearance and is back on the cleared route, the flight crew should send the report **DM 41** BACK ON ROUTE.

a) If the aircraft is proceeding direct to a waypoint on the cleared route under the deviation clearance, the flight crew should not send the **DM 41** BACK ON ROUTE report until they are at the waypoint on the cleared route.

b) If during the weather deviation, the flight crew receives a clearance direct to a waypoint, the aircraft is on the cleared route and the flight crew should send the **DM 41** BACK ON ROUTE report when they execute the clearance.

5.8 Emergency and non-routine procedures

5.8.1 Emergency procedures - general

5.8.1.1 In accordance with established procedures, the ATSU within whose airspace the aircraft is operating remains responsible for the control of the flight. If the flight crew takes action contrary to a clearance that the controller has already coordinated with another sector or ATSU and further coordination is not possible in the time available, then the flight crew performs this action under their emergency command authority.

5.8.1.2 The flight crew will use whatever means are appropriate, i.e. CPDLC and/or voice, to communicate during an emergency.

5.8.1.3 During an emergency, a controller would normally expect the flight crew to revert to voice communications. However, the flight crew may use CPDLC for emergency communications if it is either more expedient to do so or if they are unable to establish voice contact.

5.8.2 Voice communications

5.8.2.1 When CPDLC fails and the flight crew reverts to voice communications, they should consider all open messages not delivered and re-commence any dialogues involving those messages by voice.

5.8.2.2 The flight crew should use the standard voice phraseology under certain conditions as indicated in **Table 5-2**.

5.8.2.3 Except as provided in this **paragraph 4.7.4**, voice communication procedures related to data link operations are not standardized among the regions. Refer to **Appendix E, paragraph E.2** for voice communication procedures for a specific region.

Table 5-2. Voice phraseology related to CPDLC

Condition	Voice phraseology
To advise ATC that the CPDLC connection is being terminated manually and logon is being initiated with the next ATSU.	CPDLC CONNECTION WITH [current ATSU] TERMINATED. LOGGING ON TO [subsequent ATSU] <i>Note.— The flight crew may use the ICAO four-character codes or plain language at his/her discretion.</i>
To advise ATC that the transmission is being made due to a CPDLC failure.	CPDLC FAILURE <i>Note.— This phraseology is included only with the first transmission made for this reason.</i>
To advise ATC that a delayed CPDLC uplink has been received.	DELAYED CPDLC MESSAGE RECEIVED <i>Note.— See Appendix F, paragraph F.13 for associated procedures.</i>
To advise ATC that a logon is being initiated following restoration of data link service.	LOGGING ON TO [facility designation]

5.8.3 CPDLC and ADS-C emergency

5.8.3.1 The flight crew should use the CPDLC emergency downlink messages to automatically select the ADS-C function to emergency mode. ADS-C emergency controls should only be used when situations prohibit sending a CPDLC emergency message.

5.8.3.2 If the flight crew inadvertently sends a CPDLC emergency downlink message or resolves the emergency situation, they should send [DM 58](#) CANCEL EMERGENCY and set the ADS-C emergency mode to OFF as soon as possible. After sending [DM 58](#), the flight crew should confirm the status of the flight and their intentions via either voice or CPDLC.

5.8.3.3 To check for covert or inadvertent activation of the ADS C emergency mode using CPDLC, the controller may send the following CPDLC free text uplink or use similar phraseology using voice communication.

Controller	UM 169ak CONFIRM ADS-C EMERGENCY
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The flight crew should then check the status of the aircraft's ADS C emergency mode and if the emergency mode has been activated inadvertently, the flight crew should select ADS C emergency mode to "OFF" and advise the controller either by voice or the following CPDLC messages.

Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER, then DM 67ab ADS RESET
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5.8.4 Data link system failures

5.8.4.1 The flight crew should inform the ATSU for aircraft failure resulting in degraded performance below what is required, e.g., RCP 240, as well, e.g., Satcom failure and switch to HFDL.

5.8.4.2 When the flight crew has been notified that the data link service has shut down, they should terminate the CPDLC connection by selecting ATC Com Off and use voice until informed by the ATSU that the data link system has resumed normal operations.

5.8.4.3 In the event of an unexpected aircraft data link system failure, the flight crew should inform the ATSU of the situation using the following voice phraseology:

Flight crew	DATA LINK FAILED. SELECTING ATC COM OFF. CONTINUING ON VOICE
Controller	ROGER. CONTINUE ON VOICE

The flight crew should continue to use voice until the functionality of the avionics can be re-established.

5.8.4.4 If only the ADS-C service is terminated, then during that time period, the flight crew should conduct position reporting (via CPDLC, if available, or via voice).

5.8.4.5 If the ATSU cannot establish ADS-C contracts with an aircraft, or if ADS-C reporting from an aircraft ceases unexpectedly, the flight crew may have inadvertently selected ADS-C off. If CPDLC is still available and the flight receives the free text message [UM 169an](#) CONFIRM ADS-C ARMED, they should check the status of the ADS-C system to ensure that it is not selected to “off” and respond to the controller.

Controller	UM 169an CONFIRM ADS-C ARMED
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER

5.8.5 Using CPDLC to relay messages

5.8.5.1 When an ATSU and an aircraft cannot communicate, the controller may use CPDLC to relay messages via an intermediary CPDLC-capable aircraft. Depending on circumstances, the controller may first confirm that the CPDLC-capable aircraft is in contact with the subject aircraft, and obtain concurrence from the flight crew that they will act as an intermediary. After sending [DM 3](#) ROGER, the flight crew should only use free text to respond to the controller’s uplink free text message.

5.8.5.2 For example:

Controller	UM 169ap RELAY TO UNITED345 OAKLAND CLEARS UNITED345 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN FL340
Flight crew	DM 3 ROGER
Flight crew	DM 67ae RELAY FROM UNITED345 CLIMBING FL340

Chapter 6. Advanced data link operations

6.1 Reroute procedures

When rerouting an aircraft, the flight crew, AOC and each ATSU should follow standardized procedures using appropriate CPDLC message elements.

The availability of new weather forecasts on long haul routes may provide the potential for economic and/or safety benefits for operators by allowing them to propose revised routes for airborne aircraft.

The flight crew may initiate a reroute request. Each ATSU along the route may initiate an amended route clearance.

For flights that cross FIR boundaries between two automated ATSUs, the ATSUs can coordinate revised route information, reducing the requirement for AOC to transmit change (CHG) messages to all the ATSUs along the route.

6.1.1 Reroute procedures – AOC initiated (DARP)

6.1.1.1 The purpose of the DARP is to allow Airline Operations Centres to initiate the process for an airborne aircraft to be issued an amended route clearance by the ATSU.

6.1.1.2 These procedures should only be used where the reroute will occur in FIRs that have implemented Air Traffic Services Interfacility Data Communications (AIDC) which permits the electronic exchange of revised route information.

6.1.1.3 To be eligible for DARP, the operator will need an operational CPDLC capability. Additionally, the flight crew should downlink the route request:

- a) At least 60 minutes prior to the next FIR boundary to permit AIDC messaging to take place between the affected ATSUs. This time period may be reduced between ATSUs that support AIDC CDN messaging to coordinate the modification of route information; and
- b) At least 20 minutes prior to the divergence waypoint to allow processing time by the ATSU and the flight crew.

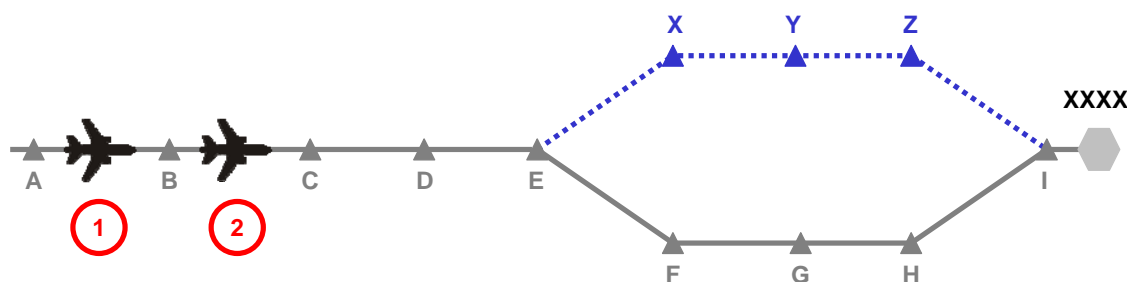
Note.— A downlink route request may be made to a new ATSU immediately after crossing the FIR boundary provided the above requirements are still met

6.1.1.4 **Table 6-1** provides the procedures for an AOC initiated reroute and provides an overview of the DARP process.

Table 6-1. AOC initiated reroute procedures

Who	Procedures
AOC (Step 1)	a) The AOC should generate the amended route in compliance with standard UPR flight planning requirements (e.g. FIR boundary waypoints etc).
	b) The AOC uplinks the proposed route to the aircraft via ACARS.
	<p>c) The AOC ensures that the elements used to define the amended route comply with the requirements of PANS-ATM Doc 4444. The elements that may be used to describe the amended route include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fix Names; <i>Note 1.— ARINC 424 fix names should not be used to define latitude and longitude.</i> 2) Airway Designators; <i>Note 2.— Where an airway designator is used it should be preceded and followed by a fix name or navaid designator that is defined on the airway described.</i> 3) Navaid Designators; and 4) Latitude and Longitude. <i>Note 3.— The ICAO requirement is that position should be defined in either whole degrees of latitude and longitude, e.g., 35S164E, or degrees and minutes for both latitude and longitude, e.g., 2513S15645E. A mixture of these formats should be avoided, e.g., 35S15725E.</i>
Flight crew (Step 2)	a) Where applicable, delete any waypoints on the proposed route that have already been sequenced.
	<p>b) Providing that the proposed route is acceptable to the flight crew, downlink the route request to the controlling ATSU using the appropriate CPDLC message element.</p> <p>Example: DM 24 REQUEST [route clearance] where the first fix in the route clearance is the next waypoint ahead of the aircraft.</p> <p><i>Note 4.— The route request may also contain additional information such as ADEP, ADES etc.</i></p> <p><i>Note 5.— Flight crew procedures should include guidance on downlinking CPDLC route clearance requests.</i></p>

Who	Procedures
ATSU (Step 3)	<p>a) Where the requested clearance is available, uplink the amended route clearance to the aircraft.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>UM 83 AT [fix 1] CLEARED [(fix2) (fix3)....]</p> <p>where (fix1) is the next waypoint ahead of the aircraft.</p> <p><i>Note 6.— The route clearance may also contain additional information such as ADEP, ADES etc.</i></p> <p><i>Note 7. — On occasions, other CPDLC message elements may be more appropriate than UM83.</i></p> <p>b) Where the requested clearance is not available, uplink UM 0 UNABLE and append the [reason].</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>UM 0 UNABLE. UM 166 DUE TO TRAFFIC</p> <p><i>Note 8.— ATSUs should not modify the intent of the route without advising the flight crew. This requirement does not apply to the removal of waypoints that have been sequenced prior to the clearance being uplinked.</i></p>
Flight crew (Step 4)	<p>a) On receipt of a CPDLC route clearance from the ATSU, the flight crew should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Load the uplink into the FMS and review the clearance. If the clearance is acceptable, respond with a DM 0 WILCO to confirm that the flight crew will comply with the clearance; or 2) Otherwise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Respond with DM 1 UNABLE; and ii) Continue in accordance with the current ATC clearance. <p>b) Where the requested clearance is rejected by the ATSU, the flight crew should continue in accordance with the existing clearance.</p>



1	<p>The AOC uplinks the proposed amended route “B C D E X Y Z I” to destination XXXX starting from the next point ahead of aircraft (B) and diverging from the current clearance at E.</p> <p>The flight crew reviews the proposed route and downlinks “REQUEST [B C D E X Y Z I]” to ATC.</p>
2	<p>ATC reviews the route request and uplinks the clearance “AT [C] CLEARED [D E X Y Z I]” to the aircraft using UM83.</p> <p><i>Note.— In this example, by the time the clearance is uplinked, the aircraft has passed B and so this is not included in the clearance. C must also be removed from the uplink because it is the [position] at which the route replacement occurs.</i></p> <p>Flight crew responds to the clearance with a WILCO.</p>

Figure 6-1. The DARP process

6.2 Tailored arrival (TA)

The tailored arrival (TA) is a 4-dimensional (4-D) arrival procedure, based on an optimized ATC clearance, including, as necessary, vertical and/or speed restrictions, from the aircraft's current position, normally just prior to top of descent, to the designated destination runway. This optimized ATC clearance, or TA clearance, is issued via CPDLC data link message(s) to the aircraft and automatically loaded into the aircraft's 4-D trajectory guidance capability. The TA clearance consists of the lateral path, vertical and speed constraints, published approach procedure, and runway assignment.

This section provides guidelines and procedures for delivering and executing the TA clearance. These guidelines and procedures are intended for ATSPs that provide the TA service and participating operators.

6.2.1 Provisions for the TA service.

6.2.1.1 The operator should establish operating and notification procedures for the flight crew and conduct training to be eligible to participate in tailored arrivals.

6.2.1.2 At each of the ATSUs involved, the ATSP should provide procedures to the controllers and conduct training for delivering and executing the TA clearance. If the flight crew from an eligible operator requests a TA clearance and the traffic situation permits, the controller should accommodate the request. All other standard operating procedures apply.

6.2.1.3 When an ATSP provides TA service, they should:

- a) Assign a TA designator to the TA clearance. The TA designator should:
 - 1) Contain more than five letters so that it is not easily confused with a published or public procedure;
 - 2) Relate to the geographical arrival area, e.g., PACIFIC 1; and
 - 3) Be easy to pronounce when communicating on voice.

Note.— The flight crew and the controller use the TA designator throughout the procedure to unambiguously convey the route and vertical and speed constraints associated with the TA.

- b) Define and notify operators of the TA request point as a time in minutes from the estimated top of descent (TOD) or from the airspace boundary where CPDLC service is terminated.

Note.— For example, the TA request point for the PACIFIC 1 TA at San Francisco airport is 45 minutes before the aircraft enters U.S. domestic airspace.

6.2.2 Clearance delivery and execution

Table 6-2 provides the procedures for delivering and executing a tailored arrival clearance.

Table 6-2. Tailored arrival clearance delivery and execution

Who	Procedures
Flight crew (Step 1)	a) At the TA request point, the flight crew should request for a TA via CPDLC using: DM 67ad RQST TA.
	b) The flight crew may include additional information with the request, such as a specific TA designator, e.g., PACIFIC 1. <i>Note 1.</i> — When the ATSP and operators are evaluating a TA, the flight crew may include information such as an intended descent speed, using the format M[nn] for Mach or [nnn]KIAS for IAS. When this information is included, the controller and flight crew procedures should include message formats and intended use to avoid misunderstanding or confusion with the operational procedures.

Who	Procedures
Controller (Step 2)	<p>a) If the situation permits, the controller should uplink the TA clearance via CPDLC using:</p> <p>UM 169a [TA designator]</p> <p>UM 83 AT [position] CLEARED [route clearance]</p> <p>UM 19 MAINTAIN [level]</p> <p>Example: The controller uses the name PACIFIC 1 TA, which is unambiguous for the specific route and vertical and speed constraints. The route clearance includes lateral route, crossing restrictions, approach procedure, and runway assignment, and FL370 is the currently assigned flight level.</p> <p>PACIFIC 1 TA AT CINNY CLEARED [Route Clearance]. MAINTAIN FL370.</p> <p>b) The controller may issue a vertical clearance after delivery of the tailored arrival clearance, without interfering with the TA clearance. In such cases, the controller should reissue the TA clearance to ensure no ambiguity.</p>
Flight crew (Step 3)	<p>a) The flight crew should load the TA clearance into the FMS and review it. If acceptable, the flight crew should activate the route in the FMS and downlink DM 0 WILCO. If unacceptable, the flight crew should downlink DM 1 UNABLE.</p> <p>b) The flight crew should select a descent speed schedule of 280kts (+/- 10kts) above 10,000ft.</p> <p><i>Note 2.— This procedure provides additional descent profile predictability to the controllers, increasing the potential for the controllers to allow a full TA during congested periods when increased predictability is required due to other traffic. This function will eventually be replaced by ground automation which advises the optimum speed for the descent, based on the entire airspace situation at the expected time of the arrival.</i></p> <p>c) If possible, the flight crew should request weather information from AOC.</p>
AOC (Step 4)	AOC should uplink cruise and descent winds to the arriving aircraft to optimize the FMS-calculated profile for the most predictable execution of that profile.
Controller (Step 5)	<p>The controller should transfer control to the next sector and terminate CPDLC and ADS-C connections.</p> <p><i>Note 3.— The transferring sector either manually or automatically advises the next sector that the aircraft is on a particular TA.</i></p>
Flight crew (Step 6)	The flight crew should initiate contact with the next sector on the voice communication channel with, [call sign] [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL. [level].

Who	Procedures
Controller (Step 7)	<p>a) The controller should advise [call sign] MAINTAIN [level].</p> <p><i>Note 4.— The controller has access to the uplinked lateral routing and currently assigned altitude on the flight strip through ATC interfacility coordination.</i></p> <p>b) If the controller needs to add speed control, e.g. to increase the potential for issuing a TA clearance, the controller should advise the flight crew as soon as possible to expect a restriction.</p> <p>Example: [call sign] EXPECT TO DESCEND AT 260 KTS</p> <p>c) When appropriate, the controller should issue a descent clearance along the cleared route, using [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL. [dest/area] ALTIMETER/QNH [nnnn] and, as necessary, include a speed or vertical restriction.</p> <p>Example 1: The controller does not issue a speed or vertical restriction. [call sign] DESCEND VIA PACIFIC 1 TAILORED ARRIVAL. KSFO ALTIMETER 29.92.</p> <p>Example 2: The controller issues a speed restriction. [call sign] DESCEND VIA PACIFIC 1 TAILORED ARRIVAL. DO NOT EXCEED 260KTS. KSFO ALTIMETER 29.92.</p> <p>Example 3: The controller issues a vertical restriction. [call sign] DESCEND VIA THE CATALINA 1 TAILORED ARRIVAL BUT AFTER SLI. MAINTAIN [altitude].</p> <p>d) The controller should transfer control to the next controller.</p>
Flight crew (Step 8)	<p>The flight crew should initiate contact with the next controller using:</p> <p>[call sign] PASSING FLIGHT LEVEL [FLnnn]/ALTITUDE [nn,nnn feet] ON THE [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL. [ATIS code].</p> <p><i>Note 5.— Subsequent exchanges on different frequencies with the same ATSU do not require the flight crew to state the passing level/altitude.</i></p>

Who	Procedures
Controller (Step 9)	<p>If continuation of the TA profile is acceptable to the approach controller, the controller should clear the aircraft for the approach by stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) [call sign] AFTER [fix name] CLEARED [approach name]; or b) [call sign] DESCEND VIA [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL. CROSS [fixname] AT OR ABOVE [altitude]. CLEARED [approach name]; or c) DESCEND VIA THE [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL. EXPECT [runway or procedure name]. <p>Example 1: [call sign] AFTER MENLO CLEARED ILS RW28L APPROACH.</p> <p>Example 2: [call sign] DESCEND VIA THE FLORIDA 8 (or 9) TAILORED ARRIVAL, CROSS PABOY AT OR ABOVE 3000FT. CLEARED LOCALIZER DME RUNWAY 8L APPROACH.</p> <p>Example 3: [call sign] DESCEND VIA THE FLORIDA 9 TAILORED ARRIVAL. EXPECT RUNWAY 09.</p>
Flight crew (Step 10)	<p>If all conditions are acceptable, the flight crew should execute the cleared FMS-directed profile and apply standard approach and landing procedures.</p>
Controller (Step 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At any time, the controller may issue alternative altitude, routing, or vectors and discontinue the TA to best suit traffic conditions. When the controller discontinues the TA, the controller should provide instructions including an assigned altitude to the flight crew. <p><i>Note 6.— The controller must include an assigned altitude because the flight crew does not know the minimum vectoring altitude nor do they know the altitude of other traffic.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) The controller may clear the aircraft back onto the TA by stating: [call sign] CLEARED DIRECT [Waypoint on TA]. RESUME THE [TA designator] TAILORED ARRIVAL.

Chapter 7. State aircraft data link operations

7.1 Introduction

The data link and voice communication requirements for CNS/ATM are being defined by international, regional, and national civil aviation authorities and are based on use of commercial communication systems. In the oceanic and remote regions, data link has seen increased use and will eventually replace voice as the primary means of communication. The military has unique requirements insofar as using CPDLC. These requirements were never considered when the CPDLC message set was being developed.

Many air and maritime air forces have the capability to conduct air-to-air refueling (AAR) operations. Although detailed procedures are dependent on aircraft type, mode of employment and national requirements, there is sufficient commonality for standard procedures to be developed to enhance operational interoperability. Many of these air and maritime air forces are making the transition to aeronautical data links and the use of controller pilot data link communications (CPDLC) and automatic dependent surveillance - contract (ADS-C).

The procedures outlined below describe the communications to be utilized by military aircraft in the attempt to promote harmonization in CPDLC and ADS-C procedures. These procedures have been developed utilizing a combination of existing CPDLC message elements and free text. Pro-forma free text messages DL67L and DL67M have been created to support these operations in the attempt to avoid the use of free text messages and for overall standardization. To the maximum extent possible, data link capable aircraft should adhere to established message architecture and avoid extraneous free text.

The aim of this chapter is to provide a reference document covering military procedures to be used in an aeronautical data link environment. This chapter will provide guidance for the flight crew and the air traffic service provider (ATSP) to promote harmonized military air-to-air refueling operations in an aeronautical data link environment and lead to a better understanding of air-to-air refueling procedures and terminology.

7.2 Military assumes responsibility for separation of aircraft (MARSA)

Prior to commencing aerial refueling or maneuvers with receiver aircraft, the tanker will notify ATC that the military assumes responsibility for separation of aircraft, or MARSA. The tanker will use the term, MARSA, to notify ATC that the tanker and receiver aircraft are accepting the responsibility for their actions within the aerial refueling (AR) track and the tanker is the lead of the formation. ATC controls all other traffic to preclude conflicts between civil and military traffic involved in the AR while at the same time still controlling the tanker and receiver. The actual refueling commences at the air refueling control point (ARCP) and continues as the aircraft proceed down the refueling track. Normally, the refueling is completed prior to the aircraft reaching the air refueling exit point (AREX) point. At AREX, both aircraft need to receive ATC clearances to continue on their filed routing.

Table 7-1. MARSA initiation and termination procedures

Who	Procedures
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 1)	<p>a) The tanker can initiate MARSA after it receives clearance for the block level/altitude and, optionally, reports passing the ARCP. The tanker informs the controller that the flight crew is accepting MARSA procedures with the receiver.</p> <p>DM 67z ACCEPT MARSA WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft]</p> <p>where [receiver aircraft call-sign(s)] exactly matches the filed flight plan(s) for the receiver aircraft.</p>
	<p>b) The tanker performs MARSA with receiver aircraft.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker and Receiver) (Step 2)	<p>To terminate MARSA, each aircraft should first notify the controller of their assigned level/altitude.</p> <p>DM 37 MAINTAINING [level] <i>or</i> LEVEL [altitude]</p>
Controller (to Tanker) (Step 3)	<p>Then, when the controller receives notification that each aircraft is at its assigned altitude, the controller sends a free text message to terminate MARSA between the tanker and the receiver aircraft.</p> <p>UM 169aq MARSA TERMINATED WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft]</p> <p>MARSA is terminated when the tanker receives notification.</p>

7.3 Air-to-air refueling

Air-to-air refueling is normally accomplished between 10,000 and 28,000 feet depending on receiver type, requiring both aircraft to descent for refueling.

Refueling tracks are numbered and depicted on charts in domestic airspace and a few depicted in oceanic airspace. Oceanic refueling may also be conducted on non-designated tracks with an altitude reservation (ALTRV). In both cases, the refueling procedure is part of the filed flight plan. The flight plan always includes time, requested altitude block, air refueling control point (ARCP), air refueling initial point (ARIP), air refueling exit point (AREX) and intermediate refueling track points. If the procedure is depicted, its designation (ARxxx) is sufficient to define the track. In the oceanic environment, a refueling pattern may be part of an existing ALTRV.

During the refueling phase all aircraft operate within the altitude block and fly the flight planned route along the refueling track. An ADS contract may be set with any aircraft but it is only necessary with the lead tanker and needs to correspond with a filed flight plan. Additionally, any other CPDLC report (i.e. **UM 130** REPORT PASSING [position], etc.) may be requested of the tanker in order to track the progress of the flight. The aircraft may or may not remain in a single formation in the altitude block for the remainder of the flight. There are no special CPDLC messages developed during this phase.

A typical air-refueling pattern is illustrated in **Figure 7-1**. The light green track represents the tanker's intended route to the ARCP. The light blue track is the receiver's intended route. Both aircraft file

separate flight plans showing the specific aerial refueling locations. The dark blue track is the tanker's orbit and rendezvous flight paths with the dark green track depicting the aerial refueling (AR) track. Three or more points can define the AR track. The ARIP is the point where the receiver enters the AR track. The ARCP is the reference point for the holding pattern where the tanker awaits the receiver. The AR track is between the ARCP and the AREX.

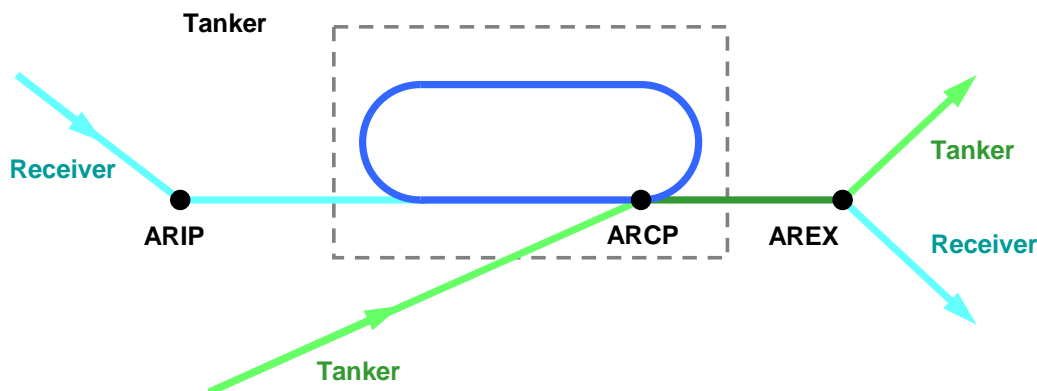


Figure 7-1. Air refueling pattern

Table 7-2. Air refueling data link procedures

Who	Procedures
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 1)	<p>At approximately 10 minutes from the ARCP, the tanker requests a clearance to delay at the ARCP until the rendezvous with the receiver and request an altitude block for air refueling.</p> <p>DM 25 REQUEST CLEARANCE</p> <p>DM 67w TO DELAY FOR AIR REFUEL AT [position] UNTIL [time]</p> <p>DM 7 REQUEST BLOCK [level] TO [level]</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>[position] is the ARCP as filed in the tanker's flight plan.</p> <p>[time] is the time the tanker expects to pass the ARCP and commence refueling along the refueling track. It is also the end of the delay time.</p>

Who	Procedures
Controller (to Tanker) (Step 2)	<p>a) The controller clears the tanker to delay at the ARCP, as requested. <u>UM 169ar</u> CLEARED TO DELAY AS REQUESTED</p> <p><i>Note.— This message may need to be appended with a “free text” message in the event the controller needs to specify a specific area of operations or if the area to delay is different than the filed flight plan.</i></p> <p>b) If block is available, the controller issues one of the following instructions: <u>UM 31</u> CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or <u>UM 32</u> DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or <u>UM 30</u> MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude].</p> <p>Optionally, the controller may append the following: <u>UM 180</u> REPORT REACHING BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; and/or <u>UM 130</u> REPORT PASSING [position]</p> <p>c) If the block clearance is not available, the controller issues the following: <u>UM 0</u> UNABLE <u>UM 166</u> DUE TO TRAFFIC</p> <p>Optionally, the controller may append the following: <u>UM 19</u> MAINTAIN [level], then any one of the following <u>UM 9</u> or <u>UM 10</u> EXPECT DESCENT AT [position/time]; or <u>UM 7</u> or <u>UM 8</u> EXPECT CLIMB AT [position/time].</p> <p>Optionally, the controller may request a report. <u>UM 130</u> REPORT PASSING [position].</p>
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 3)	<p>The tanker responds to the controller instructions in accordance with the guidance provided in <u>paragraph 2.2.3.4</u>.</p> <p><u>DM 0</u> WILCO; <u>DM 1</u> UNABLE; <u>DM 3</u> ROGER; or <u>DM 2</u> STANDBY.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 4)	<p>If ATC has instructed the aircraft to report passing the ARCP, then when the tanker crosses the ARCP, the flight crew notifies the controller that it has crossed the ARCP and has entered the air-refueling orbit.</p> <p><u>DM 31</u> PASSING [position]</p>

Who	Procedures
Controller (to Tanker) (Step 5)	<p>If block was NOT previously available, when traffic permits, the controller issues the block clearance for the tanker.</p> <p><u>UM 31</u> CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or <u>UM 32</u> DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or <u>UM 30</u> MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude].</p> <p>Optionally, the controller may append the following: <u>UM 180</u> REPORT REACHING BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude].</p>
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 6)	<p>The tanker responds to the controller instructions in accordance with the guidance provided in <u>paragraph 2.2.3.4</u>.</p> <p><u>DM 0</u> WILCO; <u>DM 1</u> UNABLE; <u>DM 3</u> ROGER; or <u>DM 2</u> STANDBY.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 7)	<p>When the receiver approaches the ARIP, the tanker informs the controller that the flight crew is accepting MARSA procedures with the receiver.</p> <p><u>DM 67z</u> ACCEPT MARSA WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft] where [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft] exactly matches the filed flight plan(s) for the receiver aircraft.</p>
Flight crew (Receiver(s)) (Step 8)	<p>Prior to entering the ARIP – ARCP track, each receiver aircraft requests an altitude change to conduct refueling.</p> <p><u>DM 7</u> REQUEST BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]</p>

Who	Procedures
Controller (to Receiver(s)) (Step 9)	<p>a) If the controller has received the MARSA message from the tanker, the controller clears the receiver(s) to operate in the block required for refueling.</p> <p><i>Note.— If the controller did not receive the MARSA message from the tanker, the controller would UNABLE any requests from the receiver(s) until MARSA could be confirmed.</i></p> <p>UM 31 CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or UM 32 DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; or UM 30 MAINTAIN BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude]; and UM 169as CLEARED TO CONDUCT REFUELING.</p> <p>Optionally, the controller may append the following: UM 180 REPORT REACHING BLOCK [altitude] TO [altitude].</p>
Controller (to Tanker)	<p>b) The controller clears the tanker for refueling.</p> <p>UM 169 CLEARED TO CONDUCT REFUELING.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker and Receiver) (Step 10)	<p>The tanker and receiver respond to the controller instructions in accordance with the guidance provided in paragraph 2.2.3.4.</p> <p>DM 0 WILCO; DM 1 UNABLE; DM 3 ROGER; or DM 2 STANDBY.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker and Receiver) (Step 11)	<p>When the tanker is commencing the rendezvous with the receiver, each aircraft sends the following:</p> <p>DM 11 AT [position] REQUEST CLIMB TO [level]; or DM 12 AT [position] REQUEST DESCENT TO [level];</p> <p>Where: [position] is the EXIT point; and [altitude] is the requested level for each aircraft after refueling is complete.</p>
Flight crew (Tanker) (Step 12)	<p>When approaching the end of refueling, the tanker notifies the controller when to expect the end of refueling.</p> <p>DM 67x EXPECT END OF REFUEL AT [time/position].</p>

Who	Procedures
Controller (to Tanker and Receiver) (Step 13)	<p>The controller issues instructions to assign different flight levels/altitudes to each of the aircraft upon completion of refueling.</p> <p>UM 164 WHEN READY; and</p> <p>UM 19 MAINTAIN [level]; and</p> <p>UM 129 REPORT MAINTAINING [level] <i>or</i> REPORT LEVEL [altitude]</p> <p><i>Note.— Climb or descent clearances may be issued as appropriate.</i></p>
Flight crew (Tanker and Receiver) (Step 14)	<p>a) The tanker and receiver respond to the controller instructions in accordance with the guidance provided in paragraph 2.2.3.4.</p> <p>DM 0 WILCO;</p> <p>DM 1 UNABLE;</p> <p>DM 3 ROGER; or</p> <p>DM 2 STANDBY.</p> <p>b) When the aircraft is maintaining the assigned level, each aircraft notifies the controller.</p> <p>DM 37 MAINTAINING [level] <i>or</i> LEVEL [altitude]</p>
Controller (to Tanker) (Step 15)	<p>When the controller receives notification that each aircraft is at its assigned altitude, the controller sends a free text message to terminate MARSAs between the tanker and the receiver aircraft.</p> <p>UM 169aq MARSAs TERMINATED WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft]</p>

7.4 Formation flight data link procedures

Formation flying in a standard formation is usually one in which a proximity of no more than 1 mile laterally or longitudinally and within 100 feet vertically from the flight leader is maintained by each wingman. Non-standard formations are those operating under conditions other than standard formation dimensions that the flight leader has requested and air traffic control (ATC) has approved, or when operating within an authorized altitude reservation (ALTRV).

For each flight plan the lead data linked equipped aircraft will perform AFN logons at the correct time (typically 15-45 minutes prior to entering data link airspace). Once in formation, only the lead aircraft will make CPDLC position reports (the same CPDLC position reports sent out when single ship). Use CPDLC standard messages for altitude requests, routing requests (if different from what was filed), and speed or ETA requests with ATC to effect any en-route changes.

In the event a formation wants to break-up the formation or depart an ALTRV the wingmen desiring to break off of the formation will coordinate their departure a minimum of ten (10) minutes prior to separation with appropriate requests, and the following data link procedures will be used. Air traffic control will need separate flight plans for each flight in the event that the formation splits.

Table 7-3. Single aircraft or formation joining an ALTRV data link procedures

Who	Procedures
Flight crew	<p>When a single aircraft or formation is joining an ALTRV, the flight crew notifies the controller of its intention to join the formation.</p> <p>DM 67y JOINING ALTRV [ALTRV designator] AT [time/position]</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>JOINING ALTRV CW413 AT HEMLO or JOINING ALTRV CW413 AT 1530Z</p>

Table 7-4. Formation Break-up or departure from ALTRV data link procedures

Who	Procedures
Controller	<p>ATC responds to the request.</p> <p>UM 74 PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]; or</p> <p>UM 76 AT [time] PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]; or</p> <p>UM 77 AT [position] PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]; or</p> <p>UM 79 CLEARED TO [position] VIA [route clearance]; or</p> <p>UM 80 CLEARED [route clearance]; or</p> <p>UM 83 AT [position] CLEARED [route clearance]</p>
Flight crew	<p>The flight crew responds to the controller instructions in accordance with the guidance provided in paragraph 2.2.3.4.</p> <p>DM 0 WILCO;</p> <p>DM 1 UNABLE;</p> <p>DM 3 ROGER; or</p> <p>DM 2 STANDBY.</p>
Flight crew or Controller	<p>The flight crew may further request desired level/altitude and the controller would respond with the appropriate instructions.</p>

7.5 ADS-C reports

If suitably equipped, State aircraft should ensure ADS-C is armed because ADS contracts may be established by ATC. ATC will establish ADS contracts with the lead aircraft as identified in the filed flight plan.

Appendix A CPDLC message elements and standardized free text messages

This appendix contains the CPDLC message elements and standardized and preformatted free text messages for the FANS 1/A, ATN B1, and ATN B1-FANS 1/A data link systems described in [paragraph 2.1.1](#). The CPDLC message elements are based on ICAO Doc 4444, 15th Edition.

- [Section A.1](#) provides a CPDLC message element response requirements key;
- [Section A.2](#) provides the CPDLC uplink message elements and intended uses;
- [Section A.3](#) provides the CPDLC downlink message elements; and
- [Section A.4](#) provides CPDLC standardized free text messages.

The following guidelines apply:

a) Normal text is taken from ICAO Doc 4444, e.g., message response key or message intent/use, and represents the global baseline. *Italic text* supplements the ICAO Doc 4444 guideline either as a *Note* or specific to *FANS 1/A*, *ATN B1*, or *ATN B1-FANS 1/A* data link system.

b) In cases where there is a choice for the message element or the response attribute, the first choice that appears in the row for that message element is shown in **bold text** and indicates the preferred choice and should be used for new implementations. The second choice is shown in *italic text* and indicates legacy implementations that are considered acceptable.

c) The following variables are considered operationally interchangeable in this document respecting range and resolution variations as defined in interoperability standards:

ICAO Doc 4444 variable	Equivalent FANS 1/A variable
[level]	[altitude] (<i>See Note</i>)
[specified distance] [direction]	[distance offset] [direction]
[departure clearance]	[predeparture clearance]
[unitname]	[icao unitname]
[code]	[beacon code]
[facility designation]	[icao facility designation]
[persons on board]	[souls on board]

Note.— ICAO Doc 4444 notes that message elements that contain the [level] variable can be specified as either a single level or a vertical range. **FANS 1/A** only considers the [level] variable as a single level and uses message elements that are intended exclusively for specifying a vertical range, e.g., [UM 30](#), [UM 31](#), [UM 32](#), [UM 180](#), [DM 7](#), [DM 76](#), [DM 77](#), etc. **ATN B1** uses the [level] variable to specify a vertical range and does not use the message elements intended exclusively for specifying a vertical range, except in cases where an ATN B1 ground system provides data link service to FANS 1/A aircraft.

d) The “Data link system(s)” column indicates which system supports the message element. The cell is shaded **green** if they are valid messages in the ICAO Doc 4444 message set and **red** if they are reserved. *N/A* in this column indicates that none of the data link systems support the message element.

1) If a data link system supports a message element that is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444, then the cell will be **red** and the data link system will be highlighted in **green**. In these cases, the ATSPs and operators should establish procedures or automation to avoid the use of these message elements.

2) In some cases, a data link system supports and message element that is also a valid message element in ICAO Doc 4444, but its use should be avoided due to potential misinterpretation. In these cases, a note has been added to the “Message intent/use” column, and the ATSPs and operators should establish procedures or automation to avoid the use of these message elements.

A.1 CPDLC message element response requirements key

Response column	Description
	For uplink message
W/U	<p>Response required. Yes</p> <p>Valid responses. WILCO, UNABLE, STANDBY, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY, NOT AUTHORIZED NEXT DATA AUTHORITY, LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required), ERROR</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— WILCO, UNABLE, will close the uplink message. Under some circumstances, and ERROR message will also close an uplink message.</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.</i>— WILCO, UNABLE, STANDBY, ERROR, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY.</p>
A/N	<p>Response required. Yes</p> <p>Valid responses. AFFIRM, NEGATIVE, STANDBY, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY, NOT AUTHORIZED NEXT DATA AUTHORITY, LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required), ERROR</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— AFFIRM, NEGATIVE, will close the uplink message. Under some circumstances, and ERROR message will also close an uplink message.</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.</i>— AFFIRM, NEGATIVE, STANDBY, ERROR, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY.</p>
R	<p>Response required. Yes</p> <p>Valid responses. ROGER, UNABLE, STANDBY, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY, NOT AUTHORIZED NEXT DATA AUTHORITY, LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required), ERROR</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— ROGER, will close the uplink message. Under some circumstances, and ERROR message will also close an uplink message.</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.</i>— ROGER, STANDBY, ERROR, NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY. FANS 1/A aircraft do not have the capability to send UNABLE in response to an uplink message containing message elements with an “R” response attribute. For these aircraft, the flight crew may use alternative means to UNABLE the message. These alternative means will need to be taken into consideration to ensure proper technical and operational closure of the communication transaction.</p>
Y	<p>Response required: Yes</p> <p>Valid responses: Any CPDLC downlink message, LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required)</p>

N	<p>Response required. No, unless logical acknowledgement required.</p> <p>Valid Responses. LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required), NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY, NOT AUTHORIZED NEXT DATA AUTHORITY, ERROR</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.— Defined “Response not required,” but not used. Under some circumstances, and ERROR message will also close an uplink message.</i></p>
NE	<p>Response required. [Not defined]</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.— WILCO, UNABLE, AFFIRM, NEGATIVE, ROGER, STANDBY, not enabled. Most messages with an NE attribute require an operational response. Only the correct operational response is presented to the flight crew. The uplink message is considered to be closed on sending and does not require a response to close the dialogue. The WILCO, UNABLE, AFFIRM, NEGATIVE, ROGER, and STANDBY responses are not enabled for flight crew selection. Under some circumstances, and ERROR message will also close an uplink message.</i></p>
	For downlink messages
Y	<p>Response required. Yes</p> <p>Valid responses. Any CPDLC uplink message, LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required).</p>
N	<p>Response required. No</p> <p>Valid responses. LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (only if required), SERVICE UNAVAILABLE, FLIGHT PLAN NOT HELD, ERROR</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A.— FANS 1/A aircraft do not have the capability to receive responses to downlink message elements with an “N” response attribute. In some cases, such as for most emergency messages, the response attribute is different between FANS 1/A aircraft and PANS-ATM. For these aircraft, the ATC will need to use alternative means to acknowledge to the flight crew that the message has been received.</i></p>

A.2 CPDLC uplink message elements

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Responses/Acknowledgements (uplink)			
UM 0	Indicates that ATC cannot comply with the request.	UNABLE	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 1	Indicates that ATC has received the message and will respond. <i>Note.— The flight crew is informed that the request is being assessed and there will be a short-term delay (within 10 minutes). The exchange is not closed and the request will be responded to when conditions allow.</i>	STANDBY	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 2	Indicates that ATC has received the request but it has been deferred until later. <i>Note.— The flight crew is informed that the request is being assessed and a long-term delay can be expected. The exchange is not closed and the request will be responded to when conditions allow.</i>	REQUEST DEFERRED	N Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 3	Indicates that ATC has received and understood the message.	ROGER	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 4	Yes.	AFFIRM	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 5	No	NEGATIVE	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 235	Notification of receipt of unlawful interference message.	ROGER 7500	N	N/A (Urgent)
UM 211	Indicates that the ATC has received the request and has passed it to the next control authority. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— Uses FANS 1/A free text.</i>	REQUEST FORWARDED	N	ATN B1
UM 218	Indicates to the pilot that the request has already been received on the ground.	REQUEST ALREADY RECEIVED	N	N/A
UM 237	Indicates that the request cannot be responded to by the current unit and that it should be requested from the next unit. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— Uses FANS 1/A free text.</i>	REQUEST AGAIN WITH NEXT UNIT	N	ATN B1

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Vertical Clearances (uplink)			
UM 6	Notification that a level change instruction should be expected. <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.	EXPECT [level]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 7	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence climb at the specified time. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT CLIMB AT [time]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 8	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence climb at the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT CLIMB AT [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 9	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence descent at the specified time. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT DESCENT AT [time]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 10	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence descent at the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT DESCENT AT [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 11	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence cruise climb at the specified time. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB AT [time]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 12	Notification that an instruction should be expected for the aircraft to commence cruise climb at the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — The controller should only use this message to respond to a flight crew request, e.g., WHEN CAN WE EXPECT ...	EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB AT [position]	R	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 13	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [time] EXPECT CLIMB TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 14	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [position] EXPECT CLIMB TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 15	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [time] EXPECT DESCENT TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 16	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [position] EXPECT DESCENT TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 17	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [time] EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 18	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, AT [position] EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB TO [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 19	Instruction to maintain the specified level.	MAINTAIN [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 20	Instruction that a climb to a specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.	CLIMB TO [level] Or CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN

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UM 21	<p>Instruction that at the specified time a climb to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note 1.— Instruction that AT or AFTER the specified time, a climb to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— Precede this message element with UM 19 MAINTAIN [level], due to potential misinterpretation.</i></p>	<p>AT [time] CLIMB TO [level]</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>AT [time] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</p>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 22	<p>Instruction that at the specified position a climb to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note 1.— Instruction that AFTER PASSING the specified position, a climb to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— Precede this message element with UM 19 MAINTAIN [level], due to potential misinterpretation.</i></p>	<p>AT [position] CLIMB TO [level]</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>AT [position] CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</p>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 185	(Reserved)	N/A	W/U	N/A
UM 23	<p>Instruction that a descent to a specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</p>	<p>DESCEND TO [level]</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</p>	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 24	<p>Instruction that at a specified time a descent to a specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note 1.— Instruction that AT or AFTER the specified time, a descent to the specified level is to commence, and once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— Precede this message element with UM 19 MAINTAIN [level], due to potential misinterpretation.</i></p>	<p>AT [time] DESCEND TO [level]</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>AT [time] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</p>	W/U	FANS 1/A

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UM 25	<p>Instruction that at the specified position a descent to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note 1.— Instruction that AFTER PASSING the specified position, a descent to the specified level is to commence and once reached the specified level is to be maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— Precede this message element with UM 19 MAINTAIN [level], due to potential misinterpretation.</i></p>	<p>AT [position] DESCEND TO [level]</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p><i>AT [position] DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</i></p>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 186	(Reserved)	N/A	W/U	N/A
UM 26	<p>Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified time. When this message element is not concatenated with another vertical clearance, the level specified is the assigned level which is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note.— Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached AT or BEFORE the specified time.</i></p>	CLIMB TO REACH [level] BY [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 27	<p>Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified position. When this message element is not concatenated with another vertical clearance, the level specified is the assigned level which is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note.— Instruction that a climb is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached BEFORE PASSING the specified position.</i></p>	CLIMB TO REACH [level] BY [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN

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UM 28	<p>Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified time. When this message element is not concatenated with another vertical clearance, the level specified is the assigned level which is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— <i>Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached AT or BEFORE the specified time.</i></p>	DESCEND TO REACH [level] BY [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 29	<p>Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified position. When this message element is not concatenated with another vertical clearance, the level specified is the assigned level which is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— <i>Instruction that a descent is to commence at a rate such that the specified level is reached BEFORE PASSING the specified position.</i></p>	DESCEND TO REACH [level] BY [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 192	Instruction that a change of level is to continue, but at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified time.	REACH [level] BY [time]	W/U	N/A
UM 209	Instruction that a change of level is to continue, but at a rate such that the specified level is reached at or before the specified position.	REACH [level] BY [position]	W/U	N/A
UM 30	<p>Instruction that a level within the defined vertical range specified is to be maintained.</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A - ATN B1.</i>— <i>FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 aircraft accepts UM 19 MAINTAIN [level], where [level] is a vertical range.</i></p>	MAINTAIN BLOCK [level] TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 31	<p>Instruction that a climb to a level within the vertical range defined is to commence.</p> <p><i>FANS 1/A - ATN B1.</i>— <i>FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 aircraft accepts UM 20 CLIMB TO [level], where [level] is a vertical range.</i></p>	CLIMB TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [level] TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A - ATN

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UM 32	Instruction that a descent to a level within the vertical range defined is to commence. <i>FANS 1/A - ATN B1.</i> — <i>FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 aircraft accepts UM 23 DESCEND TO [level], where [level] is a vertical range.</i>	DESCEND TO AND MAINTAIN BLOCK [level] TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A - ATN
UM 34	Instruction that a cruise climb to the specified level is to commence and continue and, once reached the specified level is to be maintained. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation .</i>	CRUISE CLIMB TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 35	Instruction to be used in conjunction with an associated level instruction indicating that a cruise climb can commence once above the specified level. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	WHEN ABOVE (level) COMMENCE CRUISE CLIMB <i>Or</i> <i>CRUISE CLIMB ABOVE [level]</i>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 219	Instruction to stop the climb at the specified level and, once reached, this level is to be maintained. The specified level will be below the previously assigned level.	STOP CLIMB AT [level]	W/U	N/A (Urgent)
UM 220	Instruction to stop the descent at the specified level and, once reached, this level is to be maintained. The specified level will be above the previously assigned level.	STOP DESCENT AT [level]	W/U	N/A (Urgent)
UM 36	Instruction that the climb to the specified level should be made at the aircraft's best rate.	EXPEDITE CLIMB TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 37	Instruction that the descent to the specified level should be made at the aircraft's best rate.	EXPEDITE DESCENT TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 38	Urgent instruction to immediately climb to the specified level and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	IMMEDIATELY CLIMB TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A (Distress)
UM 39	Urgent instruction to immediately descend to the specified level and, once reached, the specified level is to be maintained.	IMMEDIATELY DESCEND TO [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A (Distress)

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UM 40	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, IMMEDIATELY STOP CLIMB AT [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	(Not defined)	Y Or W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 41	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, IMMEDIATELY STOP DESCENT AT [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	(Not defined)	Y Or W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 171	Instruction to climb at not less than the specified rate.	CLIMB AT [vertical rate] MINIMUM	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 172	Instruction to climb at not above the specified rate.	CLIMB AT [vertical rate] MAXIMUM	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 173	Instruction to descend at not less than the specified rate.	DESCEND AT [vertical rate] MINIMUM	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 174	Instruction to descend at not above the specified rate.	DESCEND AT [vertical rate] MAXIMUM	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 33	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, CRUISE [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.	(Not defined) Or CRUISE [altitude]	Y Or W/U	FANS 1/A
	Crossing Constraints (uplink)			
UM 42	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444..	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 43	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT OR ABOVE [altitude], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444..	N/A	R	FANS 1/A

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UM 44	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, <i>EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT OR BELOW [altitude]</i> , as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444..	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 45	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — Avoid use of this message element, <i>EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [altitude]</i> , as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444..	N/A	R	FANS 1/A
UM 46	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified level. This may require the aircraft to modify its climb or descent profile.	CROSS [position] AT [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 47	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or above the specified level.	CROSS [position] AT OR ABOVE [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 48	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or below the specified level.	CROSS [position] AT OR BELOW [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 49	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified level and that level is to be maintained when reached.	CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 50	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at a level between the specified levels.	CROSS [position] BETWEEN [level] AND [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 51	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified time.	CROSS [position] AT [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 52	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or before the specified time.	CROSS [position] AT OR BEFORE [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 53	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or after the specified time.	CROSS [position] AT OR AFTER [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

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UM 54	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at a time between the specified times.	CROSS [position] BETWEEN [time] AND [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 55	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified speed and the specified speed is to be maintained until further advised.	CROSS [position] AT [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 56	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at a speed equal to or less than the specified speed and the specified speed or less is to be maintained until further advised.	CROSS [position] AT OR LESS THAN [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 57	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at a speed equal to or greater than the specified speed and the specified speed or greater is to be maintained until further advised.	CROSS [position] AT OR GREATER THAN [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 58	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified time and the specified level.	CROSS [position] AT [time] AT [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 59	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or before the specified time and at the specified level.	CROSS [position] AT OR BEFORE [time] AT [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 60	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at or after the specified time and at the specified level.	CROSS [position] AT OR AFTER [time] AT [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 61	Instruction that the specified position is to be crossed at the specified level and speed, and the level and speed are to be maintained.	CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [level] AT [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 62	Instruction that at the specified time the specified position is to be crossed at the specified level and the level is to be maintained.	AT [time] CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 63	Instruction that at the specified time the specified position is to be crossed at the specified level and speed, and the level and speed are to be maintained.	AT [time] CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [level] AT [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A

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	Lateral Offsets (uplink)			
UM 64	Instruction to fly a parallel track to the cleared route at a displacement of the specified distance in the specified direction.	OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 65	Instruction to fly a parallel track to the cleared route at a displacement of the specified distance in the specified direction and commencing at the specified position.	AT [position] OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 66	Instruction to fly a parallel track to the cleared route at a displacement of the specified distance in the specified direction and commencing at the specified time.	AT [time] OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 67	Instruction that the cleared flight route is to be rejoined.	PROCEED BACK ON ROUTE	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 68	Instruction that the cleared flight route is to be rejoined at or before the specified position.	REJOIN ROUTE BY [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 69	Instruction that the cleared flight route is to be rejoined at or before the specified time.	REJOIN ROUTE BY [time]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 70	Notification that a clearance may be issued to enable the aircraft to rejoin the cleared route at or before the specified position.	EXPECT BACK ON ROUTE BY [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 71	Notification that a clearance may be issued to enable the aircraft to rejoin the cleared route at or before the specified time.	EXPECT BACK ON ROUTE BY [time]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 72	Instruction to resume own navigation following a period of tracking or heading clearances. May be used in conjunction with an instruction on how or where to rejoin the cleared route.	RESUME OWN NAVIGATION	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
	Route Modifications (uplink)			
UM 73	Instruction to be followed from departure until the specified clearance limit.	[departure clearance]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 74	Instruction to proceed directly from its present position to the specified position.	PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 75	Instruction to proceed, when able, directly to the specified position.	WHEN ABLE PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A

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UM 76	Instruction to proceed, at the specified time, directly to the specified position.	AT [time] PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 77	Instruction to proceed, at the specified position, directly to the next specified position.	AT [position] PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 78	Instruction to proceed, upon reaching the specified level, directly to the specified position.	AT [level] PROCEED DIRECT TO [position]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 79	Instruction to proceed to the specified position via the specified route.	CLEARED TO [position] VIA [route clearance]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 80	Instruction to proceed via the specified route.	CLEARED [route clearance]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 81	Instruction to proceed in accordance with the specified procedure.	CLEARED [procedure name]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 236	Instruction to leave controlled airspace.	LEAVE CONTROLLED AIRSPACE	W/U	N/A
UM 82	Approval to deviate up to the specified distance from the cleared route in the specified direction.	CLEARED TO DEVIATE UP TO [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 83	Instruction to proceed from the specified position via the specified route.	AT [position] CLEARED [route clearance]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 84	Instruction to proceed from the specified position via the specified procedure.	AT [position] CLEARED [procedure name]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 85	Notification that a clearance to fly on the specified route may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	EXPECT [route clearance]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 86	Notification that a clearance to fly on the specified route from the specified position may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [position] EXPECT [route clearance]	R	FANS 1/A

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UM 87	Notification that a clearance to fly directly to the specified position may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	EXPECT DIRECT TO [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 88	Notification that a clearance to fly directly from the first specified position to the next specified position may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [position] EXPECT DIRECT TO [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 89	Notification that a clearance to fly directly to the specified position commencing at the specified time may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [time] EXPECT DIRECT TO [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 90	Notification that a clearance to fly directly to the specified position commencing when the specified level is reached may be issued. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [level] EXPECT DIRECT TO [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 91	Instruction to enter a holding pattern with the specified characteristics at the specified position and level.	HOLD AT [position] MAINTAIN [level] INBOUND TRACK [degrees] [direction] TURNS [leg type] <i>Or</i> <i>HOLD AT [position] MAINTAIN [altitude] INBOUND TRACK [degrees][direction] TURN LEG TIME [leg type]</i>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 92	Instruction to enter a holding pattern with the published characteristics at the specified position and level.	HOLD AT [position] AS PUBLISHED MAINTAIN [level]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 93	Notification that an onwards clearance may be issued at the specified time.	EXPECT FURTHER CLEARANCE AT [time]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 94	Instruction to turn left or right as specified on to the specified heading. <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— Direction as “left,” “right,” or “either side.” Avoid use of “either side.”</i>	TURN [direction] HEADING [degrees]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

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UM 95	Instruction to turn left or right as specified on to the specified track.	TURN [direction] GROUND TRACK [degrees]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 215	Instruction to turn a specified number of degrees left or right.	TURN [direction] [degrees] DEGREES	W/U	ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
UM 190	Instruction to fly on the specified heading. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— ATN B1 uses UM 94 TURN [direction] HEADING [degrees] for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	FLY HEADING [degrees]	W/U	ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
UM 96	Instruction to continue to fly on the current heading.	CONTINUE PRESENT HEADING <i>Or</i> <i>FLY PRESENT HEADING</i>	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
UM 97	Instruction to fly on the specified heading from the specified position.	AT [position] FLY HEADING [degrees]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 221	Instruction to stop turn at the specified heading prior to reaching the previously assigned heading.	STOP TURN HEADING [degrees]	W/U	N/A (Urgent)
UM 98	Instruction to turn immediately left or right as specified on to the specified heading.	IMMEDIATELY TURN [direction] HEADING [degrees]	W/U	FANS 1/A (Distress)
UM 99	Notification that a clearance may be issued for the aircraft to fly the specified procedure.	EXPECT [procedure name]	R	FANS 1/A
	Speed Changes (uplink)			
UM 100	Notification that a speed instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified time.	AT [time] EXPECT [speed]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 101	Notification that a speed instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified position.	AT [position] EXPECT [speed]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 102	Notification that a speed instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified level. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [level] EXPECT [speed]	R	FANS 1/A

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UM 103	Notification that a speed range instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified time. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [time] EXPECT [speed] TO [speed]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 104	Notification that a speed range instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified position. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [position] EXPECT [speed] TO [speed]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 105	Notification that a speed range instruction may be issued to be effective at the specified level. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	AT [level] EXPECT [speed] TO [speed]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 106	Instruction that the specified speed is to be maintained.	MAINTAIN [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 188	Instruction that after passing the specified position the specified speed is to be maintained.	AFTER PASSING [position] MAINTAIN [speed]	W/U	N/A
UM 107	Instruction that the present speed is to be maintained.	MAINTAIN PRESENT SPEED	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 108	Instruction that the specified speed or a greater speed is to be maintained.	MAINTAIN [speed] OR GREATER	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 109	Instruction that the specified speed or a lesser speed is to be maintained.	MAINTAIN [speed] OR LESS	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 110	Instruction that a speed within the specified range is to be maintained.	MAINTAIN [speed] TO [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 111	Instruction that the present speed is to be increased to the specified speed and maintained until further advised.	INCREASE SPEED TO [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A

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UM 112	Instruction that the present speed is to be increased to the specified speed or greater, and maintained at or above the specified speed until further advised.	INCREASE SPEED TO [speed] OR GREATER	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 113	Instruction that the present speed is to be reduced to the specified speed and maintained until further advised.	REDUCE SPEED TO [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 114	Instruction that the present speed is to be reduced to the specified speed or less and maintained at or below the specified speed until further advised.	REDUCE SPEED TO [speed] OR LESS	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 115	Instruction that the specified speed is not to be exceeded.	DO NOT EXCEED [speed]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 116	Instruction that the aircraft's normal speed be resumed. The previously issued speed restriction(s) are cancelled.	RESUME NORMAL SPEED	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 189	Instruction that the present speed is to be changed to the specified speed.	ADJUST SPEED TO [speed]	W/U	N/A
UM 222	Notification that the aircraft may keep its preferred speed without restriction. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— Uses <u>UM 169z</u> free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	NO SPEED RESTRICTION	R	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 223	Instruction to reduce present speed to the minimum safe approach speed.	REDUCE TO MINIMUM APPROACH SPEED	W/U	N/A
	Contact/Monitor/Surveillance Requests (uplink)			
UM 117	Instruction that the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be contacted on the specified frequency.	CONTACT [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 118	Instruction that at the specified position the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be contacted on the specified frequency.	AT [position] CONTACT [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 119	Instruction that at the specified time the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be contacted on the specified frequency.	AT [time] CONTACT [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 238	Notification that the secondary frequency is as specified.	SECONDARY FREQUENCY [frequency]	R	N/A
UM 120	Instruction that the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be monitored on the specified frequency. <i>Note.</i> — <i>The flight crew is not required to check in.</i>	MONITOR [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 121	Instruction that at the specified position the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be monitored on the specified frequency. <i>Note.</i> — <i>The flight crew is not required to check in.</i>	AT [position] MONITOR [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 122	Instruction that at the specified time the ATS unit with the specified ATS unit name is to be monitored on the specified frequency. <i>Note.</i> — <i>The flight crew is not required to check in.</i>	AT [time] MONITOR [unitname] [frequency]	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 123	Instruction that the specified code (SSR code) is to be selected.	SQUAWK [code]	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 124	Instruction that the SSR transponder responses are to be disabled.	STOP SQUAWK	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 239	Instruction that the ADS-B transmissions are to be terminated.	STOP ADS-B TRANSMISSION	W/U	N/A
UM 125	Instruction that the SSR transponder responses should include level information.	SQUAWK MODE CHARLIE <i>Or</i> <i>SQUAWK ALTITUDE</i>	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 240	Instruction that the ADS-B transmissions should include level information.	TRANSMIT ADS-B ALTITUDE	W/U	N/A
UM 126	Instruction that the SSR transponder responses should no longer include level information.	STOP SQUAWK MODE CHARLIE <i>Or</i> <i>STOP ALTITUDE SQUAWK</i>	W/U	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 241	Instruction that the ADS-B transmissions should no longer include level information.	STOP ADS-B ALTITUDE TRANSMISSION	W/U	N/A
UM 179	Instruction that the ‘ident’ function on the SSR transponder is to be actuated.	SQUAWK IDENT	W/U	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 242	Instruction that the “ident” function of the ADS-B emitter is to be activated. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses UM 169ai free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	TRANSMIT ADS-B IDENT	W/U Or R (free text)	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 243	Instruction to report when the aircraft is clear of adverse meteorological conditions, and a clearance to regain cleared flight route can be accepted.	REPORT CLEAR OF WEATHER	W/U	N/A
	Report/Confirmation Requests (uplink)			
UM 127	Instruction to report when the aircraft is back on the cleared route.	REPORT BACK ON ROUTE	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 128	Instruction to report when the aircraft has vacated the specified level that has either been maintained or passed through on climb or descent. <i>Note.— Either a level that has been maintained, or a level passed through on climb or descent.</i>	REPORT LEAVING [level]	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 129	Instruction to report when the aircraft is in level flight at the specified level. <i>Note.— This message element is only to be used with single altitude clearances.</i>	REPORT MAINTAINING [level] Or REPORT LEVEL [altitude]	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 175	(Reserved) <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element, REPORT REACHING [level], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444..</i>	N/A	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 200	Instruction used in conjunction with a level clearance to report maintaining the level assigned.	REPORT MAINTAINING	W/U	N/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 180	Instruction to report when the aircraft is within the specified vertical range.	REPORT REACHING BLOCK [level] TO [level]	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 130	Instruction to report when the aircraft has passed the specified position.	REPORT PASSING [position]	W/U Or R	FANS 1/A
UM 181	Instruction to report the present distance to or from the specified position.	REPORT DISTANCE [to/from] [position]	Y Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 184	Instruction to report at the specified time the distance to or from the specified position.	AT TIME [time] REPORT DISTANCE [to/from] [position]	Y	N/A
UM 228	Instruction to report the estimated time of arrival at the specified position. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses UM 169d free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	REPORT ETA [position]	Y DM104	FANS 1/A [free text]
UM 131	Instruction to report the amount of fuel remaining and the number of persons on board.	REPORT REMAINING FUEL AND PERSONS ON BOARD	Y Or NE	FANS 1/A (Urgent)
UM 132	Instruction to report the present position.	REPORT POSITION	Y Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 133	Instruction to report the present level.	REPORT PRESENT LEVEL Or <i>CONFIRM ALTITUDE</i>	Y Or NE DM32	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 134	Instruction to report the requested speed. <i>Note.— Instruction to report the present speed.</i> <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses UM 169b free text for FANS 1/A aircraft when the controller is requesting the flight crew to report the present ground speed.</i>	REPORT [speed type] [speed type] SPEED Or <i>CONFIRM SPEED</i>	Y Or NE Or R DM113	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 135	Instruction to confirm the currently assigned level.	CONFIRM ASSIGNED LEVEL <i>Or</i> <i>CONFIRM ASSIGNED ALTITUDE</i>	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i> DM38 DM77 (TBC)	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 136	Instruction to confirm the currently assigned speed.	CONFIRM ASSIGNED SPEED	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 137	Instruction to confirm the currently assigned route.	CONFIRM ASSIGNED ROUTE	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 138	Instruction to confirm the previously reported time over the last reported waypoint.	CONFIRM TIME OVER REPORTED WAYPOINT	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 139	Instruction to confirm the identity of the previously reported waypoint.	CONFIRM REPORTED WAYPOINT	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 140	Instruction to confirm the identity of the next waypoint.	CONFIRM NEXT WAYPOINT	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 141	Instruction to confirm the previously reported estimated time at the next waypoint.	CONFIRM NEXT WAYPOINT ETA	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 142	Instruction to confirm the identity of the next but one waypoint.	CONFIRM ENSUING WAYPOINT	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 143	The request was not understood. It should be clarified and resubmitted.	CONFIRM REQUEST	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 144	Instruction to report the selected (SSR) code.	CONFIRM SQUAWK	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 145	Instruction to report the present heading.	REPORT HEADING <i>Or</i> <i>CONFIRM HEADING</i>	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 146	Instruction to report the present ground track.	REPORT GROUND TRACK	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 182	Instruction to report the identification code of the last ATIS received.	CONFIRM ATIS CODE	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 147	Instruction to make a position report. <i>Note.</i> — <i>To be used if the controller does not receive a scheduled position report.</i>	REQUEST POSITION REPORT	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 216	Instruction to file a flight plan.	REQUEST FLIGHT PLAN	Y	N/A
UM 217	Instruction to report that the aircraft has landed.	REPORT ARRIVAL	Y	N/A
UM 229	Instruction to report the preferred alternate aerodrome for landing.	REPORT ALTERNATE AERODROME	Y	N/A
UM 231	Instruction to indicate the pilot's preferred level. <i>FANS 1/A and FANS 1/A-ATN.— uses UM 169c free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	STATE PREFERRED LEVEL	Y <i>DM106</i>	Ocean SPR FANS 1/A [free text] ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 232	Instruction to indicate the pilot's preferred time and/or position to commence descent to the aerodrome of intended arrival. <i>FANS 1/A and FANS 1/A-ATN.— Uses UM 169aa free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	STATE TOP OF DESCENT	Y <i>DM109</i>	FANS 1/A [free text] ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
	Negotiation Requests (uplink)			
UM 148	Request for the earliest time or position at which the specified level can be accepted.	WHEN CAN YOU ACCEPT [level]	Y <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i> <i>DM81</i> <i>DM82</i>	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 149	Instruction to report whether or not the specified level can be accepted at the specified position.	CAN YOU ACCEPT [level] AT [position]	A/N	FANS 1/A
UM 150	Instruction to report whether or not the specified level can be accepted at the specified time.	CAN YOU ACCEPT [level] AT [time]	A/N	FANS 1/A
UM 151	Instruction to report the earliest time or position when the specified speed can be accepted.	WHEN CAN YOU ACCEPT [speed]	Y Or NE DM83 DM84	FANS 1/A
UM 152	Instruction to report the earliest time or position when the specified offset track can be accepted.	WHEN CAN YOU ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction] OFFSET	Y Or NE DM85 DM86	FANS 1/A
	Air Traffic Advisories (uplink)			
UM 153	ATS advisory that the altimeter setting should be the specified setting.	ALTIMETER [altimeter]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 213	ATS advisory that the specified altimeter setting relates to the specified facility. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— Uses <u>UM 169y</u> free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	[facility designation] ALTIMETER [altimeter]	R	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 154	ATS advisory that the radar service is terminated.	RADAR SERVICE TERMINATED Or <i>RADAR SERVICES TERMINATED</i>	R	FANS 1/A
UM 244	ATS advisory that the radar and/or ADS-B service is terminated. <i>FANS 1/A.— uses <u>UM 169aj</u> free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	IDENTIFICATION TERMINATED	R	FANS 1/A [free text]
UM 191	ATS advisory that the aircraft is entering airspace in which no air traffic services are provided and all existing air traffic services are terminated.	ALL ATS TERMINATED	R	N/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 155	ATS advisory that radar contact has been established at the specified position.	RADAR CONTACT [position]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 156	ATS advisory that radar contact has been lost.	RADAR CONTACT LOST	R	FANS 1/A
UM 210	ATS advisory that the aircraft has been identified on radar and/or ADS-B at the specified position.	IDENTIFIED [position]	R	N/A
UM 193	Notification that radar and/or ADS-B identification has been lost.	IDENTIFICATION LOST	R	N/A
UM 157	Instruction that a continuous transmission is detected on the specified frequency. Check the microphone button.	CHECK STUCK MICROPHONE [frequency]	N Or R	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
UM 158	ATS advisory that the ATIS information identified by the specified code is the current ATIS information.	ATIS [atis code]	R	FANS 1/A
UM 212	ATS advisory that the specified ATIS information at the specified airport is current.	[facility designation] ATIS [atis code] CURRENT	R	N/A
UM 214	ATS advisory that indicates the RVR value for the specified runway.	RVR RUNWAY [runway] [rvr]	R	N/A
UM 224	ATS advisory that no delay is expected.	NO DELAY EXPECTED	R	N/A
UM 225	ATS advisory that the expected delay has not been determined.	DELAY NOT DETERMINED	R	N/A
UM 226	ATS advisory that the aircraft may expect to be cleared to commence its approach procedure at the specified time.	EXPECTED APPROACH TIME [time]	R	N/A
	System Management Messages (uplink)			
UM 159	A system generated message notifying that the ground system has detected an error.	ERROR [error information]	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
UM 160	Notification to the avionics that the specified data authority is the next data authority. If no data authority is specified, this indicates that any previously specified next data authority is no longer valid.	NEXT DATA AUTHORITY [facility designation]	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 161	Notification to the avionics that the data link connection with the current data authority is being terminated.	END SERVICE	N Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 162	Notification that the ground system does not support this message. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses UM 169u free text for FANS 1/A aircraft.</i>	MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT Or <i>SERVICE UNAVAILABLE</i>	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 234	Notification that the ground system does not have a flight plan for that aircraft.	FLIGHT PLAN NOT HELD	N	N/A
UM 163	Notification to the pilot of an ATSU identifier.	[facility designation] Or <i>[icao facility designation] [tP4+Table]</i>	N Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 227	Confirmation to the aircraft system that the ground system has received the message to which the logical acknowledgement refers and found it acceptable for display to the responsible person. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— ATN B1 only. Not available for FANS 1/A.</i>	LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	N	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 233	Notification to the pilot that messages sent requiring a logical acknowledgement will not be accepted by this ground system.	USE OF LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROHIBITED	N	N/A
	Additional Messages (uplink)			
UM 164	The associated instruction may be complied with at any future time. <i>Note.— Intent same as UM 177 AT PILOTS DISCRETION.</i>	WHEN READY	N Or NE	FANS 1/A
UM 230	The associated instruction is to be complied with immediately.	IMMEDIATELY	N	N/A (Distress)
UM 165	Used to link two messages, indicating the proper order of execution of clearances/instructions.	THEN	N Or NE	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
UM 166	The associated instruction is issued due to traffic considerations.	DUE TO [traffic type] TRAFFIC <i>Or</i> <i>DUE TO TRAFFIC</i>	N <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 167	The associated instruction is issued due to airspace restrictions.	DUE TO AIRSPACE RESTRICTION	N <i>Or</i> <i>NE</i>	FANS 1/A
UM 168	The indicated communication should be ignored. <i>Note.</i> — <i>The previously sent uplink CPDLC message should be ignored. DISREGARD should not refer to a clearance or instruction. If DISREGARD is used, another element should be added to clarify which message is to be disregarded.</i>	DISREGARD	R	FANS 1/A
UM 176	Instruction that the pilot is responsible for maintaining separation from other traffic and is also responsible for maintaining visual meteorological conditions.	MAINTAIN OWN SEPARATION AND VMC	W/U	FANS 1/A
UM 177	Used in conjunction with a clearance/instruction to indicate that the pilot may execute when prepared to do so. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent same as UM 164 WHEN READY.</i>	AT PILOTS DISCRETION	N	FANS 1/A
UM 178	(Reserved) <i>Note.</i> — <i>Avoid use of this message element, TRACK DETAIL MESSAGE, as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.</i>	(not defined)	Y <i>Or</i> <i>W/U</i>	FANS 1/A
	Free Text Normal-(uplink)			
UM 169	Normal urgency attribute, low alert attribute	[free text]	R	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN
	Free Text Distress (uplink)			
UM 170	Distress urgency attribute, high alert attribute	[free text]	R	FANS 1/A
	Free Text – Other			
UM 183	Normal urgency attribute, medium alert attribute <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.</i> — <i>ATN B1 only. Not available for FANS 1/A.</i>	[free text]	N	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

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UM 187	low urgency, normal alert	[free text]	N	N/A
UM 194	normal urgency, low alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
UM 195	low urgency, low alert	[free text]	R	N/A
UM 196	normal urgency, medium alert	[free text]	W/U	ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
UM 197	urgent urgency, medium alert	[free text]	W/U	N/A (Urgent)
UM 198	distress urgency, high alert	[free text]	W/U	N/A (Distress)
UM 199	normal urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A
UM 201	Not used, low urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A
UM 202	Not used, low urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A
UM 203	normal urgency, medium alert	[free text]	R	N/A
UM 204	normal urgency, medium alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
UM 205	normal urgency, medium alert	[free text]	A/N	N/A
UM 206	low urgency, normal alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
UM 207	low urgency, low alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
UM 208	low urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A

A.3 CPDLC downlink message elements

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Responses/Acknowledgements (downlink)			
DM 0	The instruction is understood and will be complied with.	WILCO	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 1	The instruction cannot be complied with.	UNABLE	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 2	Wait for a reply. <i>Note.</i> — The controller is informed that the request is being assessed and there will be a <u>short term</u> delay (within 10 minutes). The exchange is not closed and the request will be responded to when conditions allow.	STANDBY	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 3	Message received and understood. <i>Note.</i> — ROGER is the only correct response to an uplink free text message. Under no circumstances will ROGER be used instead of AFFIRM.	ROGER	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 4	Yes. <i>Note.</i> — AFFIRM is an appropriate response to an uplinked negotiation request message (e.g. <u>UM 150</u> CAN YOU ACCEPT [level] at [time]).	AFFIRM	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 5	No. <i>Note.</i> — NEGATIVE is an appropriate response to an uplinked negotiation request message (e.g. <u>UM 150</u> CAN YOU ACCEPT [level] at [time]).	NEGATIVE	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Vertical Requests (downlink)			
DM 6	Request to fly at the specified level.	REQUEST [level]	Y UM0 UM1 UM19 UM20 UM23 UM26 UM27 UM28 UM29 UM46 UM47 UM48 UM159 + UM183 UM162 UM211	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
DM 7	Request to fly at a level within the specified vertical range. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 aircraft uses DM 6 REQUEST [level], where [level] is a vertical range.</i>	REQUEST BLOCK [level] TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A- ATN
DM 8	Request to cruise climb to the specified level. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	REQUEST CRUISE CLIMB TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 9	Request to climb to the specified level.	REQUEST CLIMB TO [level]	Y <i>UM0</i> <i>UM1</i> <i>UM19</i> <i>UM20</i> <i>UM23</i> <i>UM26</i> <i>UM27</i> <i>UM28</i> <i>UM29</i> <i>UM46</i> <i>UM47</i> <i>UM48</i> <i>UM159</i> + <i>UM183</i> <i>UM162</i> <i>UM211</i>	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 10	Request to descend to the specified level.	REQUEST DESCENT TO [level]	Y <i>UM0</i> <i>UM19</i> <i>UM20</i> <i>UM23</i> <i>UM26</i> <i>UM27</i> <i>UM28</i> <i>UM29</i> <i>UM46</i> <i>UM47</i> <i>UM48</i> <i>UM159</i> + <i>UM183</i> <i>UM162</i> <i>UM211</i>	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 11	Request that at the specified position a climb to the specified level be approved.	AT [position] REQUEST CLIMB TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 12	Request that at the specified position a descent to the specified level be approved.	AT [position] REQUEST DESCENT TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 13	Request that at the specified time a climb to the specified level be approved.	AT [time] REQUEST CLIMB TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 14	Request that at the specified time a descent to the specified level be approved.	AT [time] REQUEST DESCENT TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 69	Request that a descent be approved on a see-and-avoid basis. <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element due to potential misinterpretation.</i>	REQUEST VMC DESCENT	Y	FANS 1/A
	Lateral Off-Set Requests (downlink)			
DM 15	Request that a parallel track, offset from the cleared track by the specified distance in the specified direction, be approved.	REQUEST OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 16	Request that a parallel track, offset from the cleared track by the specified distance in the specified direction, be approved from the specified position.	AT [position] REQUEST OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 17	Request that a parallel track, offset from the cleared track by the specified distance in the specified direction, be approved from the specified time.	AT [time] REQUEST OFFSET [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	Y	FANS 1/A
	Speed Requests (downlink)			
DM 18	Request to fly at the specified speed.	REQUEST [speed]	Y UM0 UM1 UM162 UM211 UM55 UM61 UM106 UM107 UM108 UM109 UM116 UM222 UM159 + UM183	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
DM 19	Request to fly within the specified speed range.	REQUEST [speed] TO [speed]	Y	FANS 1/A
	Voice Contact Requests (downlink)			
DM 20	Request for voice contact.	REQUEST VOICE CONTACT	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 21	Request for voice contact on the specified frequency.	REQUEST VOICE CONTACT [frequency]	Y	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Route Modification Requests (downlink)			
DM 22	Request to track from the present position direct to the specified position.	REQUEST DIRECT TO [position]	Y UM0 UM162 UM211 UM74 UM96 UM190 UM159 + UM183	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 23	Request for the specified procedure clearance.	REQUEST [procedure name]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 24	Request for a route clearance.	REQUEST CLEARANCE [route clearance] <i>Or</i> <i>REQUEST [route clearance]</i>	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 25	Request for a clearance. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Either pre-departure or route.</i>	REQUEST [clearance type] CLEARANCE <i>Or</i> <i>REQUEST CLEARANCE</i>	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 26	Request for a weather deviation to the specified position via the specified route.	REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION TO [position] VIA [route clearance]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 27	Request for a weather deviation up to the specified distance off track in the specified direction.	REQUEST WEATHER DEVIATION UP TO [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	Y UM0 UM162 UM211 UM64 UM74 UM82 UM96 UM190 UM159 + UM183	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 70	Request a clearance to adopt the specified heading.	REQUEST HEADING [degrees]	Y	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 71	Request a clearance to adopt the specified ground track.	REQUEST GROUND TRACK [degrees]	Y	FANS 1/A
	Reports (downlink)			
DM 28	Notification of leaving the specified level.	LEAVING [level]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 29	Notification of climbing to the specified level.	CLIMBING TO [level]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 30	Notification of descending to the specified level.	DESCENDING TO [level]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 31	Notification of passing the specified position.	PASSING [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 78	Notification that at the specified time, the aircraft's position was as specified.	AT [time] [distance] [to/from] [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 32	Notification of the present level.	PRESENT LEVEL [level] <i>Or</i> <i>PRESENT ALTITUDE</i> [altitude]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 33	Notification of the present position.	PRESENT POSITION [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 34	Notification of the present speed.	PRESENT SPEED [speed]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 113	Notification of the requested speed. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses free text DM 67L GS [speed] for partial intent. The flight crew notifies the controller of present ground speed, in response to UM 169b, REPORT GROUND SPEED.</i>	[speed type] [speed type] [speed type] SPEED [speed]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 35	Notification of the present heading in degrees.	PRESENT HEADING [degrees]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 36	Notification of the present ground track in degrees.	PRESENT GROUND TRACK [degrees]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 37	Notification that the aircraft is maintaining the specified level.	MAINTAINING [level] <i>Or</i> <i>LEVEL</i> [altitude]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 72	(Reserved) <i>Note.— Avoid use of this message element, REACHING [level], as it is reserved in ICAO Doc 4444.</i>	N/A <i>Or</i> <i>REACHING [level]</i>	N	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 76	Notification that the aircraft has reached a level within the specified vertical range.	REACHING BLOCK [level] TO [level]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 38	Read-back of the assigned level.	ASSIGNED LEVEL [level] <i>Or</i> <i>ASSIGNED ALTITUDE</i> [altitude]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 77	Read-back of the assigned vertical range. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 aircraft uses DM 38 ASSIGNED LEVEL [level], where [level] is a vertical range.</i>	ASSIGNED BLOCK [level] TO [level]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 39	Read-back of the assigned speed.	ASSIGNED SPEED [speed]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 40	Read-back of the assigned route.	ASSIGNED ROUTE [route clearance]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 41	The aircraft has regained the cleared route.	BACK ON ROUTE	N	FANS 1/A
DM 114	Notification that the aircraft is clear of weather and is able to accept a clearance to regain cleared flight route.	CLEAR OF WEATHER	N	N/A
DM 42	The next waypoint is the specified position.	NEXT WAYPOINT [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 43	The ETA at the next waypoint is as specified.	NEXT WAYPOINT ETA [time]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 44	The next but one waypoint is the specified position.	ENSUING WAYPOINT [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 45	Clarification of previously reported waypoint passage.	REPORTED WAYPOINT [position]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 46	Clarification of time over previously reported waypoint.	REPORTED WAYPOINT [time]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 47	The specified (SSR) code has been selected.	SQUAWKING [code]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 48	Position report. <i>Note.— Reports the current position of the aircraft when the flight crew presses the button to send this message. ATC expects position reports based on this downlink message.</i>	POSITION REPORT [position report]	N	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 79	The code of the latest ATIS received is as specified.	ATIS [atis code]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 89	The specified ATS unit is being monitored on the specified frequency. <i>FANS 1/A-ATN – FANS 1/A aircraft uses <u>DM 67aa</u> free text. May require to be preformatted.</i>	MONITORING [unitname] [frequency]	N	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 102	Used to report that an aircraft has landed.	LANDING REPORT	N	N/A
DM 104	Notification of estimated time of arrival at the specified position. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses free text <u>DM 67n</u>. Response to free text <u>UM 169d</u> REPORT ETA [position]</i>	ETA [position] [time] <i>Or</i> <i>[position] [time]</i>	N	FANS 1/A [free text]
DM 105	Notification of the alternative aerodrome for landing.	ALTERNATE AERODROME [airport]	N	N/A
DM 106	Notification of the preferred level. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses <u>DM 67m</u>. Response to free text <u>UM 169c</u> STATE PREFERRED LEVEL. FANS 1/A – ATN INTEROP – FANS 1/A aircraft response to <u>UM 231</u> STATE PREFERRED LEVEL.</i>	PREFERRED LEVEL [level] <i>Or</i> <i>FL[altitude]</i>	N	FANS 1/A [free text] ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 109	Notification of the preferred time to commence descent for approach. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses <u>DM 67v</u>. Response to free text <u>UM 169aa</u> STATE TOP OF DESCENT. FANS 1/A – ATN INTEROP.— FANS 1/A aircraft response to <u>UM 232</u> STATE TOP OF DESCENT.</i>	TOP OF DESCENT [time] <i>Or</i> <i>TOD [time]</i>	N	FANS 1/A [free text] ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 110	Notification of the preferred position to commence descent for approach.	TOP OF DESCENT [position]	N	N/A
DM 111	Notification of the preferred time and position to commence descent for approach.	TOP OF DESCENT [time] [position]	N	N/A
	Negotiation Requests (downlink)			
DM 49	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to the specified speed can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT [speed]	Y	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 50	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to a speed within the specified range can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT [speed] TO [speed]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 51	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to regain the planned route can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT BACK ON ROUTE	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 52	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to descend can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT LOWER LEVEL <i>Or</i> <i>WHEN CAN WE EXPECT LOWER ALTITUDE</i>	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 53	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to climb can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT HIGHER LEVEL <i>Or</i> <i>WHEN CAN WE EXPECT HIGHER ALTITUDE</i>	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 54	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to cruise climb to the specified level can be expected.	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 87	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to climb to the specified level can be expected. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text DM 67h.</i>	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CLIMB TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 88	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to descend to the specified level can be expected. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text DM 67i.</i>	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT DESCENT TO [level]	Y	FANS 1/A
Emergency Messages (downlink)				
DM 55	Urgency prefix.	PAN PAN PAN	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 56	Distress prefix.	MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Distress)

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 112	Indicates specifically that the aircraft is being subjected to unlawful interference.	SQUAWKING 7500	N	N/A (Urgent)
DM 57	Notification of fuel remaining and number of persons on board.	[remaining fuel] OF FUEL REMAINING AND [persons on board] PERSONS ON BOARD <i>Or</i> <i>REPORT REMAINING FUEL AND SOULS ON BOARD</i>	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 58	Notification that the pilot wishes to cancel the emergency condition.	CANCEL EMERGENCY	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 59	Notification that the aircraft is diverting to the specified position via the specified route due to an urgent need.	DIVERTING TO [position] VIA [route clearance]	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 60	Notification that the aircraft is deviating the specified distance in the specified direction off the cleared route and maintaining a parallel track due to an urgent need.	OFFSETTING [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 61	Notification that the aircraft is descending to the specified level due to an urgent need.	DESCENDING TO [level]	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 80	Notification that the aircraft is deviating up to the deviating distance from the cleared route in the specified direction due to an urgent need. <i>FANS 1/A.— Notification that the aircraft is operating on an offset (including SLOP) and the message is defined as DEVIATING [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE".</i>	DEVIATING UP TO [specified distance] [direction] OF ROUTE <i>Or</i> <i>DEVIATING [distanceoffset] [direction] OF ROUTE</i>	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	System Management Messages (downlink)			
DM 62	A system-generated message that the avionics has detected an error.	ERROR [error information]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 63	A system-generated denial to any CPDLC application message sent from a ground facility that is not the current data authority.	NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 99	A system-generated message to inform a ground facility that it is now the current data authority.	CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY	N	ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN (Urgent)
DM 64	Notification to the ground system that the specified ATSU is the current data authority. <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft uses this message.</i>	[facility designation]	N	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 107	A system-generated message sent to a ground system that tries to connect to an aircraft when a current data authority has not designated the ground system as the NDA. <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— ATN B1 aircraft uses this message.</i>	NOT AUTHORIZED NEXT DATA AUTHORITY	N	ATN B1
DM 73	A system-generated message indicating the software version number. <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft uses this message.</i>	[version number]	N	FANS 1/A FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 100	Confirmation to the ground system that the aircraft system has received the message to which the logical acknowledgement refers and found it acceptable for display to the responsible person. <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft uses alternate means, such as MAS message assurance, to obtain LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.</i>	LOGICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	N	ATN B1

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
	Additional Messages (downlink)			
DM 65	Used to explain reasons for pilot's message.	DUE TO WEATHER	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 66	Used to explain reasons for pilot's message.	DUE TO AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 74	States a desire by the pilot to provide his/her own separation and remain in VMC.	REQUEST TO MAINTAIN OWN SEPARATION AND VMC <i>Or</i> <i>MAINTAIN OWN SEPARATION AND VMC</i>	Y <i>Or</i> <i>N</i>	FANS 1/A
DM 75	Used in conjunction with another message to indicate that the pilot wishes to execute request when the pilot is prepared to do so.	AT PILOTS DISCRETION	N	FANS 1/A
DM 101	Allows the pilot to indicate a desire for termination of CPDLC application with the current data authority.	REQUEST END OF SERVICE	Y	N/A
DM 103	Allows the pilot to indicate that he/she has cancelled IFR flight plan.	CANCELLING IFR	Y	N/A
DM 108	Notification that de-icing action has been completed.	DE-ICING COMPLETE	N	N/A
	Free Text – Normal (downlink)			
DM 67	Normal urgency, low alert <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— FANS 1/A aircraft only. ATN B1 uses DM 98.</i>	[free text]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A-ATN
	Free Text - Distress (downlink)			
DM 68	Distress urgency, high alert <i>Note.— Selecting any of the emergency message elements will result in this message element being enabled for the flight crew to include in the emergency message at their discretion.</i>	[free text]	Y	FANS 1/A
DM 90	normal urgency, medium alert	[free text]	N	N/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 91	normal urgency, low alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
DM 92	low urgency, low alert	[free text]	Y	N/A
DM 93	urgent urgency, high alert	[free text]	N	N/A (Urgent)
DM 94	distress urgency, high alert	[free text]	N	N/A (Distress)
DM 95	urgent urgency, medium alert	[free text]	N	N/A (Urgent)
DM 96	urgent urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A (Urgent)
DM 97	low urgency, low alert	[free text]	N	N/A
DM 98	normal urgency, normal alert <i>FANS 1/A – ATN.— ATN B1 aircraft only. FANS 1/A uses <u>DM 67</u>.</i>	[free text]	N	ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
	Negotiation Responses (downlink)			
DM 81	We can accept the specified level at the specified time. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text <u>DM 67b</u>.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [level] AT [time]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
DM 115	We can accept the specified level at the specified position.	WE CAN ACCEPT [level] AT [position]	N	N/A
DM 82	We cannot accept the specified level. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text <u>DM 67e</u>.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [level]	N	FANS 1/A ATN B1 FANS 1/A- ATN
DM 83	We can accept the specified speed at the specified time. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text <u>DM 67c</u>.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [speed] AT [time]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 116	We can accept the specified speed at the specified position.	WE CAN ACCEPT [speed] AT [position]	N	N/A
DM 84	We cannot accept the specified speed. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text <u>DM 67f</u>.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [speed]	N	FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Data link system(s)
DM 85	We can accept a parallel track offset the specified distance in the specified direction at the specified time. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text DM 67d.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction] AT [time]	N	FANS 1/A
DM 117	We can accept a parallel track offset the specified distance in the specified direction at the specified position.	WE CAN ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction] AT [position]	N	N/A
DM 86	We cannot accept a parallel track offset the specified distance in the specified direction. <i>FANS 1/A.— Uses preformatted free text DM 67g.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction]	N	FANS 1/A

A.4 CPDLC standardized free text messages

A.4.1 CPDLC uplink standardized free text messages

When a free text uplink message has been received, the flight crew should respond with ROGER before responding to the message.

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
	Free Text-Standardized Route Modifications (uplink)			
UM 169a	Notification of an unambiguous tailored arrival name associated with a specific route and constraints. Used in combination with UM 83 AT [position] CLEARED [route clearance] and UM 19 MAINTAIN [level]. <i>Note.— No equivalent in ICAO Doc 4444.</i>	[TA designator]	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
	Free Text-Standardized Report/Confirmation Requests (uplink)			
UM 169b	Instruction to report the ground speed of the aircraft. <i>Note.— Intent similar partially to PANS-ATM UM 134.</i>	REPORT GROUND SPEED	R, and then DM 67l	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
UM 169c	Instruction to advise the preferred flight level for the flight. <i>Note.</i> — Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 231</u>	STATE PREFERRED LEVEL	R, and then <u>DM 67m</u>	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac Cont SPR FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 169d	Instruction to report the estimated time of arrival at the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 228</u> .	REPORT ETA [position]	R, and then <u>DM 67n</u>	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
UM 169e	Instruction to notify when the specified traffic has been observed by visual contact to have passed. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	REPORT SIGHTING AND PASSING OPPOSITE DIRECTION [traffic description] ETP [time]	R, and then <u>DM 67o</u> <u>DM 67p</u>	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
Free Text Instructions (uplink)				
UM 169j	Instruction to check the status of CPDLC messages and to respond to unanswered uplink messages. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	CHECK AND RESPOND TO OPEN CPDLC MESSAGES	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
UM 169w	Instruction to set the latency timer to the specified value. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	SET MAX UPLINK DELAY VALUE TO [no_of_seconds] SECONDS	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac Cont SPR FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 169ai	Instruction that the “ident” function of the ADS-B emitter is to be activated. <i>Note.</i> — Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 242</u> .	TRANSMIT ADS-B IDENT	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
Free text Advisories (uplink)				
UM 169k	Notification that a SELCAL check on the specified HF frequency should be expected. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	EXPECT SELCAL CHECK HF [frequency]	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
UM 169l	Notification that the CPDLC transfer process will not be completed at the FIR boundary and will be delayed until the specified time. If the CPDLC transfer is not completed by the specified time, the flight crew should manually disconnect and logon to the next center. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	EXPECT CPDLC TRANSFER AT [time]	R	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac
UM 169aj	ATS advisory that the radar and/or ADS-B service is terminated. <i>Note.</i> — Same intent as PANS-ATM UM 244 .	IDENTIFICATION TERMINATED	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
UM 169m	Notification that a CPDLC connection is not required by the next FIR (e.g., due to short transition time of the next FIR) and CPDLC connection will be transferred to the subsequent FIR. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	EXPECT NEXT CENTER [facility designation]. CONTACT WITH [facility designation] NOT REQUIRED	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
UM 169n	Notification of traffic significant to the flight. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	TRAFFIC IS [traffic description]	R and then, (optionally) DM 67q	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
UM 169o	Notification of the secondary frequency for the area. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	SECONDARY FREQUENCY [frequency]	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
	Free Text Speed Messages (uplink)			
UM 169p	Notification that a previously issued speed can be expected to be maintained until the specified position or time. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	EXPECT TO MAINTAIN [speed] UNTIL [time / position]	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
	Free Text Emergency Acknowledgement (uplink)			
UM 169q	Acknowledgement of receipt of a CPDLC downlink MAYDAY message. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	ROGER MAYDAY	R	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac (Distress)
UM 169r	Acknowledgement of receipt of a CPDLC downlink PAN message. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	ROGER PAN	R	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac (Distress)

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
UM 169ak	Notification that an ADS-C emergency report has been received from the aircraft. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	CONFIRM ADS-C EMERGENCY	R	Asia-Pac (Distress)
	Free Text – NAT-specific Region (uplink)			
UM 169s	Notification that the CPDLC downlink request was: 1) part of the approved message set; and 2) received by the controller. The aircraft will receive any further communication about the request via voice contact with the specified unit. [unit_description] is the name of the radio facility with which the response will be communicated. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	REQUEST RECEIVED RESPONSE WILL BE VIA [unit_description]	R	Ocean SPR NAT
UM 169t	Notification that the CPDLC downlink request was: 1) part of the approved message set; and 2) received by the controller. The aircraft will receive any further communication about the request via voice contact. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	REQUEST RECEIVED RESPONSE WILL BE VIA VOICE COMMUNICATION	R	Ocean SPR NAT
UM 169u	Notification that an element contained in a CPDLC downlink message was not part of the approved CPDLC message set. <i>Note.</i> — Equivalent to UM 162 , PANS-ATM (22-Nov-07) Change.	MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT	R	Ocean SPR NAT FOM
UM 169v	Notification that the requested level is not available but an alternative level is, and a clearance to this alternative level is appended to this message element. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to ICAO Doc 4444.	UNABLE REQUESTED LEVEL	R	Ocean SPR
UM 169ag	ATS advisory that normal voice communication is not available. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent to PANS-ATM.	TRY SATCOM VOICE OR RELAY THROUGH ANOTHER AIRCRAFT	R	NAT

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
UM 169ah	Notification that an element contained in a CPDLC downlink message was not part of the approved message set. The message should be communicated by voice. <i>Note.— No equivalent to PANS-ATM.</i>	MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT, CONTACT RTF	R	NAT
UM 169am	Instruction to turn the CPDLC application off and to logon to the specified ATSU.	SELECT ATC COMM OFF THEN LOGON TO [facility designation]	R	
UM 169an	Instruction for the flight crew to check that the ADS-C function is armed	CONFIRM ADS-C ARMED	R	
UM 169ao	Instruction to transmit CPDLC position reports due to the failure of ADS-C	ADS-C SHUT DOWN. REVERT TO CPDLC POSITION REPORTS	R	
UM 169ap	Instruction for intermediary CPDLC-capable aircraft to relay message to aircraft not in communication with ATC.	RELAY TO [call sign] [unitname] [text of message to be relayed]	R and then DM67new	
	Free Text – Military (uplink)			
UM 169aq	Notification that MARSA procedures with the specified aircraft have been terminated	MARSA TERMINATED WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft]		
UM 169ar		CLEARED TO DELAY AS REQUESTED		
UM 169as		CLEARED TO CONDUCT REFUELING		
	Free Text – FANS 1/A use of ATN B1 data link services in Continental Airspace			
UM 169x	Indication that the request has been received and has been forwarded on to the next ATSU. <i>Note.— Same intent as PANS-ATM UM 211.</i>	REQUEST FORWARDED	R UM211 Response is N	FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 169y	ATS advisory that the specified altimeter setting relates to the specified facility. <i>Note.— Same intent as PANS-ATM UM 213.</i>	[facility designation] ALTIMETER [altimeter]	R	FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	GOLD review
UM 169z	Notification that the aircraft may keep its preferred speed without restriction. <i>Note.— Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 222</u>.</i>	NO SPEED RESTRICTION	R	FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 169aa	Instruction to indicate the preferred time and/or position to commence descent to the aerodrome of intended arrival. <i>Note.— Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 232</u>.</i>	STATE TOP OF DESCENT	R, then <u>DM 67v</u>	FANS 1/A-ATN
UM 169ab	Indicates that the request cannot be responded to by the current unit and that it should be requested from the next unit. <i>Note.— Same intent as PANS-ATM <u>UM 237</u>.</i>	REQUEST AGAIN WITH NEXT UNIT	R	FANS 1/A-ATN

A.4.2 CPDLC downlink standardized free text messages

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Ocean SPR
	Free Text – Route modification requests (downlink)			
DM 67ad	Request for a tailored arrival. <i>Note.— No equivalent in ICAO Doc 4444.</i>	RQST TA	Y	GOLD
	Free Text - Negotiation Responses (downlink)			
DM 67b	We can accept the specified level at the specified time. <i>Note.— Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM <u>DM 81</u>.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [altitude] AT [time]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A
DM 67c	We can accept the specified speed at the specified time. <i>Note.— Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM <u>DM 83</u>.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [speed] AT [time]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A
DM 67d	We can accept a parallel track offset the specified distance in the specified direction at the specified time. <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM <u>DM 85</u>.</i>	WE CAN ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction] AT [time]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Ocean SPR
DM 67e	We cannot accept the specified level. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM DM 82.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [altitude]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A
DM 67f	We cannot accept the specified speed. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM DM 84.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [speed]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A
DM 67g	We cannot accept a parallel track offset the specified distance in the specified direction. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM DM 86.</i>	WE CANNOT ACCEPT [specified distance] [direction]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac FANS 1/A
DM 67h	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to climb to the specified level can be expected <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM DM 87.</i>	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CLIMB TO [altitude]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac
DM 67i	Request for the earliest time at which a clearance to descend to the specified level can be expected. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent equivalent to PANS-ATM DM 88.</i>	WHEN CAN WE EXPECT DESCENT TO [altitude]	N	Ocean SPR NAT Asia-Pac
Free Text - Advisories (downlink)				
DM 67k	Notification of a revised estimate for the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — <i>No equivalent in PANS-ATM.</i>	REVISED ETA [position] [time]	R	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
Free Text – Responses (downlink)				
DM 67l	Notification of the ground speed. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Intent partial to PANS-ATM DM 113.</i>	GS [speed]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67m	Notification of the preferred level. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Same intent as PANS-ATM DM 106.</i>	FL[altitude]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67n	Notification of estimated time of arrival at the specified position. <i>Note.</i> — <i>Same intent as PANS-ATM DM 104.</i>	[position] [time]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Ocean SPR
DM 67o	Notification that the flight crew has visually sighted and passed the specified traffic. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent in PANS-ATM.	[traffic identification] SIGHTED AND PASSED	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67p	Notification that the flight crew did NOT visually sight the specified traffic. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent in PANS-ATM.	[traffic identification] NOT SIGHTED	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67q	Notification that the previously described traffic has been sighted. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent in PANS-ATM.	TRAFFIC SIGHTED	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67u	Notification that the delivery time of an uplink message exceeded the maximum permitted by the latency timer. The uplink message should be re-sent or communicated by other means. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent in PANS-ATM.	UPLINK DELAYED IN NETWORK AND REJECTED - RESEND OR CONTACT BY VOICE	N	Ocean SPR FANS 1/A
DM 67v	Notification of the preferred time to commence descent for an approach. <i>Note.</i> — Same intent as PANS-ATM DM 109 .	TOD [time]	N	Cont SPR FANS 1/A-ATN
DM 67ab	Notification that the ADS-C emergency mode was inadvertent and has been set to OFF. <i>Note.</i> — No equivalent in PANS-ATM.	ADS RESET	N	Asia-Pac
DM 67ae	Notification from the intermediary CPDLC-capable aircraft that the aircraft not in communication received the instructions.	RELAY FROM [call sign]	N	
	Free Text – Reports (downlink)			
DM 67aa	The specified ATSU is being monitored on the specified frequency. <i>Urgent urgency attribute.</i> <i>Note 1.</i> — Airborne automation (i.e., preformatted message rather than the flight crew typing the text) may be necessary for message composition and to ensure accuracy of the message content. Consequently, not all aircraft will be equipped with such automation. <i>Note 2.</i> — Same intent as DM 89 .	MONITORING [unitname] [frequency]	N	Oceanic SPR FANS 1/A-ATN

Ref #	Message Intent/Use	Message Element	Resp.	Ocean SPR
	Free Text – Additional messages (downlink)			
DM 67ac	Used with DM 27 , indicating a request for a weather deviation on both sides of route.	AND [specified distance] [direction]	N	GOLD
	Free Text – Military (downlink)			
DM 67w	Request for a delay at the specified position until a specified time to rendezvous with the receiver aircraft. <i>[position] is the ARCP as filed in the tanker's flight plan.</i> <i>[time] is the time the tanker expects to pass the ARCP and commence refueling along the refueling track. It is also the end of the delay time.</i> <i>Note.— No equivalent in PANS-ATM.</i>	TO DELAY FOR AIR REFUEL AT [position] UNTIL [time]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67x	Notification that refueling will end at the specified time or position. <i>Note.— No equivalent in PANS-ATM.</i>	EXPECT END OF REFUEL AT [time/position]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67y	Notification that the aircraft will be joining the specified ALTRV at the specified position or time. <i>Note.— No equivalent in PANS-ATM.</i>	JOINING ALTRV [ALTRV designator] AT [time/position]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac
DM 67z	Notification that the tanker will accept MARSA with the specified (receiver) aircraft. <i>Note.— No equivalent in PANS-ATM.</i>	ACCEPT MARSA WITH [call sign(s) of receiver aircraft]	N	Ocean SPR Asia-Pac

Appendix B RCP specifications

This appendix includes specifications for RCP 240 and RCP 400. These specifications support:

- a) Safety oversight of air traffic service provisions and operations;
- b) Agreements/contractual arrangements that air traffic service providers and aircraft operators make with their respective communication service providers;
- c) Operational authorizations, flight crew training and qualification;
- d) Design approval of aircraft data link systems; and
- e) Operational-monitoring, analysis, and exchange of operational data among regions and states.

The RCP specifications are derived mainly from a safety assessment. However, in cases where it has been determined to be beneficial, the RCP specification may include criteria to support operational efficiency and orderly flow of air traffic. In these cases, the RCP specification indicates the distinction between safety and efficiency.

The specifications provide a means of compliance, in general. Additional guidance related to service provision, aircraft approval and operational authorizations can be found in [Chapter 3](#). Guidance and requirements on post-implementation monitoring can be found at [Appendix D](#).

The RCP specifications include allocations for data communications. The /D designator is used to indicate the RCP allocations associated with the CPDLC application.

B.1 Terms and acronyms

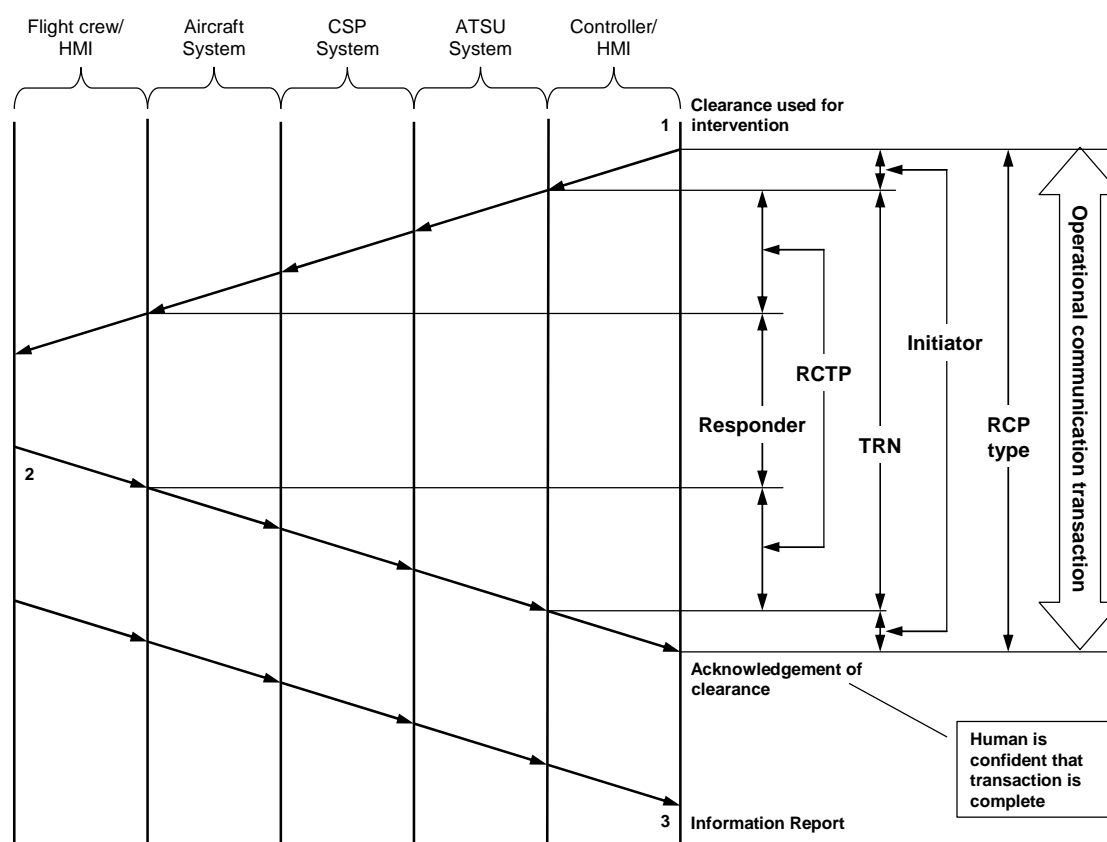
Note.— The terms applied to the RCP specifications are taken from ICAO Doc 9869, First Edition, Manual on Required Communication Performance, dated 2008. Additional terms are provided, as appropriate, to clarify meaning and measurement points for the RCP allocations.

RCP specification	
Term	Description
Operational communication transaction	The process a human uses to initiate the transmission of an instruction, clearance, flight information, and/or request, and is completed when that human is confident that the transaction is complete.
RCP Expiration time (ET)	The maximum time for the completion of the operational communication transaction after which the initiator should revert to an alternative procedure.
RCP Nominal time (TT 95%)	The nominal time for the completion of the operational communication transaction at 95%.
RCP Continuity (C)	Probability that an operational communication transaction can be completed within the communication transaction time, ET or TT 95%.
RCP Availability (A)	Probability that an operational communication transaction can be initiated when needed.
RCP Integrity (I)	Acceptable rate of one or more undetected errors in a completed

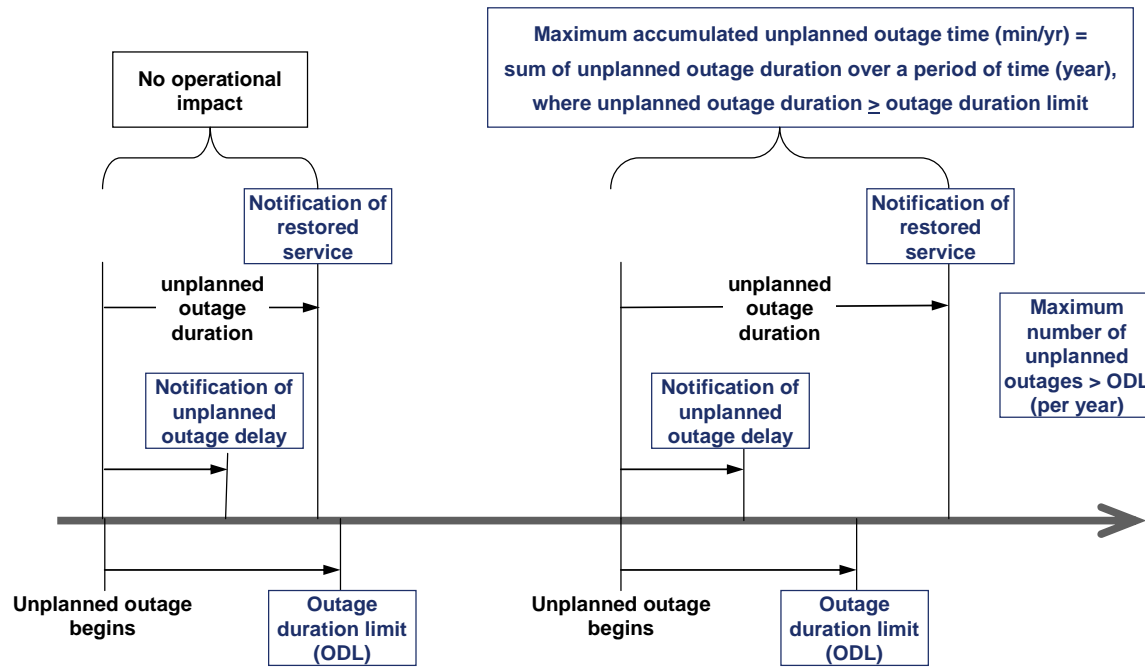
RCP specification	
Term	Description
	communication transaction.

/D transaction time	
Term	Description
Monitored operational performance (TRN)	The portion of the transaction time (used for intervention) that does not include the times for message composition or recognition of the operational response.
Required Communication Technical Performance (RCTP)	The technical portion of the transaction time (used for intervention) that does not include the times for message composition, operational response, and recognition of the operational response.
Responder performance	The operational portion of the transaction time to prepare the operational response, and includes the recognition of the instruction, and message composition, e.g., flight crew/HMI for intervention transactions.
$RCTP_{ATSU}$	The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the ATSU system.
$RCTP_{CSP}$	The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the communication service provider system.
$RCTP_{AIR}$	The summed critical transit times for an ATC intervention message and a response message, allocated to the aircraft system.

Continuity	
Term	Description
C for TRN	The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified TRN for intervention.
C for RCTP	The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified RCTP for intervention.
C for $RCTP_{ATSU}$	The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified $RCTP_{ATSU}$ for Intervention.
C for $RCTP_{CSP}$	The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified $RCTP_{CSP}$ for Intervention.
C for $RCTP_{AIR}$	The proportion of intervention messages and responses that can be delivered within the specified $RCTP_{AIR}$ for Intervention.



Availability	
Term	Description
Service availability (A_{CSP})	Probability of available service on 24/7 operation.
Unplanned outage duration limit (minutes)	Time after the unplanned outage begins at which there is an operational impact. Measured from when an unplanned outage begins to when the ATSU receives notification that the service has been restored.
Maximum number of unplanned outages	Measured for any 12-month period. Failures causing unplanned outages for multiple ATSUs are only counted once.
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr)	Measured by accumulating <i>only</i> the duration times for unplanned outages greater than the unplanned outage duration limit during any 12-month period.
Unplanned outage notification delay (min)	Notification to the ATSU of an unplanned outage. Measured from when the unplanned outage begins to when the ATSU receives notification.
Aircraft system availability (A_{AIR})	Aircraft equipment availability is the probability of available capability on an aircraft with an average flight of 6 hours.



B.2 RCP 240 specification

RCP Specification			
RCP type		RCP 240	
Airspace specific considerations			
Interoperability	Specify interoperability criteria, e.g., FANS 1/A		
ATS Function	Specify ATS function(s), e.g., applicable separation standard		
Application	Specify controller-pilot ATC communication intervention capability, e.g., CPDLC application per ICAO Doc 4444, and RTCA DO-306/EUROCAE ED-122, Annex A		
RCP parameter values			
Transaction time (sec)	Continuity (C) (probability)	Availability (A) (probability)	Integrity (I) (acceptable rate/flight hour)
ET = 240	0.999	0.999	10 ⁻⁵
TT 95% = 210	0.95	0.9999 (efficiency)	
RCP monitoring and alerting criteria			
Ref	Criteria		
MA-1	The system shall be capable of detecting failures and configuration changes that would cause the communication service to no longer meet the RCP type for the intended function.		
MA-2	When the communication service can no longer meet the RCP type for the intended function, the flight crew and/or the controller shall take appropriate action.		
Notes			
<i>Note 1.— Rationale for the criteria provided in this specification can be found in ICAO Annex 11, ICAO Doc 4444, ICAO Doc 9689, and RTCA DO-306/ED-122.</i>			
<i>Note 2.— The values for transaction times are to be applied to transactions that are representative of communication capability for the controller to intervene with a specific operator, aircraft type, and aircraft registration number or flight identification.</i>			
<i>Note 3.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RCP type, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i>			
<i>Note 4.— DO 306/ED 122 specifies an availability value based on safety assessment of the operational effects of the loss of the service. The availability value herein is more stringent, based on an additional need to maintain orderly and efficient operations.</i>			

B.2.1 RCP 240/D allocations

The RCP 240/D allocations are applicable to the CPDLC application.

B.2.1.1 Air traffic service provider (ATSP)

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: ATSP
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
Transaction Time Value	240	210	Analysis, CSP contract
RCP Time Allocations			
Initiator	30	30	Analysis, simulations, safety and human factors assessments
TRN	210	180	Monitored, CSP contract
TRN Time Allocations			
Responder	60	60	Initially, by analysis, simulations, safety human factors assessments Post-implementation, monitored, estimated
RCTP	150	120	Monitored, estimated, CSP contract
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP_{ATSU}	15	10	Pre-implementation demonstration

RCP availability criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
<i>Note.— See paragraph B.2.1.2, RCP 240/D allocation to CSP for RCP availability criteria.</i>		

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10^{-5}	Analysis, safety requirements, development assurance level commensurate with integrity level, (compliance shown prior to operational implementation).

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-1a	The ground system shall be capable of detecting ground system failures and configuration changes that would cause the communication service to no longer meet the requirements for the intended function. <i>Note.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RCP type, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i>	System design, implementation
MA-1b	When the communication service no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the ground system shall provide indication to the controller.	System design, implementation
MA-2	When the controller receives an indication that the communication service no longer meets the requirements for the intended function (e.g., reduced longitudinal separation), the controller shall take action to resolve the situation, (e.g., apply an alternative form of separation).	System design, procedures, implementation

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-1a	A	The ATSU shall display the indication provided by the aircraft system when a data link service request initiated by the ground system or the controller is rejected at the application layer.
SR-1b	A	The ATSU shall provide to the aircraft system an indication when it rejects a data link service request initiated by the flight crew at the application layer.
SR-2	A, C	The ATSU shall indicate to the controller a detected loss of data link service.
SR-3	A	Data link service shall be established in sufficient time to be available for operational use.

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
		Component: ATSP
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-4	A, C	ATSU shall be notified of planned outage of data link service sufficiently ahead of time.
SR-5	A, C	The ATSU shall indicate to the controller when a message can not be successfully transmitted.
SR-6	C, I	The ATSU end system shall provide unambiguous and unique identification of the origin and destination with each message it transmits.
SR-7	C, I	The ATSU shall indicate in each response to which messages it refers.
SR-8	I	The ATSU shall send the route clearance information with the route clearance via data link.
SR-9	C, I	The ATSU end system shall time stamp to within one second UTC each message when it is released for onward transmission.
SR-11	C, I	Any processing performed by ATSU (data entry/ encoding/ transmitting/ decoding/ displaying) shall not affect the intent of the message.
SR-12	C, I	The ATSU end system shall reject messages not addressed to itself.
SR-13	C, I	The ATSU shall transmit messages to the designated aircraft system.
SR-14	A, C, I	The ATSU system shall indicate to the controller when a required response for a message sent by the ATSU is not received within the required time (ET_{TRN}).
SR-15	C, I	When the ATSU receives a message whose time stamp exceeds ET_{TRN} , the ATSU shall provide appropriate indication.
SR-16	C, I	The ATSU shall prevent the release of clearance without controller action.
SR-17	C, I	The ATSU shall prohibit operational processing by controller of corrupted messages.
SR-18	C, I	The ATSU shall be able to determine the message initiator.
SR-19	C, I	The ATSU shall prohibit to the controller operational processing of messages not addressed to the ATSU.
SR-20	C, I	ATSU shall only establish and maintain data link services when the aircraft identifiers in data link initiation correlates with the ATSU's corresponding aircraft identifiers in the current flight plan.
SR-21	C, I	The aircraft identifiers used for data link initiation correlation by the ATSU shall be unique and unambiguous (e.g. the Aircraft Identification and either the Registration Marking or the Aircraft Address).
SR-23	C, I	An ATSU system shall not permit data link services when there are non compatible version numbers.
SR-24	C, I	The ATSU shall respond to messages in their entirety.
SR-25	I	The ATSU end system shall be capable of detecting errors that would result in mis-delivery introduced by the communication service.

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
		Component: ATSP
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-26	I	The ATSU end system shall be capable of detecting errors that would result in corruption introduced by the communication service.

B.2.1.2 Communication service provider (CSP)

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC	
		Component: CSP	
Transaction Time Parameter		ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP _{CSP}		120	100
		Compliance means	
		Contract terms	

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: CSP
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
Service availability (A_{CSP}) (probability)	0.9999	0.999	Contract terms
Unplanned outage duration limit (min)	10	10	Contract terms
Maximum number of unplanned outages	4	48	Contract terms
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr)	52	520	Contract terms
Unplanned outage notification delay (min)	5	5	Contract terms
<i>Note.— DO 306/ED 122 specifies a requirement to indicate loss of the service. Unplanned outage notification delay is an additional time value associated with the requirement to indicate the loss to the ATS provider per SR-4.</i>			

B.2.1.3 Aircraft system

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft system
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RCP Time Allocation			
Initiator	30	30	Human-machine interface capability, pre-implementation demonstration
TRN Time Allocation			
Responder	60	60	Human-machine interface capability, pre-implementation demonstration
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP_{AIR}	15	10	Pre-implementation demonstration

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft system
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A_{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Analysis, architecture, design, pre-implementation demonstration

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft system
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10 ⁻⁵	Analysis, safety requirements, development assurance level, e.g., Level C software, commensurate with integrity level, pre-implementation demonstration.

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
		Component: Aircraft system
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-1a	The aircraft system shall be capable of detecting aircraft system failures or loss of air/ground communication that would cause the aircraft communication capability to no longer meet the requirements for the intended function.	System design, implementation
MA-1b	When the aircraft communication capability no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the aircraft system shall provide indication to the flight crew.	System design, implementation

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
		Component: Aircraft system
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-1a	A	The aircraft system shall provide to the ATSU an indication when it rejects a data link service request initiated by the ground system or the controller at the application layer.
SR-1b	A	The aircraft system shall display the indication provided by the ATSU when a data link service request initiated by the flight crew is rejected at the application layer.
SR-2	A, C	The aircraft system shall indicate to the flight crew a detected loss of data link service.
SR-5	A, C	The aircraft system shall indicate to the flight crew when a message can not be successfully transmitted.
SR-6	C, I	The aircraft end system shall provide unambiguous and unique identification of the origin and destination with each message it transmits.
SR-7	C, I	The aircraft system shall indicate in each response to which messages it refers.
SR-8	I	The aircraft shall execute the route clearance per the route clearance received from the ATSU via data link.
SR-9	C, I	The aircraft end system shall time stamp to within one second UTC each message when it is released for onward transmission.
SR-10	C, I	The aircraft end system shall include in each ADS-C report the time at position to within one second of the UTC time the aircraft was actually at the position provided in the report.
SR-11	C, I	Any processing performed by aircraft system (data entry/ encoding/ transmitting/ decoding/ displaying) shall not affect the intent of the message
SR-12	C, I	The aircraft end system shall reject messages not addressed to itself.
SR-13	C, I	The aircraft system shall transmit messages to the designated ATSU.

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
		Component: Aircraft system
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-15	C, I	When the aircraft system receives a message whose time stamp exceeds ET_{TRN} , the aircraft system shall provide appropriate indication.
SR-16	C, I	The aircraft end system shall prevent the release of responses to clearances without flight crew action.
SR-17	C, I	The aircraft system shall prohibit operational processing by flight crew of corrupted messages.
SR-18	C, I	The aircraft system shall be able to determine the message initiator.
SR-19	C, I	The aircraft system shall prohibit to the flight crew operational processing of messages not addressed to the aircraft.
SR-21	C, I	The aircraft identifiers sent by the aircraft system and used for data link initiation correlation shall be unique and unambiguous (e.g. the Aircraft Identification and either the Registration Marking or the Aircraft Address).
SR-24	C, I	The aircraft system shall respond to messages in their entirety or allow the flight crew to do it.
SR-25	I	The aircraft end system shall be capable of detecting errors that would result in mis-delivery introduced by the communication service
SR-26	I	The aircraft end system shall be capable of detecting errors that would result in corruption introduced by the communication service.
SR-27	C, I	The aircraft and/or flight crew shall ensure the correct transfer into or out of the aircraft's FMS of route data received/sent via data link that will be used to define the aircraft's active flight plan.

B.2.1.4 Aircraft operator

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft operator
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RCP Time Allocations			
Initiator	30	30	Procedures, flight crew training and qualification in accordance with safety requirements.
TRN Time Allocations			
Responder	60	60	Procedures, flight crew training and qualification in accordance with safety requirements.
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP_{AIR}	15	10	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g. ORT
RCTP_{CSP}	120	100	CSP contract

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft operator
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A_{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g. ORT

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft operator
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10 ⁻⁵	Aircraft type design approval, establish procedures, training, and qualification to meet safety requirements

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
Component: Aircraft operator		
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-2	When the flight crew determines that the aircraft communication capability no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the flight crew shall advise the ATC unit concerned.	Procedures, flight crew training and qualification

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 240/D		Application: CPDLC
Component: Aircraft operator		
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
SR-22	C, I	The flight crew shall perform the initiation data link procedure again with any change of the flight identifier.
SR-24	C, I	The flight crew shall respond to a message in its entirety when not responded by the aircraft system.
SR-27	C, I	The aircraft and/or flight crew shall ensure the correct transfer into or out of the aircraft's FMS of route data received/sent via data link that will be used to define the aircraft's active flight plan.

B.3 RCP 400 specification

RCP Specification			
RCP type		RCP 400	
Airspace specific considerations			
Interoperability	Specify interoperability criteria, e.g., FANS 1/A		
ATS Function	Specify ATS function(s), e.g., applicable separation standard		
Application	Specify controller-pilot ATC communication intervention capability, e.g., CPDLC application per ICAO Doc 4444, and RTCA DO-306/EUROCAE ED-122, Annex A		
RCP parameter values			
Transaction time (sec)	Continuity (C) (probability)	Availability (A) (probability)	Integrity (I) (acceptable rate/flight hour)
ET = 400	0.999	0.999	10 ⁻⁵
TT 95% = 350	0.95		
RCP monitoring and alerting criteria			
Ref:	Criteria		
MA-1	The system shall be capable of detecting failures and configuration changes that would cause the communication service to no longer meet the RCP type for the intended function.		
MA-2	When the communication service can no longer meet the RCP type for the intended function, the flight crew and/or the controller shall take appropriate action.		
Notes			
<i>Note 1.— Rationale for the criteria provided in this specification can be found in ICAO Annex 11, ICAO Doc 4444, ICAO Doc 9689, and RTCA DO-306/ED-122.</i>			
<i>Note 2.— The values for transaction times are to be applied to transactions that are representative of communication capability for the controller to intervene with a specific operator, aircraft type, and aircraft registration number or flight identification.</i>			
<i>Note 3.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RCP type, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i>			

B.3.1 RCP 400/D allocations

The RCP 400/D allocations are applicable to the CPDLC application.

B.3.1.1 Air traffic service provider (ATSP)

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: ATSP
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
Transaction Time Value	400	350	Analysis, CSP contract
RCP Time Allocations			
Initiator	30	30	Analysis, simulations, safety and human factors assessments
TRN	370	320	Monitored, CSP contract
TRN Time Allocations			
Responder	60	60	Initially, by analysis, simulations, safety human factors assessments Post-implementation, monitored, estimated
RCTP	310	260	Monitored, estimated, CSP contract
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP_{ATSU}	15	10	Pre-implementation demonstration

RCP availability criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
<i>Note.— See paragraph B.3.1.2, RCP 400/D allocation to CSP for RCP availability criteria.</i>		

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	<i>Note.— RCP integrity criteria related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.1.</i>	

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
All	<i>Note.</i> — RCP monitoring and alerting criteria related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.1.	

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: ATSP
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	A, C, I	<i>Note.</i> — Safety requirements related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.1.

B.3.1.2 Communication service provider (CSP)

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: CSP	
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance means
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP _{CSP}	280	240	Contract terms

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: CSP	
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
Service availability (A_{CSP}) (probability)	N/A	0.999	Contract terms
Unplanned outage duration limit (min)	N/A	20	Contract terms
Maximum number of unplanned outages	N/A	24	Contract terms
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr)	N/A	520	Contract terms
Unplanned outage notification delay (min)	N/A	10	Contract terms

B.3.1.3 Aircraft system

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft system
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RCP Time Allocation			
Initiator	30	30	Human-machine interface capability, pre-implementation demonstration
TRN Time Allocation			
Responder	60	60	Human-machine interface capability, pre-implementation demonstration
RCTP Time Allocation			
RCTP _{AIR}	15	10	Pre-implementation demonstration

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft system
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A _{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Analysis, architecture, design, pre-implementation demonstration

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft system
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	<i>Note.— RCP integrity criteria related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.3.</i>	

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft system
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
All	<i>Note.— RCP monitoring and alerting criteria related to RCP type 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.3.</i>	

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 400/D		Application: CPDLC
Component: Aircraft system		
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	A, C, I	<i>Note.</i> — Safety requirements related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.3 .

B.3.1.4 Aircraft operator

RCP communication transaction time and continuity criteria				
Specification: RCP 400/D		Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft operator
Transaction Time Parameter	ET (sec), C = 99.9%	TT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means	
RCP Time Allocations				
Initiator	30	30	Procedural capability, flight crew training and qualification in accordance with safety requirements.	
TRN Time Allocations				
Responder	60	60	Procedural capability, flight crew training and qualification in accordance with safety requirements.	
RCTP Time Allocation				
RCTP _{AIR}	15	10	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g. ORT	
RCTP _{CSP}	280	240	CSP contract	

RCP availability criteria			
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC		Component: Aircraft operator
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A _{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g. ORT

RCP integrity criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft operator
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	<i>Note.</i> — RCP integrity criteria related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.4.	

RCP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft operator
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
All	<i>Note.</i> — RCP monitoring and alerting criteria related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.4.	

RCP related safety requirements		
Specification: RCP 400/D	Application: CPDLC	Component: Aircraft operator
Ref	Related RCP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	C, I	<i>Note.</i> — Safety requirements related to RCP 400/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See paragraph B.2.1.4.

Appendix C Surveillance performance specifications

This appendix includes specifications for surveillance performance. These specifications support:

- a) Safety oversight of air traffic service provisions and operations;
- b) Agreements/contractual arrangements that air traffic service providers and aircraft operators make with their respective communication service providers;
- c) Operational authorizations, flight crew training and qualification;
- d) Design approval of aircraft data link systems; and
- e) Operational-monitoring, analysis, and exchange of operational data among regions and states.

The surveillance performance specifications are derived mainly from a safety assessment. However, in cases where it has been determined to be beneficial, the surveillance performance specification may include criteria to support operational efficiency and orderly flow of air traffic. In these cases, the surveillance performance specification indicates the distinction between safety and efficiency.

The specifications provide a means of compliance, in general. Additional guidance related to service provision, aircraft approval and operational authorizations can be found in [Chapter 3](#). Guidance and requirements on post-implementation monitoring can be found at [Appendix D](#).

The RCP specifications include allocations for data communications. The /D designator is used to indicate the surveillance performance allocations associated with the ADS-C or FMC WPR application.

C.1 Terms and acronyms

Note.— The terms applied to the surveillance performance specifications are taken from ICAO Doc 9869, First Edition, Manual on Required Communication Performance, dated 2008. Additional terms are provided, as appropriate, to clarify meaning and measurement points for the RCP allocations.

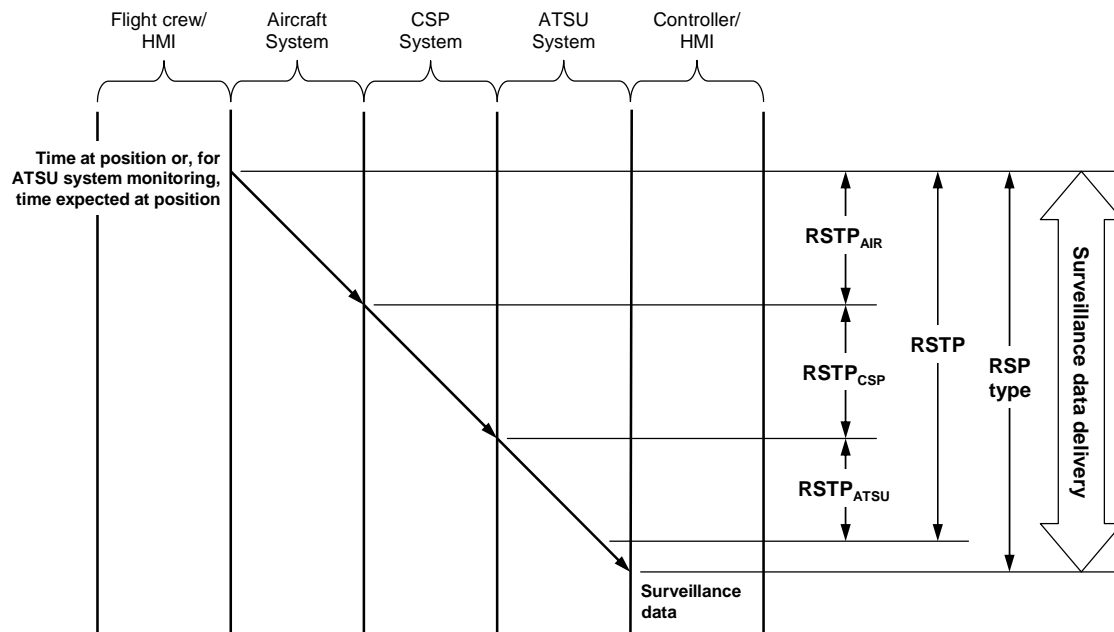
Surveillance performance specification and related terms	
Term	Description
ATS surveillance service	A term used to indicate a service provided directly by means of an ATS surveillance system. (ICAO)
ADS-C service	<p>A term used to indicate an ATS service that provides surveillance information by means of the ADS-C application.</p> <p><i>Note.— ICAO Doc 4444 does not include ADS-C in its definition for ATS surveillance system. Therefore, an ATS surveillance service does not consider those provided by means of the ADS-C application, unless it can be shown by comparative assessment to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR.</i></p>

Surveillance performance specification and related terms	
Term	Description
FMC WPR service	<p>A term used to indicate an ATS service that provides surveillance information by means of the FMC WPR application.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— ICAO Doc 4444 does not include FMC WPR in its definition for ATS surveillance system. Therefore, an ATS surveillance service does not consider those provided by means of the FMC WPR application, unless it can be shown by comparative assessment to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR.</p>
ATS surveillance system	<p>A generic term meaning variously, ADS-B, PSR, SSR or any comparable ground-based system that enables the identification of aircraft.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— A comparable ground-based system is one that has been demonstrated, by comparative assessment or other methodology, to have a level of safety and performance equal to or better than monopulse SSR. (ICAO)</p>
Automatic dependent surveillance — broadcast (ADS-B)	<p>A means by which aircraft, aerodrome vehicles and other objects can automatically transmit and/or receive data such as identification, position and additional data, as appropriate, in a broadcast mode via a data link. (ICAO)</p>
Automatic dependent surveillance — contract (ADS-C)	<p>A means by which the terms of an ADS-C agreement will be exchanged between the ground system and the aircraft, via a data link, specifying under what conditions ADS-C reports would be initiated, and what data would be contained in the reports.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— The abbreviated term “ADS contract” is commonly used to refer to ADS event contract, ADS demand contract, ADS periodic contract or an emergency mode. (ICAO)</p>
Surveillance data	<p>Data pertaining to the identification of aircraft and/or obstructions for route conformance monitoring and safe and efficient conduct of flight.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— For ADS-C, surveillance data applies to periodic, waypoint change event, lateral deviation event, vertical deviation event reports, and CPDLC position reports. For FMC WPR, surveillance data applies to waypoint position report.</p>
Surveillance data delivery	<p>The process for obtaining surveillance data.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>— For ADS-C, the delivery is defined for the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Periodic report, from the start of the periodic interval. The start of the periodic interval occurs when the periodic report is sent by the aircraft/flight crew; b) Waypoint change event report, from the actual time the aircraft crosses the waypoint or is abeam the waypoint; c) Lateral deviation event report, from the time the aircraft system detects that the event has occurred; and d) Vertical deviation event report, from the time the aircraft system detects that the event has occurred.

Surveillance performance specification and related terms	
Term	Description
RSP data latency	The required time for surveillance data delivery.
RSP overdue delivery time (OT)	The maximum time for the successful delivery of surveillance data after which the initiator should revert to an alternative procedure.
RSP nominal delivery time (DT 95%)	The nominal time for the successful delivery of surveillance data at 95%.
RSP continuity (C)	Probability that surveillance data can be delivered within the position RSP time parameter, ET or TT 95%.
RSP availability (A)	Probability that surveillance data can be provided when needed.
RSP integrity (I)	Acceptable level of confidence that the surveillance data is within specified tolerances. RSP integrity includes such factors as rate of one or more undetected errors in the transmission of the surveillance data, the accuracy of aircraft position and time data, data latency, reporting interval, extrapolation and/or estimation of the data.

RSP data latency criteria	
Term	Description
$RSTP_{ATSU}$	The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data from the CSP interface to the ATSU's flight data processing system.
$RSTP_{AIR}$	The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data from the aircraft's avionics to the antenna.
$RSTP_{CSP}$	The overdue (OD) or nominal (DT) transit time for surveillance data allocated to the CSP.

RSP continuity criteria	
Term	Description
C for $RSTP_{ATSU}$	The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified $RSTP_{ATSU}$.
C for $RSTP_{AIR}$	The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified $RSTP_{AIR}$.
C for $RSTP_{CSP}$	The proportion of surveillance messages that can be delivered within the specified $RSTP_{CSP}$.



Note: The terms and acronyms used to specify the criteria for RSP availability are the same as the terms and acronyms used to specify the criteria for RCP availability. See Appendix B, [paragraph B.1](#).

C.2 Surveillance performance type 180 specification

Surveillance Performance Specification									
Surveillance performance type				180					
Airspace specific considerations									
Interoperability		Specify interoperability criteria, e.g., FANS 1/A							
ATS Function		Specify ATS function(s), e.g., applicable separation standard							
Application		Specify the required surveillance capability. FMC WPR or, for ADS-C, specify the types of contracts required to support the ATS function, e.g., periodic contract at [nn] min, waypoint change event contract, lateral deviation event contract at [n] NM, etc.							
RSP parameter values									
RSP data latency (sec)		RSP continuity (C) (probability)		RSP availability (A) (probability)		RSP integrity (I)			
OT = 180		0.999		0.999		Navigation FOM		See <u>Note 4</u> .	
DT 95% = 90		0.95		0.9999 (efficiency) See <u>Note 3</u> .		Time accuracy at position		+/- 1 sec (UTC)	
						Data integrity		10 ⁻⁵	

RSP monitoring and alerting criteria	
Ref	Criteria
MA-1	The system shall be capable of detecting failures and configuration changes that would cause the ADS-C or FMC WPR service to no longer meet the RSP parameter values for the intended function.
MA-2	When the ADS-C or FMC WPR service can no longer meet the RSP parameter values for the intended function, the flight crew and/or the controller shall take appropriate action.
Notes	
<p><i>Note 1.— Rationale for the criteria provided in this specification can be found in ICAO Annex 11, ICAO Doc 4444, ICAO Doc 9689, and RTCA DO-306/ED-122.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RSP parameter values, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i></p> <p><i>Note 3.— DO 306/ED 122 specifies an availability value based on safety assessment of the operational effects of the loss of the service. The availability value herein is more stringent, based on an additional need to maintain orderly and efficient operations.</i></p> <p><i>Note 4.— The navigation figure of merit (FOM) is specified based on the navigation criteria associated with this spec. For example, if RNP 4 is prescribed, then for ADS-C surveillance service, the FOM level would need to be 4 or higher. In all cases, when the navigation capability no longer meets the criteria specified for the operation, the flight crew is responsible for reporting the non-compliance to ATC in accordance with ICAO procedures.</i></p>	

C.2.1 Surveillance performance type 180/D allocations

The surveillance performance type 180/D allocations can be applied to the ADS-C or FMC WPR applications.

C.2.1.1 Air traffic service provider (ATSP)

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: ATSP
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec) @ 99.9%	DT (sec) @ 95%	Compliance Means
Delivery Time Value	180	90	Analysis, CSP contract
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{ATSU}	5	3	Pre-implementation demonstration

RSP availability criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: ATSP
<i>Note.— See paragraph C.2.1.2, Surveillance performance type 180/D allocation to CSP for RSP availability criteria.</i>		

RSP integrity criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: ATSP
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10^{-5}	Analysis, safety requirements, development assurance level commensurate with integrity level, (compliance shown prior to operational implementation).

RSP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: ATSP
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-1a	The ground system shall be capable of detecting ground system failures and configuration changes that would cause the ADS-C or FMC WPR service to no longer meet the requirements for the intended function. <i>Note.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RSP type, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i>	System design, implementation
MA-1b	When the ADS-C or FMC WPR service no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the ground system shall provide indication to the controller.	System design, implementation
MA-2	When the controller receives an indication that the ADS-C or FMC WPR service no longer meets the requirements for the intended function (e.g., reduced longitudinal separation), the controller shall take action to resolve the situation, (e.g., apply an alternative form of separation).	System design, procedures, implementation

RSP related safety requirements		
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR
Component: ATSP		
Ref	Related RSP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	A, C, I	<i>Note.</i> — Safety requirements related to RSP type 180/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D, unless otherwise modified in this table. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.1 .
SR-14	A, C, I	The ATSU system shall indicate to the controller when a required response for a message sent by the ATSU is not received within the required time (OT). <i>Note.</i> — The overdue time (OT) is measured from the expected time at position based on the most recent position intent information received from the aircraft system.
SR-15	C, I	When the ATSU receives a message whose time stamp exceeds the OT, the ATSU shall provide appropriate indication. <i>Note.</i> — The overdue time (OT) is measured from the time at position in the surveillance data received in the message from the aircraft system.

C.2.1.2 Communication service provider (CSP)

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: CSP
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec) @ 99.9%	DT (sec) @ 95%	Compliance means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{CSP}	170	84	Pre-implementation demonstration

RSP availability criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: CSP
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
Service availability (A_{CSP}) (probability)	0.9999	0.999	Contract terms
Unplanned outage duration limit (min)	10	10	Contract terms
Maximum number of unplanned outages	4	48	Contract terms
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr)	52	520	Contract terms
Unplanned outage notification delay (min)	5	5	Contract terms
<i>Note.</i> — The RSP availability criteria for type 180/D are the same as the for RCP 240/D. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.2 .			

C.2.1.3 Aircraft system

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: Aircraft system
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec) @ 99.9%	DT (sec) @ 95%	Compliance Means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{AIR}	5	3	Pre-implementation demonstration

RSP availability criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: Aircraft system
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A _{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Analysis, architecture, design, pre-implementation demonstration
<i>Note.— The RSP availability criteria for type 180/D are the same as the criteria for RCP 240/D. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.3.</i>			

RSP integrity criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10 ⁻⁵	Analysis, safety requirements, development assurance level, e.g., Level C software, commensurate with integrity level, pre-implementation demonstration.

RSP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-1a	The aircraft system shall be capable of detecting aircraft system failures or loss of air/ground communication that would cause the aircraft surveillance capability to no longer meet the requirements for the intended function.	System design, implementation
MA-1b	When the aircraft surveillance capability no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the aircraft system shall provide indication to the flight crew.	System design, implementation

RSP related safety requirements		
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR
Component: Aircraft system		
Ref	Related RSP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	A, C, I	<i>Note.</i> — Safety requirements related to RSP type 180/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D, unless otherwise modified in this table. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.3 .

C.2.1.4 Aircraft operator

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: Aircraft operator
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec), C = 99.9%	DT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{AIR}	5	3	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g., ORT
RSTP _{CSP}	170	84	CSP contract

RSP availability criteria			
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: Aircraft operator
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
A _{AIR} (probability)	N/A	0.999	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g. ORT
<i>Note.</i> — The RSP availability criteria for type 180/D are the same as the criteria for RCP 240/D. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.4			

RSP integrity criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR
Component: Aircraft operator		
Integrity parameter	Integrity value	Compliance means
Integrity (I)	10^{-5}	Aircraft type design approval, establish procedures, training, and qualification to meet safety requirements

RSP monitoring and alerting criteria		
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR
Component: Aircraft operator		
Ref:	Criteria	Compliance means
MA-2	When the flight crew determines that the aircraft surveillance capability no longer meets the requirements for the intended function, the flight crew shall advise the ATC unit concerned.	Procedures, flight crew training and qualification

RSP related safety requirements		
Specification: Type 180/D		Application: CPDLC
Component: Aircraft operator		
Ref	Related RSP Parameter	Safety requirement
All	C, I	<i>Note.— Safety requirements related to RSP type 180/D are the same as those related to RCP 240/D. See Appendix B, paragraph B.2.1.4.</i>

C.3 Surveillance performance type 400 specification

Surveillance Performance Specification					
Surveillance performance type				400	
Airspace specific considerations					
Interoperability		Specify interoperability criteria, e.g., FANS 1/A			
ATS Function		Specify ATS function(s), e.g., applicable separation standard			
Application		Specify the required surveillance capability. FMC WPR or, for ADS-C, specify the types of contracts required to support the ATS function, e.g., periodic contract at [nn] min, waypoint change event contract, lateral deviation event contract at [n] NM, etc.			
RSP parameter values					
RSP data latency (sec)	RSP continuity (C) (probability)		RSP availability (A) (probability)	RSP integrity (I)	
OT = 400	0.999		0.999	Navigation FOM	See Note 4.
DT 95% = 300	0.95			Time accuracy at position	+/- 1 sec (UTC)
				Data integrity	10 ⁻⁵
RSP monitoring and alerting criteria					
Ref	Criteria				
MA-1	The system shall be capable of detecting failures and configuration changes that would cause the ADS-C or FMC WPR service to no longer meet the RSP parameter values for the intended function.				
MA-2	When the ADS-C or FMC WPR service can no longer meet the RSP parameter values for the intended function, the flight crew and/or the controller shall take appropriate action.				
Notes					
<i>Note 1.— Rationale for the criteria provided in this specification can be found in ICAO Annex 11, ICAO Doc 4444, ICAO Doc 9689, and RTCA DO-306/ED-122.</i>					
<i>Note 2.— If changes are made to the system capacity limits, as specified by the airspace requirements, and the changes cause the system to perform below the RSP parameter values, this would be considered a change in system configuration.</i>					
<i>Note 3.— The navigation figure of merit (FOM) is specified based on the navigation criteria associated with this spec. For example, if RNP 10 is prescribed, then for ADS-C surveillance service, the FOM level would need to be 3 or higher. In all cases, when the navigation capability no longer meets the criteria specified for the operation, the flight crew is responsible for reporting the non-compliance to ATC in accordance with ICAO procedures.</i>					

C.3.1 Surveillance performance type 400/D allocations

The surveillance performance type 400/D allocations can be applied to the ADS-C or FMC WPR applications.

C.3.1.1 Air traffic service provider (ATSP)

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: ATSP
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec), C = 99.9%	DT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
Delivery Time Value	400	300	Analysis, CSP contract
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{ATSP}	30	15	Pre-implementation demonstration

RSP availability criteria		
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: ATSP
<i>Note.</i> — See <u>paragraph C.3.1.2</u> , Surveillance performance type 400/D allocation to CSP for RSP availability criteria.		

Note.— The RSP integrity criteria, monitoring and alerting criteria, and related safety requirements for type 400/D are the same as the criteria provided for type 180/D. See [paragraph C.2.1.1](#).

C.3.1.2 Communication service provider (CSP)

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: CSP
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec), C = 99.9%	DT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{CSP}	340	270	Pre-implementation demonstration

RSP availability criteria			
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR	Component: CSP	
Availability parameter	Efficiency	Safety	Compliance means
Service availability (A_{CSP}) (probability)	N/A	0.999	Contract terms
Unplanned outage duration limit (min)	N/A	20	Contract terms
Maximum number of unplanned outages	N/A	24	Contract terms
Maximum accumulated unplanned outage time (min/yr)	N/A	520	Contract terms
Unplanned outage notification delay (min)	N/A	10	Contract terms
<i>Note.</i> — The RSP availability criteria for type 400/D are the same as the for RCP 400/D. See Appendix B, paragraph B.3.1.2 .			

C.3.1.3 Aircraft system

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: Aircraft system
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec), C = 99.9%	DT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP _{AIR}	30	15	Pre-implementation demonstration

Note.— The RSP availability, integrity and monitoring and alerting criteria, and related safety requirements for type 400/D are the same as the criteria and related safety requirements provided for type 180/D. See [paragraph C.2.1.3](#).

C.3.1.4 Aircraft operator

RSP data latency and continuity criteria			
Specification: Type 400/D	Application: ADS-C, FMC WPR		Component: Aircraft operator
Data Latency Parameter	OT (sec), C = 99.9%	DT (sec), 95%	Compliance Means
RSTP Time Allocation			
RSTP_{AIR}	30	15	Aircraft type design approval, maintenance, properly configured user-modifiable software, e.g., ORT
RSTP_{CSP}	340	270	CSP contract

Note.— The RSP availability, integrity and monitoring and alerting criteria, and related safety requirements for type 400/D are the same as the criteria and related safety requirements provided for type 180/D. See [paragraph C.2.1.4](#).

Appendix D Post-implementation monitoring and corrective action

The ICAO Global Plan calls for the implementation of a performance based system and ICAO Annex 11 requires that data link system performance is monitored to verify that an acceptable level of safety continues to be met. Annex 11 at paragraph 2.2.7.5 states:

“Any significant safety-related change to the ATC system, including the implementation of a reduced separation minimum or a new procedure, shall only be effected after a safety assessment has demonstrated that an acceptable level of safety will be met and users have been consulted. When appropriate, the responsible authority shall ensure that adequate provision is made for post-implementation monitoring to verify that the defined level of safety continues to be met.”

Oversight of the compliance to the Annex 11 requirements is a matter for the states. However, many regions have formed regional implementation/monitoring teams that use a central reporting agency to facilitate regional monitoring activities among the States/ANSPs within the region. The individual states/ANSPs will need to provide the data and information and analysis that will portray regional performance measures. The ANSPs, operators, CSPs, airframe manufacturers, and equipment suppliers all need to participate in reporting and resolving problems associated among the ANSPs and with aircraft.

While individual ANSP will develop the FANS 1/A data collection mechanisms, monitoring tools, and internal reporting requirements best suiting their own environment, all ANSP shall collect and maintain a database of FANS 1/A performance data that can be aggregated for an assessment of CPDLC RCP and ADS surveillance latency on a regional and global basis using the data formats specified in this appendix.

Monitoring of FANS 1/A data communications in terms of RCP and surveillance performance is an important part of the performance based system described in the ICAO global plan. To successfully achieve this performance monitoring on a global scale will require the use of a common data set. It is only through this common data set that RCP and surveillance performance data can be aggregated from an ATSP level through to a regional CRA level and then to Global level. This aggregation of performance data is in accordance with the guidelines provided in ICAO Doc 9883 Manual on Global Performance of the Air Navigation System.

This appendix contains the following guidance material:

a) ATSP data collection and analysis - This section defines a common data reporting format. Guidance material is included on how to obtain the required data points from the FANS 1/A ACARS messages and on the calculation of actual communication performance (ACP), actual communication technical performance (ACTP), pilot operational response time (PORT), surveillance latency, and how they are calculated. Examples of the type of analysis that can be carried out at an ATSP level are also included. Issues regarding data filtering are discussed including guidance on how to manage this.

b) Problem reporting and resolution – This section provides guidance on the problem identification and resolution process

c) Regional performance monitoring – This section provides guidance on the monitoring of ADS-C latency and CPDLC actual communications performance at a regional level.

D.1 ATSP data collection and analysis

Data link performance requirements for the application of reduced separation standards, as defined in ICAO Doc 4444, are contained in the RTCA DO-306/EUROCAE ED 122 Oceanic SPR standard. These requirements are specified in terms of required communications performance (RCP) and surveillance performance.

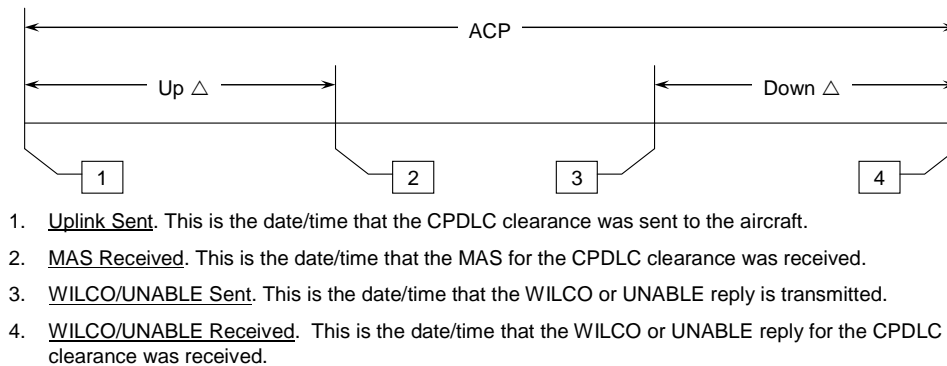
D.1.1 ATSP data collection for CPDLC application

This section provides guidance on data collection and performance measurement for the CPDLC application

D.1.1.1 Measuring CPDLC communication performance

CPDLC analysis is based on the calculation of actual communication performance (ACP) used to monitor RCP time allocations for communication transaction (TRN), actual communications technical performance (ACTP) used to monitor required communication technical performance (RCTP) time allocations, and pilot operational response time (PORT) used to monitor the flight deck responder element of the transaction.

The analysis uses the measurement of transit and response times to those CPDLC uplinks that receive a single **DM 0** WILCO response. The logic behind this is that the critical communications requirement is provided by intervention messages when applying reduced separation standards. Incorporating other message types such as free text queries or information requests or UNABLE responses will skew the observed data because of the longer response times from the flight deck. All messages with a W/U response attribute assessed. These include communications transfer messages in addition to the typical intervention messages such as climb clearances. Data analysis has shown no significant difference in crew response between these message types and the addition of the communication transfer messages provides ATSP with a significantly greater number of data points for analysis. To calculate ACP the difference between the times that the uplink message is originated at the air traffic service provider (ATSP) to the time that the corresponding response downlink is received at the ATSP is used. To calculate ACTP the difference between the downlink's aircraft time stamp and the received time is added to half the round trip time determined by the difference between the uplink time when the message is sent from the ATSP and the receipt of the MAS response for the uplink at the ATSP ((uplink transmission time – MAS receipt)/2 + downlink time). PORT latency is calculated by the difference between ACP and ACTP. Figure D- 1 illustrates these measurements.



The measurements (in seconds) are calculated as follows:

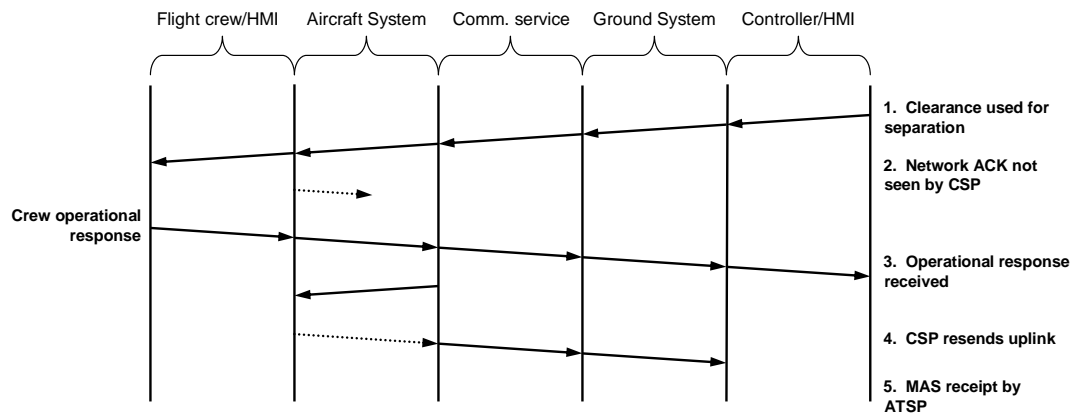
$$ACP = (\text{WILCO_UNABLE_Received}) - (\text{Uplink_Sent}) \rightarrow \text{TRN}$$

$$ACTP \cong \left(\left(\frac{\text{Up}\Delta}{2} \right) + (\text{Down}\Delta) \right) \rightarrow \text{RCTP}$$

$$PORT \cong ACP - ACTP \rightarrow \text{Responder}$$

Figure D- 1. CPDLC transaction calculations

The values for ACTP and PORT are only approximations. Uplink transit times are estimated by taking half the time for the MAS response round trip. This assumption is flawed in a small percentage of cases because we know it is possible for: the MAS to be received at the ATSP after the operational response is received; or for the timestamp on the operational response to be earlier than the MAS receipt time. This will happen if the CSP does not hear the network ACK from the aircraft (which is sent on uplink receipt) and resends the uplink at a later time. The CSP receives the network ACK to this second uplink and sends the MAS to the ATSP. In the meantime the aircraft has already responded with the operational response. ATSP will see this issue reflected in their data with crew response times with negative or extremely small values. The time sequence diagram below in [Figure D- 2](#) illustrates this.



Results in pilot response times very small or negative values

Figure D- 2 Issue with estimating uplink transit time as half MAS roundtrip

D.1.1.2 Recording the data points for each CPDLC transaction

The following data points in [Table D-1](#) are recommended as the minimum set that should be extracted from ATSP data link system recordings to enable RCP analysis and provide sufficient information for problem analysis. This does not preclude individual ATSP from extracting additional data points for their own analysis requirements and some possibilities are listed below. To obtain these data points ATSP should note that they will require additional database information to enable the Aircraft Type and Airline to be obtained by correlation to the Tail Number extracted from the data link recordings. All of the other data points are extracted from either the ACARS header or the CPDLC application message.

Table D-1 CPDLC data collection points

Ref	Label	Description and/or remarks
1	ATSP	The four letter ICAO designator of the FIR, e.g., NZZO.
2	Tail number	The aircraft tail number in ICAO Doc 4444 Format (no hyphens, packing dots, etc.), e.g., N104UA. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ACARS header.
3	Aircraft type designator	The ICAO type designator, e.g., B744. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP database using Tail Number as key.
4	Operator designator	The IATA designator for the operator, e.g., UAL. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP database using Tail Number as key.
5	Date	In YYYYMMDD format, e.g., 20081114. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.

Ref	Label	Description and/or remarks
6	MAS RGS	Designator of the RGS that MAS downlink was received from, e.g., POR1. <i>Note.</i> — This is a 3 or 4 letter designator extracted from the ACARS header DT line.
7	OPS RGS	Designator of the RGS that the operational response was received from, e.g., AKL1. <i>Note.</i> — This is a 3 or 4 letter designator extracted from the ACARS header DT line.
8	Uplink time	The timestamp on the uplink CPDLC message sent by the ATSP in HH:MM:SS format, e.g., 03:43:25. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.
9	MAS receipt time	The ATSP timestamp on receipt of the MAS in HH:MM:SS format, e.g., 03:43:55. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.
10	MAS round trip time	In seconds (#9-#8), e.g., 10.
11	Aircraft FMS time stamp	In the operational response messages in HH:MM:SS, e.g., 03:44:15. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from the ATCmessageHeader timestamp in the decoded operational response message. See RTCA DO-258AEUROCAE ED-100A section 4.6.3.3.
12	ATSP timestamp on the receipt of the operational response	In HH:MM:SS, e.g., 03:44:45. <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.
13	Operational message round trip time	From sending uplink (#8) to receipt of operational response (#9) in seconds, e.g., 80.
14	Downlink response transit time	In seconds (#12-#11), e.g., 30.
15	Uplink message elements	All uplink message element numbers preceded by U encapsulated between quotation marks with a space between each element, e.g., “U118 U80” <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from the decoded operational uplink that initiated the transaction.
16	Downlink message elements	All downlink message elements encapsulated between quotation marks with a space between each element if required, e.g., “D0” <i>Note.</i> — Extracted from the decoded operational downlink.
17	ACTP	Actual communication technical performance in seconds, e.g., 35. <i>Note.</i> — Truncated to whole seconds.
18	ACP	Actual communications performance in seconds measured as the difference between time uplink sent (#8) to operational response received (#12), e.g., 80.

Ref	Label	Description and/or remarks
19	PORT	Pilot Operational Response Time = ACP (#18) - ACTP(#17), e.g., 45. <i>Note.— Implementers should allow for negative values where the operational response is received before the MAS as per Figure D- 2 above.</i>

ATSP may find that the following additional data may be useful for performance analysis:

- a) The aircraft call sign extracted from either the Flight Plan e.g ANZ123 or the AFN log on for the flight e.g NZ123 or the FI line in the ACARS header e.g. NZ0123
- b) Direction of flight calculated by the flight data processor and displayed as a three figure group representing degrees true e.g. 275.
- c) The estimated position in latitude and longitude of the aircraft when a CPDLC downlink is sent. Calculated by the flight data processor. For consistency the following formats are recommended: For latitude use “+” for North or “-” for South followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., -33.456732. For longitude use “+” for East or “-” for West followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., +173.276554.

D.1.1.3 Data record for each CPDLC transaction

If required for CRA analysis CPDLC transaction data as described above may be sent to the regional CRA at as a comma delimited text file. The format for each record will at minimum contain the 20 data points specified in table D-1. Using the example in the previous paragraph the data record for the transaction described above in comma delimited format is:

NZZO,N104UA,B744,UAL,20081114,POR1,AKL1,03:43:25, 03:43:55,10,03:44:15,03:44:45,80,30,"U118 U80","D0",35,80,45,S

Guidance on the type of analysis carried out at an ATSP or regional level is provided later in [paragraphs D.1.3 and D.2.1](#).

D.1.2 ATSP data collection for ADS-C application

This section provides guidance on data collection and performance measurement for the ADS-C application.

D.1.2.1 Measuring ADS-C surveillance performance

The analysis of ADS-C performance is based on the measurement of the latency of the ADS-C periodic and event reports between the aircraft and the ATSP ground system. This is measured as the difference between the time extracted from the decoded ADS-C basic group timestamp when the message originated from the FMS and the time the message is received at the ATSP.

D.1.2.2 Recording the ADS-C data points for each ADS-C downlink.

The following data points in [Table D-2](#) are recommended as the minimum set that should be extracted from ATSP data link system recordings to enable an analysis of ADS-C performance and provide sufficient information for problem analysis. This does not preclude individual ATSP from extracting additional data points for their own analysis and some possibilities are listed below. To obtain all of these data points ATSP should note that they will require additional database information to enable the Aircraft Type and Airline to be obtained by correlation to the Tail Number extracted from the data link recordings. All of the other data points are extracted from either the ACARS header or the ADS-C application message.

Table D-2 ADS-C data collection points

Ref	Label	Description and/or remarks
1	ATSP	The four letter ICAO designator for the FIR of the reporting ATSP, e.g., NZZO.
2	Tail Number	The aircraft tail number in ICAO Doc 4444 Format (no hyphens, packing dots etc), e.g., N104UA. Note: Extracted from ACARS header.
3	Aircraft Type Designator	The ICAO type designator, e.g., B744. Note: extracted from ATSP database using Tail Number as key.
4	Operator Designator	The IATA designator for the operator, e.g., UAL. Note: extracted from ATSP database using Tail Number as key.
5	Date	In YYYYMMDD format, e.g., 20081114. Note: Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.
6	RGS	Designator of the RGS that ADS-C downlink was received from, e.g., POR1. Note: This is a 3 or 4 letter designator extracted from the ACARS header DT line.
7	Report Type	The type of ADS-C report extracted from the ADS-C basic group report tag where tag value 7=PER, 9=EMG, 10=LDE, 18=VRE, 19=ARE, 20=WCE. As some aircraft concatenate more than one report in the same downlink extract the ADS-C report tag from each ADS-C basic group and identify them in the REP_TYPE column by using the first letter of the report type as an identifier e.g. for a concatenated report containing two ADS-C basic groups for a periodic report and a waypoint event report the field will contain PW. Where a downlink does not contain a ADS-C basic group the REP_TYPE field will be left blank.
8	Latitude	The current latitude decoded from the ADS-C basic group. The format is “+” for North or “-” for South followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., -33.456732.
9	Longitude	The current longitude decoded from the ADS-C basic group. The format is “+” for East or “-” for West followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., +173.276554.

Ref	Label	Description and/or remarks
10	Aircraft Time	The time the ADS-C message was sent from the aircraft in HH:MM:SS, e.g., 03:44:15. Note: Decoded from the ADS-C basic group timestamp extracted as seconds since the most recent hour. See RTCA DO-258A/EUROCAE ED-100A, section 4.5.1.4.
11	Received Time	The ATSP timestamp on the receipt of the ADS-C message in HH:MM:SS, e.g., 03:44:45. Note: Extracted from ATSP system data recording time stamp.
12	Transit Time	The transit time of the ADS-C downlink in seconds calculated as the difference between #10 Aircraft Time and #11 Received Time, e.g., 30.

ATSP may find that the following additional data may be useful for performance analysis:

- a) The aircraft call sign extracted from either the Flight Plan e.g ANZ123 or the AFN log on for the flight e.g. NZ123 or the FI line in the ACARS header e.g. NZ0123
- b) Direction of flight calculated by the ATSP flight data processor and displayed as as a three figure group representing degrees true e.g. 275.
- c) ADS-C predicted position latitude and longitude and time when available. (Note: time decoded from the ADS-C predicted group where timestamp is extracted as seconds since the most recent hour. (See RTCA DO-258A section 4.5.1.4)) For consistency the following formats are recommended: For latitude use “+” for North or “-” for South followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., -33.456732. For longitude use “+” for East or “-” for West followed by a decimal number of degrees, e.g., +173.276554.

D.1.2.3 Data record for each ADS-C downlink

If required for CRA analysis ADS-C transaction data as described above may be sent to the regional CRA as a comma delimited text file. The format for each record will at minimum contain the 12 data points specified in table D-2. Using the example in the previous paragraph the data record for the transaction described above in comma delimited format is:

NZZO,N104UA,B744,UAL,20081114,POR1,PER,-33.456732,+173.276554,03:44:15, 03:44:45,30

Guidance on the type of analysis carried out at an ATSP or regional level is provided later in [paragraphs D.1.3 and D.2.1](#).

D.1.3 ATSP data analysis

To enable adequate system performance monitoring ATSP should at minimum perform a monthly analysis of CPDLC RCP and ADS-C performance data. This monitoring will verify system performance and also enable continuous performance improvement by detecting where specific aircraft or fleets are not meeting the performance standards.

While this analysis could be carried out by a regional CRA it is thought the analysis will be more efficient if done by the ATSP. It is the ATSP that will usually have the operational expertise and local area knowledge that is important when identifying problems from any data analysis. At least one region has had considerable success by using some of the regional ATSP to complete a monthly data analysis and reporting the identified problems to the regional CRA for resolution.

A regional CRA is best suited to manage problems reported from the ATSP analysis, and to develop actual regional performance figures from information supplied by the ATSP. Analysis by the individual ATSP will also avoid the CRA having to manage a large quantum of data that the ATSP already holds.

D.1.3.1 Graphical analysis

It is recommended that ATSP perform a graphical analysis of the performance data gathered. This graphical analysis is useful for depicting in a readily assimilated fashion actual performance, and has proved extremely useful when identifying performance problems.

Monitoring can be completed at a number of levels and similar levels can be used for both CPDLC and ADS-C performance monitoring. The following structure is recommended:

- a) Monitoring Communication Media Performance. An analysis of:
 - 1) Data from all aircraft via all Remote Ground Station (RGS) types.
 - 2) Data from all aircraft via SATCOM RGS
 - 3) Data from all aircraft via VHF RGS
 - 4) Data from all aircraft via HF RGS
 - 5) Data from all aircraft via HF and SATCOM RGS

Note.— The monitoring of combined HF and SATCOM data is to allow verification that the performance obtained from those aircraft using HFDL for downlinks only when SATCOM is not available does not degrade performance by an unacceptable level.

- b) Monitoring Airline Fleet Performance. An analysis of:
 - 1) The observed performance of each type of aircraft operated by an operator:
 - i) Via SATCOM
 - ii) Via SATCOM + HF
 - iii) Via HF
 - iv) Via VHF
 - v) Via All RGS
 - 2) Comparative analysis of the observed performance from the same type of aircraft from different operators.

D.1.3.2 Data filtering

It is important that consistent data filtering is employed to ensure that all ATSP measure against the same baseline. Raw data obtained from the ATSP recordings will include delayed transactions measured during periods of system outage and these should not be used when assessing transaction performance or latency.

The data may also include duplicated messages which will also skew the measurements if not removed. This data should be filtered from the raw data before any performance assessment is made.

D.1.3.2.1 System Outages

The raw data should be checked for any delayed transactions observed during system outages. These delays are easily identified during outages that have been notified by the DSP's but the data should be carefully reviewed for outages that have not been notified. Delays observed from multiple aircraft where the downlinks completing the transactions are received at similar times indicate a system outage. All transactions and latency measurements during these outage periods should be removed. A typical outage not notified by any DSP is illustrated in [Table D- 3](#) showing ADS-C downlink delays from 3 aircraft between 1120 and 1213.

Table D- 3. ADS-C outages not notified

Tail Number	Aircraft time	ATSP system time	Downlink Time (Seconds)
ZK-SUI	11:55:38	12:12:52	1034
ZK-SUI	11:44:42	12:12:19	1657
ZK-SUJ	11:41:54	12:12:01	1807
ZK-SUJ	11:26:18	12:09:42	2604
ZK-SUI	11:23:21	12:08:32	2711
ZK-SUJ	11:20:34	12:07:39	2825
ZK-OKG	11:53:52	12:12:51	1139

D.1.3.2.2 Duplicated ADS-C reports

Numerous instances of duplicate ADS-C reports are observed in FANS-1/A data records. A particular report is often duplicated with the second and sometimes third record duplicated at some later time as illustrated in [Table D- 4](#). These duplicate records will skew ADS-C latency measurements and should be removed.

Table D- 4. ADS-C duplicate reports

LAT_LON	Aircraft time	ATSP system time	Downlink Time (Seconds)
350225S1694139E	22:29:45	22:31:04	79
350225S1694139E	22:29:45	22:34:56	311
350225S1694139E	22:29:45	22:40:05	620

D.1.3.3 CPDLC RCP analysis

Monitoring of CPDLC RCP involves an assessment of ACP, ACTP, and PORT by a graphical analysis of data using the structure outline in [paragraph D.1.3.1](#).

D.1.3.3.1 Monitoring communications media performance

Graphs illustrating ACP and ACTP are used to assess CPDLC transaction performance through the various communications media. Since PORT is independent of media this would normally only be assessed over one media. The graphs depict measured performance against the RCP requirements at the 95% and 99.9% level and would be completed for the RCP types in use e.g. RCP240, RCP400. An analysis is completed for:

- a) Data from all aircraft via all remote ground station (RGS) types.
- b) Data from all aircraft via SATCOM RGS
- c) Data from all aircraft via VHF RGS
- d) Data from all aircraft via HF RGS
- e) Data from all aircraft via HF and SATCOM RGS

A typical graph illustrating ACTP performance constructed using a spreadsheet application is illustrated in [Figure D- 3](#). Similar graphs are used to assess ACTP and ACP for other communications media.

[Figure D- 3](#) graphs ACTP against the 95% 120” and 99.9% 150” requirements for RCP240 using the 16511 CPDLC transactions recorded during the period January-May 2009 in the NZZO FIR.

Data transactions used for the measurement of SATCOM, VHF, and HF ACTP and ACP are where both the MAS and operational response are received via the media being assessed. The exception to this is the assessment of combined HF and SATCOM performance where any transaction involving HF or SATCOM is used.

Similar graphs are used to assess ACTP and ACP for other communications media.

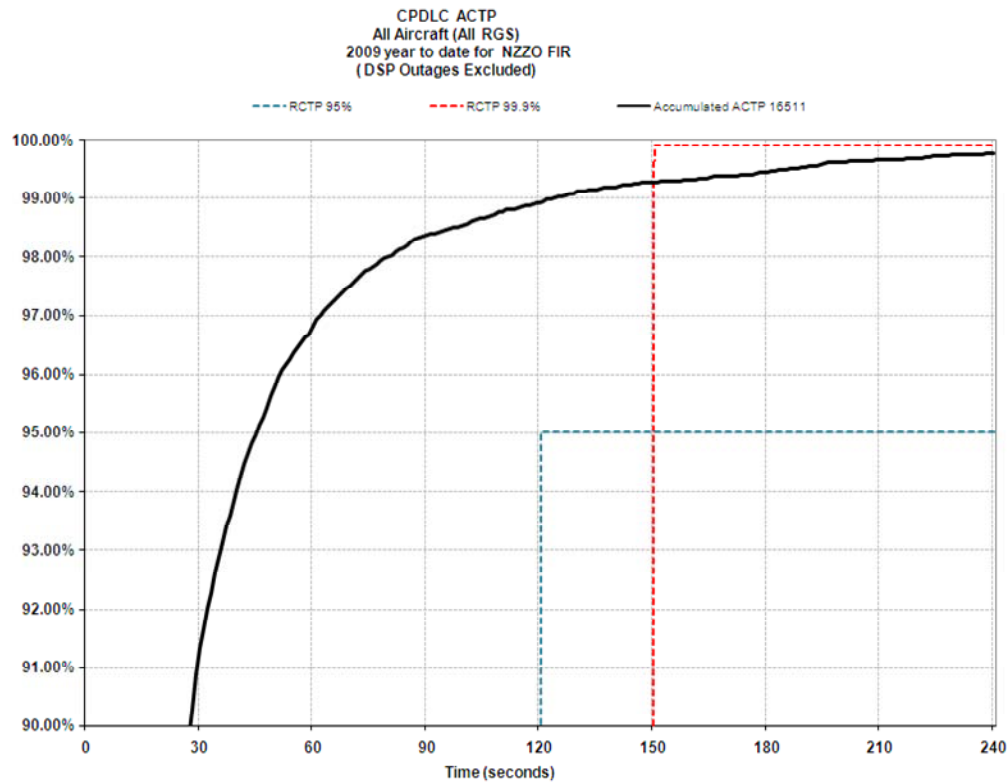


Figure D- 3. CDPLC ACTP performance

D.1.3.3.2 Monitoring Airline Fleet Performance

Graphs illustrating ACP, ACTP, and PORT can be used to monitor the performance of each aircraft type in an operator's fleet. These should be maintained on a monthly basis and can be used to observe the performance of each type when using different media such as: via SATCOM; via SATCOM + HF; via HF; via VHF; and via all RGS. The January to May 2009 SATCOM ACP analysis of the B744 fleet for an operator in the NZZO FIR is illustrated in [Figure D- 4](#).

[Figure D- 4](#) graphs CPDLC ACP against the 95% 180" and 99.9% 210" requirements for RCP240 using the 1888 SATCOM CPDLC transactions recorded for the fleet during the period January-May 2009. Considerable performance variation may be seen month to month and significant degradation in any month may be the result of poor performance from an individual aircraft or may be the result of routes changing month to month with varying weather patterns. These may be investigated further using an analysis of individual tails in a fleet as discussed in [paragraph D.1.3.5](#).

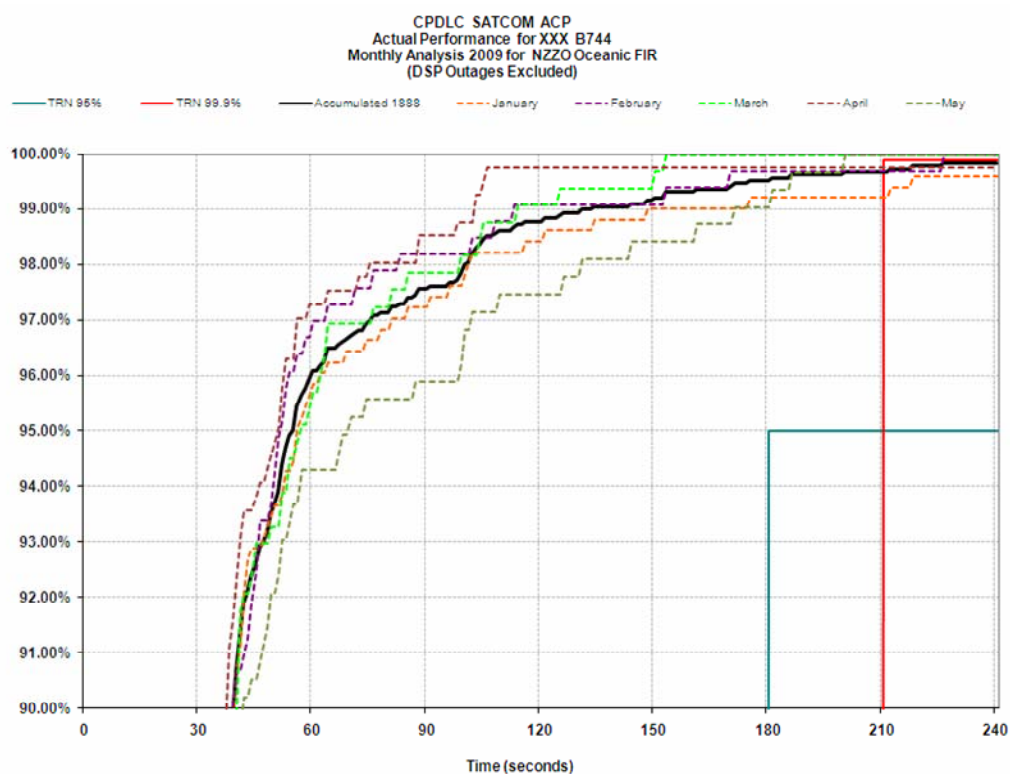


Figure D- 4. CDPLC ACP Airline XXX B744

A comparative analysis of the performance of different fleets operating in an FIR particularly of fleets of the same type is useful. Under performing fleets can be identified for further analysis and a picture of typical performance from all fleets operating in a FIR can be built up. These can be compared with the same fleets operating in other regional FIR.

Figure D-7 below graphs SATCOM ACTP for a number of fleets operating in NZZO FIR for the period January – May 2009. Significant variations in observed performance such as with operator NNN B744 when compared with operator XXX and operator GGG B744 can be flagged for further analysis as discussed in [paragraph D.1.3.5](#).

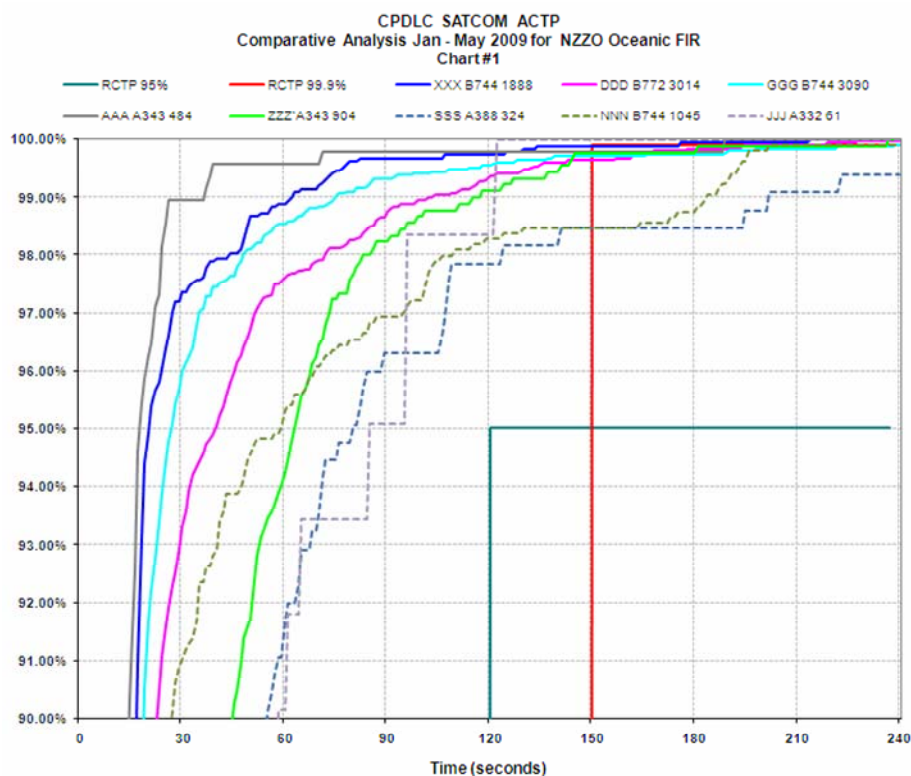


Figure D- 5. CDPLC ACTP comparative operator type performance

D.1.3.4 ADS-C latency analysis

Monitoring of ADS-C latency involves an assessment of observed latency from a graphical analysis of data using the structure outlined in [paragraph D.1.3.1](#).

D.1.3.4.1 Monitoring communications media performance

Graphs illustrating ADS-C latency are used to assess performance through the various communications media. The graphs depict measured performance against the surveillance requirements at the 95% and 99.9% level. An analysis is completed for:

- Data from all aircraft via all remote ground station (RGS) types.
- Data from all aircraft via SATCOM RGS
- Data from all aircraft via VHF RGS
- Data from all aircraft via HF RGS
- Data from all aircraft via combined HF and SATCOM RGS

A typical graph illustrating ADS-C latency observed from all RGS and constructed using a spreadsheet application is illustrated in [Figure D- 6](#). Similar graphs are used to assess latency through individual communications media.

Figure D- 6 graphs ADS-C latency against the 95% 90” and 99.9% 180” requirements for the surveillance specification provided in [Appendix C, paragraph C.2](#) using the 90235 ADS-C transactions recorded during the period January-May 2009 in the NZZO FIR. For clarity while the graph depicts accumulated performance it also depicts the high and low months observed in the year to date.

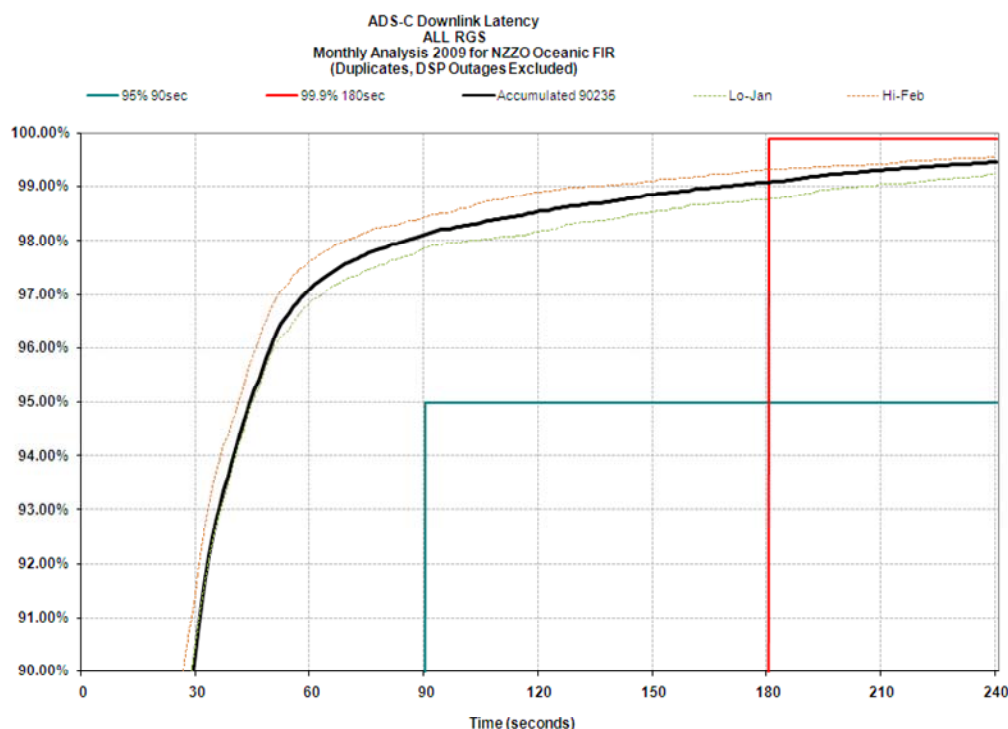


Figure D- 6. ADS-C downlink latency via all RGS NZZO FIR Jan – May 2009

D.1.3.4.2 Monitoring operator fleet performance

Graphs illustrating ADS-C downlink latency can be used to monitor the performance of each aircraft type in an operator’s fleet. These should be maintained on a monthly basis and can be used to observe the performance of each type when using different media such as: via SATCOM; via SATCOM + HF; via HF; via VHF; and via all RGS. The January to May 2009 SATCOM latency analysis of the A343 fleet for an operator in the NZZO FIR is illustrated in [Figure D- 7](#).

Figure D- 7 graphs downlink latency against the 95% 90” and 99.9% 180” requirements for RSP180D using the 3195 ADS-C downlinks recorded for the fleet during the period January-May 2009. Considerable performance variation may be seen month to month on some fleets and significant degradation in any month may be the result of poor performance from an individual aircraft or may be the result of routes changing month to month with varying weather patterns. These may be investigated further using an analysis of individual tails in a fleet as discussed in D1.3.5 below. The fleet illustrated shows little variation between the months and for clarity only the high and low months are depicted.

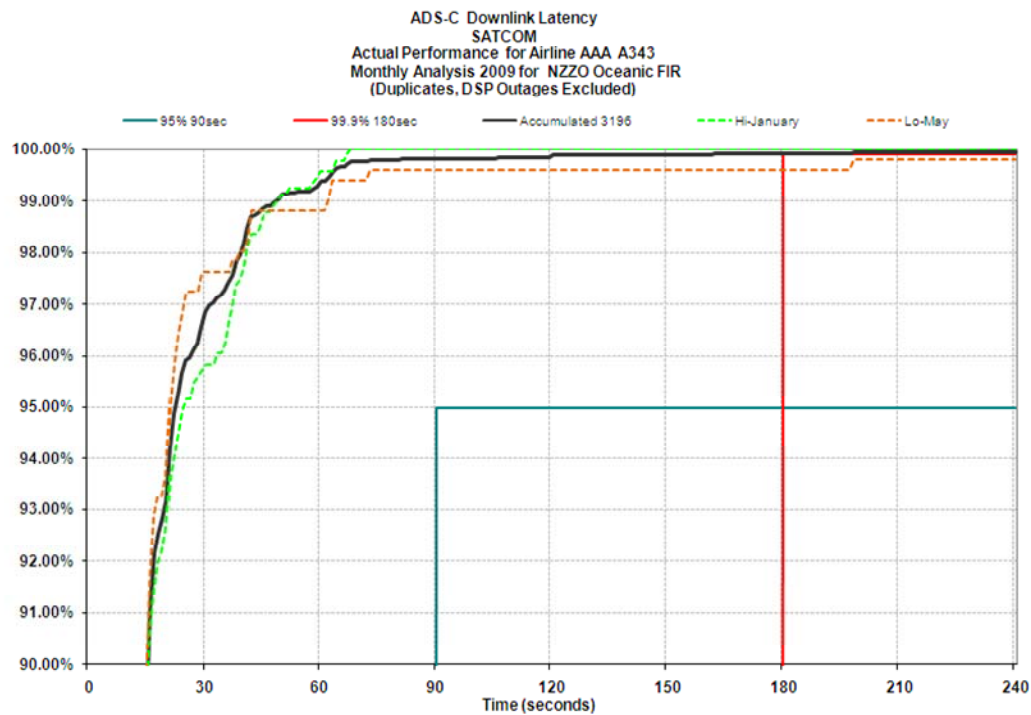


Figure D- 7. ADS-C downlink latency via all RGS NZZO FIR Jan – May 2009

A comparative analysis of the performance of different fleets operating in an FIR particularly of fleets of the same type is useful. Under performing fleets can be identified for further analysis and a picture of typical performance from all fleets operating in a FIR can be built up. These can be compared with the same fleets operating in other regional FIR.

Figure D- 8 below graphs SATCOM latency for a number of fleets operating in NZZO FIR for the period January – May 2009. Significant variations in observed performance can be flagged for further analysis as discussed in [paragraph D.1.3.5](#).

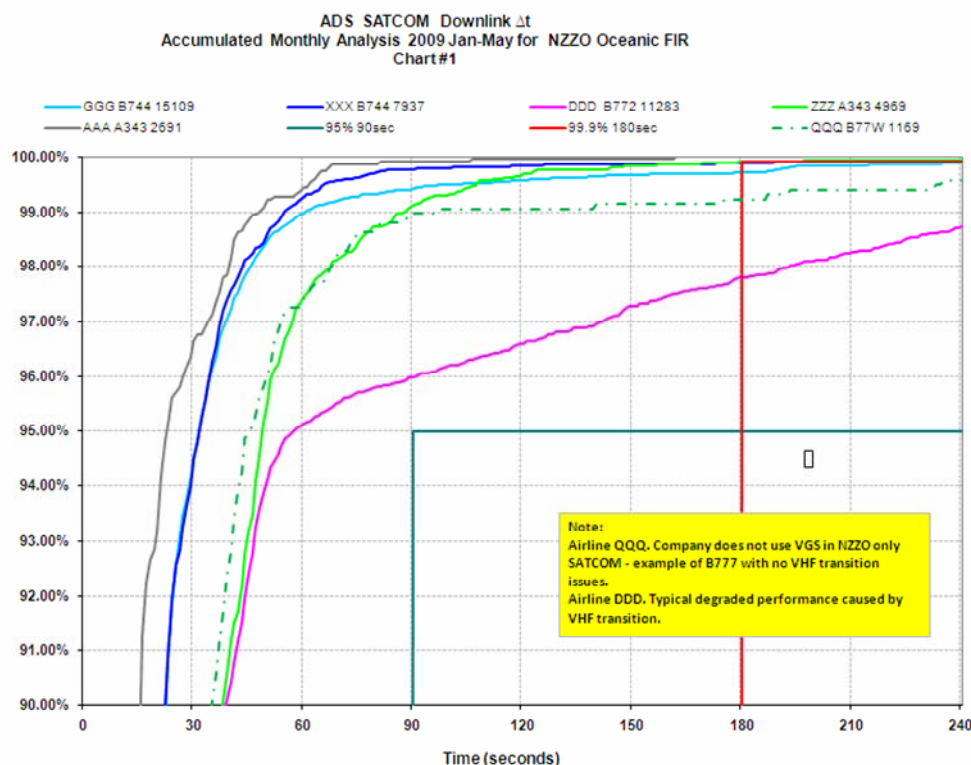


Figure D- 8. Comparative ADS-C downlink latency different operator types via SATCOM

D.1.3.5 Identifying poor performers

The reasons behind degraded performance are many and varied. Considerable analysis may be required before the reasons behind poor performing fleets are identified and it is difficult to provide guidance for all situations. Some analysis techniques that have been used by some ATSP with some success to identify reasons behind poor performance are provided in the following paragraphs.

On a number of occasions poor performance has been attributed to a particular tail number in a fleet. Usually these bad tails can be identified by the visual inspection of monthly data ordered in terms of latency, or more accurately by graphing the monthly data for a fleet by tail number.

Techniques such as graphing the positions of all delayed messages on a geographical display have identified areas for further investigation.

There are low speed (600 bps and 1200 bps) and high speed (10500 bps) data rates defined for the P, R, and T SATCOM channels. Some aircraft are capable of low speed SATCOM only. Other aircraft are capable of both high speed and low speed. However, not all aircraft that are capable of high speed operation have enabled the use of high speed SATCOM and, instead operate in low speed only. It is recommended an operator using low speed SATCOM channels change to the high speed channels where possible. Low or high speed channel use is selectable by an individual operator in the aircraft operational requirements table (ORT).

Significant performance benefits accrue with the use of the high speed channels as illustrated in the figure D-10 below.

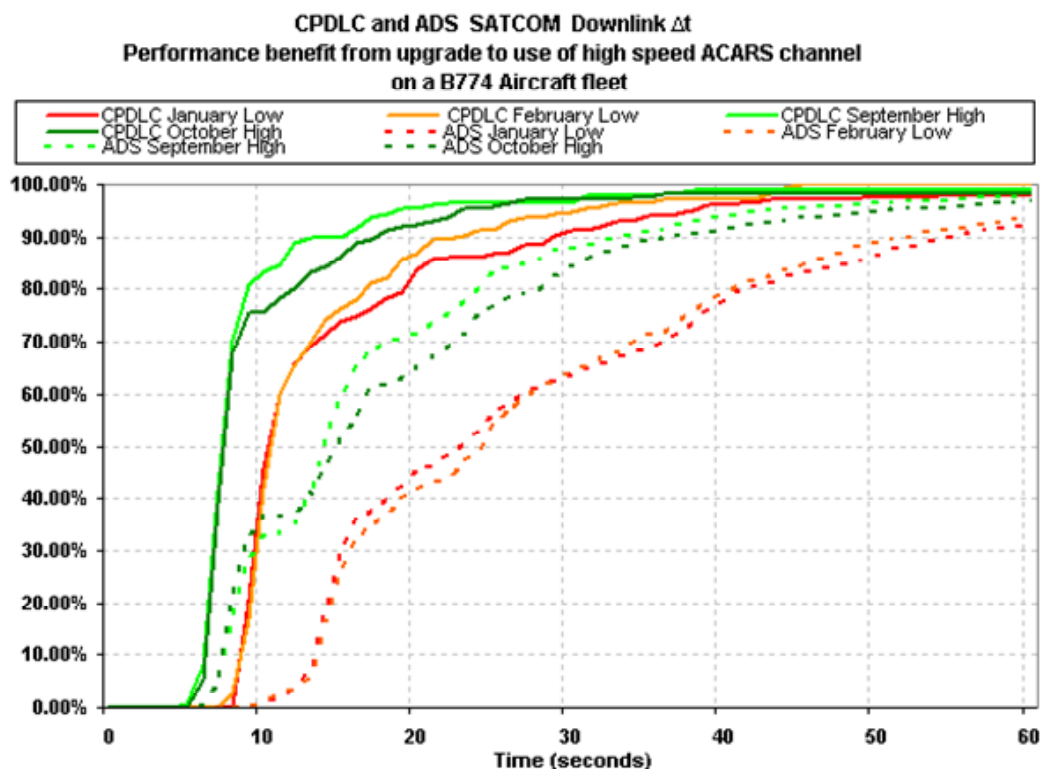


Figure D- 9. Effect of ACARS channel speed on ADS-C latency

An ATSP can assess ACARS channel speed use by evaluating the monthly downlink times for ADS-C reports via SATCOM. For users of high speed channels ATSP will consistently see a small percentage of reports in the 6-8 second time bands. Low speed channels users usually have very few reports less than 10 seconds.

ATSP should identify those operators using the low speed channels and stakeholders should work with those operators to achieve an upgrade to the high speed channels.

D.2 Problem reporting and resolution

D.2.1 General

The working principles in this guidance material result from the combined experience of the North Atlantic FANS Implementation Group, ISPACG FANS Interoperability Team, IPACG FANS Interoperability Team, and the ATN implementation in Maastricht ACC. Many regions have formed a central reporting agency to manage the problem reporting and resolution process.

The problem identification and resolution process, as it applies to an individual problem, consists of a data collection phase, followed by problem analysis and coordination with affected parties to secure a resolution, and recommendation of interim procedures to mitigate the problem in some instances. This is shown in the [Figure D- 10](#).

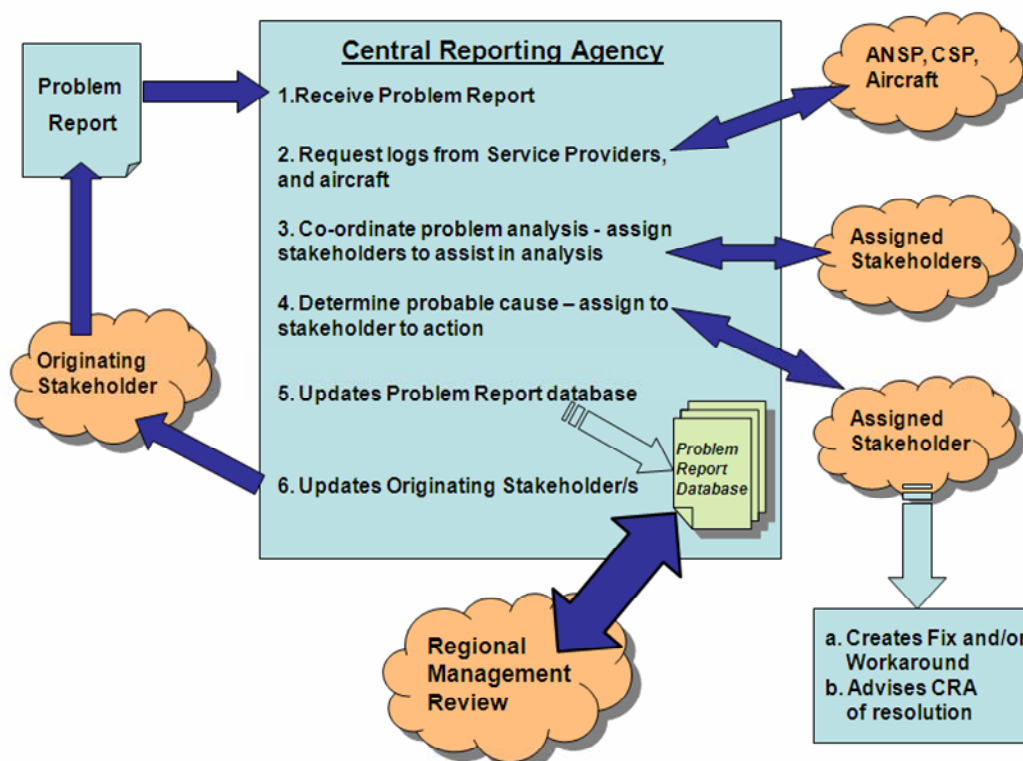


Figure D- 10. Problem reporting and resolution process

D.2.2 Problem report form

The problem identification task begins with receipt of a report from a stakeholder, usually an operator, ATS provider or communication service provider. Standard reporting forms should be developed and regions should investigate the use of a website to receive and store problem reports. An example of an online problem reporting form is shown in [Figure D- 11](#). The fields used in the form are as follows:

- a) Originators Reference Number: Originators problem report reference e.g. ANZ_2009-23
- b) Title: A short title which conveys the main issue of the reported problem e.g CPDLC transfer failure
- c) Date UTC: Date in YYYYMMDD format e.g 20090705
- d) Time UTC: Time in HHMM e.g 2345
- e) Registration: ICAO FPL registration of aircraft if applicable e.g. ZKADR

- f) Flight Number: ICAO FPL call-sign if applicable e.g. NZA456
- g) Flight Sector: If applicable the departure and destination airfield of the flight e.g. NZAA-RJBB
- h) Organization: Name of the originators organization e.g. Airways NZ
- i) Active Center: Controlling Centre at time of occurrence if applicable e.g. NZZO
- j) Next Center: Next controlling centre at time of occurrence if applicable e.g. NFFF
- k) Position: Position of occurrence e.g. 3022S16345E
- l) Problem Description: Detailed description of problem
- m) Attach File: Area of web page where originator and assigned stakeholders can attach data files or other detailed information such as geographic overlays.
- n) Additional Data: Area set aside for feedback from CRA assigned stakeholders. This will include the results of the investigation and the agreed action plan.

FANS 1/A Problem Report Form

Form Details			
Originators Reference Number			<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text"/>		
Date UTC	<input type="text"/>	Time UTC	<input type="text"/>
Registration	<input type="text"/>	Flight Number	<input type="text"/>
Flight Sector	<input type="text"/>		
Originator	<input type="text"/>	Aircraft Type	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Active Center	<input type="text"/>	Next Center	<input type="text"/>
Postion	<input type="text"/>		
Problem Description (box will expand as you type)	<input type="text"/>		
Attach File	<input type="text"/>	Browse...	(click browse - do not type in this field)
	<input type="text"/>	Browse...	(click browse - do not type in this field)
	<input type="text"/>	Browse...	(click browse - do not type in this field)
	<input type="text"/>	Browse...	(click browse - do not type in this field)
	<input type="text"/>	Browse...	(click browse - do not type in this field)
Additional Data	<input type="text"/>		
Submit PR			

Figure D- 11, Example on-line problem reporting form

D.2.3 Problem assessment

D.2.3.1 Data collection

D.2.3.1.1 The data collection phase consists of obtaining message logs from the appropriate parties (which will depend on which service providers were being used and operator service contracts). Today, this usually means obtaining logs for the appropriate period of time from the communication service providers involved. Usually, a log for a few hours before and after the event that was reported will suffice, but once the analysis has begun, it is sometimes necessary to request additional data, (perhaps for several days prior to the event if the problem appears to be an on-going one).

D.2.3.1.2 Additionally, some airplane-specific recordings may be available that may assist in the data analysis task. These are not always requested initially as doing so would be an unacceptable imposition on the operators, but may occur when the nature of the problem has been clarified enough to indicate the line of investigation that needs to be pursued. These additional records include:

- a) Aircraft maintenance system logs.
- b) Built-In Test Equipment data dumps for some airplane systems.
- c) SATCOM activity logs.
- d) Logs and printouts from the flight crew and recordings/logs from the ATS provider(s) involved in the problem may also be necessary. It is important that the organization collecting data for the analysis task requests all this data in a timely manner, as much of it is subject to limited retention.

D.2.3.2 Data analysis

D.2.3.2.1 Once the data has been collected, the analysis can begin. For this, it is necessary to be able to decode all the messages involved, and a tool that can decode every ATS data link message type used in the region is essential. These messages include:

- a) AFN (ARINC 622), ADS-C and CPDLC (RTCA DO-258/EUROCAE ED-100) in a region operating FANS-1/A.
- b) Context Management, ADS-C and CPDLC applications (ICAO Doc 9705 and RTCA DO-280/ED-110) in a region using ATN.
- c) FIS or ARINC 623 messages used in the region.

D.2.3.2.2 The analysis of the decoded messages requires a thorough understanding of the complete message traffic, including:

- a) Media management messages.
- b) Relationship of ground-ground and air-ground traffic.
- c) Message envelope schemes used by the particular data link technology (ACARS, ATN, etc).

D.2.3.2.3 The analyst must also have a good understanding of how the aircraft systems operate and interact to provide the ATS data link functions, as many of the reported problems are airplane system problems.

D.2.3.2.4 This information will enable the analyst to determine a probable cause by working back from the area where the problem was noticed to where it began. In some cases, this may entail manual decoding of parts of messages based on the appropriate standard to identify particular encoding errors. It

may also require lab testing using the airborne equipment (and sometimes the ground networks) to reliably assign the problem to a particular cause.

D.2.3.2.5 Once the problem has been identified, then the task of coordination with affected parties begins. The stakeholder who is assigned responsibility for fixing the problem must be contacted and a corrective action plan agreed. The stakeholder who initiated the problem report shall be provided with regular updates on the progress and resolution of the problem

D.2.3.2.6 This information (the problem description, the results of the analysis and the plan for corrective action) is then entered into a database covering data link problems, both in a complete form to allow continued analysis and monitoring of the corrective action and in a de-identified form for the information of other stakeholders. These de-identified summaries are reported at the appropriate regional management forum and made available to other regional central reporting/monitoring agencies on request.

D.2.4 Mitigating procedures – problem resolution

The CRA's responsibility does not end with determining the cause of the problem and identifying a fix. As part of that activity, and because a considerable period may elapse while software updates are applied to all aircraft in a fleet, procedural methods to mitigate the problem may have to be developed while the solution is being coordinated. The CRA should identify the need for such procedures and develop recommendations for implementation by the service providers and operators involved.

D.3 Regional performance monitoring

This section provides guidance on periodic reporting by individual ANSP of observed system performance in their FIR that will enable regional performance metrics to be developed for the availability, ADS-C latency and CPDLC communications performance requirements specified in Appendix B.

These regional performance metrics should be made available to all interested stakeholders. The use of regional websites to enhance the distribution of these metrics should be considered. An example of such a website can be viewed at <http://www.ispacg-cra.com/>.

D.3.1 Periodic Reporting

It is recommended that regions implement monthly performance reporting to obtain system performance metrics. These reports will provide data on observed availability, ADS-C latency and CPDLC communications performance as described herein.

D.3.1.1 Reporting on Availability

ANSP should report on CSP notified system outages and on detected outages that have not been notified as described in [paragraph D.1.3.2.1](#).

For each outage the following information should be reported:

- a) Time of CSP outage notification: In YYYYMMDDHHMM format or “Not Notified” if no CSP notification received.
- b) CSP Name: Name of CSP providing outage notification if applicable.

- c) Type of outage: Report media affected SATCOM, VHF, HF, ALL.
- d) Outage start time: In YYYYMMDDHHMM format
- e) Outage end time: In YYYYMMDDHHMM format
- f) Duration of Outage: In minutes.

As per [Appendix B](#) only outages greater than 10 minutes are reported. An example form is shown in [Figure D- 12](#).

D.3.1.2 Reporting on CPDLC Actual Communications Performance

ATSP should report observed ACP and ACTP for RCP240 and RCP400 for different media paths using all transactions involving a WILCO response as described in [paragraph D.1.3](#). The media paths to report are:

- a) From all aircraft via all remote ground station (RGS) types.
- b) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via SATCOM RGS
- c) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via VHF RGS
- d) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via HF RGS
- e) From all aircraft where either uplink and downlink are via HF or SATCOM RGS

A tabular reporting format can be used to capture the observed performance at the 95% and 99.9% RCP240/400 times.

As PORT is independent of media path, this need only be reported for all RGS types. An example form is shown in [Figure D- 12](#).

D.3.1.3 Reporting on ADS-C Surveillance Latency

ANSP should report observed ADS-C latency for RSP180 and RSP400 for different media paths using all downlinks as described in [paragraph D.1.3](#). The media paths to report are:

- a) From all aircraft via all Remote Ground Station (RGS) types.
- b) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via SATCOM RGS
- c) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via VHF RGS
- d) From all aircraft where both uplink and downlink are via HF RGS
- e) From all aircraft where either uplink and downlink are via HF or SATCOM RGS

A tabular reporting format can be used to capture the observed performance at the 95% and 99.9% RSP180/400 times. An example form is shown in [Figure D- 12](#).

Monthly Report of Datalink Performance by < ANSP Name> for < FIR Name > for <month> <year>					
Section 1: Availability					
CSP Notification	CSP Name	Outage Type	Start	End	Duration (Mins)
200907150005	ARINC	SATCOM	200907150001	200907150020	19
Not Notified	N/A	SATCOM	200907212233	200907212255	22
200907281515	SITA	VHF	200907281510	200907281525	15
Section 2: CPDLC					
ALL RGS			SATCOM		
ACTP RCP240	120sec	98.20%	ACTP RCP240	120sec	
	150sec	100%		150sec	
ACP RCP240	180sec	98%	ACP RCP240	180sec	
	210sec	99.70%		210sec	
PORT	60sec	98%			
ACTP RCP400	260sec		ACTP RCP400	260sec	
	310sec			310sec	
ACP RCP400	320sec		ACP RCP400	320sec	
	370sec			370sec	
VHF			HF		
ACTP RCP240	120sec		ACTP RCP240	120sec	
	150sec			150sec	
ACP RCP240	180sec		ACP RCP240	180sec	
	210sec			210sec	
ACTP RCP400	260sec		ACTP RCP400	260sec	
	310sec			310sec	
ACP RCP400	320sec		ACP RCP400	320sec	
	370sec			370sec	
SATCOM + HF					
ACTP RCP240	120sec				
	150sec				
ACP RCP240	180sec				
	210sec				
ACTP RCP400	260sec				
	310sec				
ACP RCP400	320sec				
	370sec				
Section 3: ADS-C					
ALL RGS			SATCOM		
ASP RSP180	90sec	98.80%	ASP RSP180	90sec	
	180sec	100%		180sec	
ASP RSP400	300sec		ASP RSP400	300sec	
	400sec			400sec	
VHF			HF		
ASP RSP180	90sec		ASP RSP180	90sec	
	180sec			180sec	
ASP RSP400	300sec		ASP RSP400	300sec	
	400sec			400sec	
SATCOM + HF					
ASP RSP180	90sec				
	180sec				
ASP RSP400	300sec				
	400sec				

Figure D- 12. Example ATSP monthly report

D.3.1.4 Reporting data to enable graphical reports

In addition to the tabular performance reporting described above regions should consider presenting performance data using graphical means. Performance graphs illustrating regional communications and surveillance performance for the different media paths can be readily obtained by aggregating spreadsheet data from individual ATSP as illustrated in [Figure D- 13](#). This figure illustrates part of an ATSP report of actual performance for ACP, ACP, and PORT against the RCP240 requirements for a particular media type where the number of messages received within a time is recorded at one second intervals. This type of data can be included in an ATSP monthly report to enable regional aggregation of agreed performance information to allow it to be presented in graphical form. Regions could present all or some of the data reported in tabular form per [paragraphs D.3.1.2 and D.3.1.3](#) above in graphical form if desired. This method of reporting would also assist global aggregation.

ACTP#	ACTP%	ACP#	ACP%	CREW#	CREW%	t"	16660	99.65%	16540	98.94%	16655	99.62%	200
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	149	0.89%	0	16660	99.65%	16543	98.95%	16656	99.63%	201
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	176	1.05%	1	16662	99.67%	16547	98.98%	16656	99.63%	202
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	210	1.26%	2	16662	99.67%	16549	98.99%	16656	99.63%	203
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	322	1.93%	3	16662	99.67%	16549	98.99%	16656	99.63%	204
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	673	4.03%	4	16662	99.67%	16550	99.00%	16657	99.64%	205
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1444	8.64%	5	16662	99.67%	16553	99.01%	16657	99.64%	206
1	0.01%	0	0.00%	2330	13.94%	6	16662	99.67%	16556	99.03%	16657	99.64%	207
29	0.17%	0	0.00%	3133	18.74%	7	16662	99.67%	16561	99.06%	16657	99.64%	208
988	5.91%	0	0.00%	3946	23.60%	8	16664	99.68%	16563	99.07%	16659	99.65%	209
3939	23.56%	0	0.00%	4731	28.30%	9	16664	99.68%	16564	99.08%	16662	99.67%	210
6726	40.23%	0	0.00%	5667	33.90%	10	16664	99.68%	16565	99.08%	16662	99.67%	211
8519	50.96%	0	0.00%	6763	40.45%	11	16664	99.68%	16566	99.09%	16662	99.67%	212
9566	57.22%	3	0.02%	7811	46.72%	12	16666	99.69%	16567	99.10%	16663	99.67%	213
10585	63.31%	13	0.08%	8794	52.60%	13	16667	99.69%	16571	99.12%	16663	99.67%	214
11356	67.93%	33	0.20%	9594	57.39%	14	16667	99.69%	16572	99.13%	16665	99.68%	215
11910	71.24%	67	0.40%	10355	61.94%	15	16667	99.69%	16574	99.14%	16665	99.68%	216
12401	74.18%	136	0.81%	10964	65.58%	16	16667	99.69%	16575	99.14%	16665	99.68%	217
12962	77.53%	232	1.39%	11483	68.69%	17	16667	99.69%	16576	99.15%	16666	99.69%	218
13530	80.93%	609	3.64%	11899	71.17%	18	16669	99.71%	16577	99.16%	16666	99.69%	219
13938	83.37%	1949	11.66%	12267	73.38%	19	16669	99.71%	16579	99.17%	16666	99.69%	220
14247	85.22%	3280	19.62%	12595	75.34%	20	16669	99.71%	16580	99.17%	16666	99.69%	221
14415	86.22%	4326	25.88%	12867	76.96%	21	16672	99.72%	16581	99.18%	16666	99.69%	222
14586	87.25%	5362	32.07%	13145	78.63%	22	16673	99.73%	16583	99.19%	16666	99.69%	223
14724	88.07%	6308	37.73%	13387	80.08%	23	16674	99.74%	16586	99.21%	16666	99.69%	224
14839	88.76%	7057	42.21%	13588	81.28%	24	16675	99.74%	16586	99.21%	16667	99.69%	225
14943	89.38%	7766	46.45%	13764	82.33%	25	16675	99.74%	16589	99.23%	16667	99.69%	226
15029	89.90%	8388	50.17%	13930	83.32%	26	16675	99.74%	16589	99.23%	16667	99.69%	227
15128	90.49%	8977	53.70%	14098	84.33%	27	16676	99.75%	16593	99.25%	16668	99.70%	228
15220	91.04%	9494	56.79%	14249	85.23%	28	16677	99.75%	16594	99.26%	16668	99.70%	229
15323	91.66%	9968	59.62%	14425	86.28%	29	16677	99.75%	16596	99.27%	16668	99.70%	230
15402	92.13%	10373	62.05%	14562	87.10%	30	16677	99.75%	16597	99.28%	16668	99.70%	231
15448	92.40%	10763	64.38%	14696	87.91%	31	16677	99.75%	16598	99.28%	16668	99.70%	232
15501	92.72%	11102	66.41%	14826	88.68%	32	16677	99.75%	16601	99.30%	16668	99.70%	233
15543	92.97%	11433	68.39%	14938	89.35%	33	16677	99.75%	16604	99.32%	16668	99.70%	234
15599	93.31%	11720	70.10%	15049	90.02%	34	16678	99.76%	16604	99.32%	16668	99.70%	235
15640	93.55%	11985	71.69%	15160	90.68%	35	16678	99.76%	16605	99.32%	16668	99.70%	236
15683	93.81%	12235	73.18%	15258	91.27%	36	16679	99.77%	16606	99.33%	16668	99.70%	237
15720	94.03%	12477	74.63%	15338	91.75%	37	16679	99.77%	16607	99.34%	16668	99.70%	238
15747	94.19%	12703	75.98%	15405	92.15%	38	16680	99.77%	16609	99.35%	16668	99.70%	239
15790	94.45%	12908	77.21%	15476	92.57%	39	16681	99.78%	16609	99.35%	16668	99.70%	240
15813	94.59%	13111	78.42%	15533	92.91%	40	37	0.22%	109	0.65%	50	0.30%	>240
15851	94.81%	13289	79.49%	15603	93.33%	41	16718	100.00%	16718	100.00%	16718	100.00%	Total

Figure D- 13. Example ATSP monthly report that will enable graphical analysis

Appendix E Regional/State-specific information

E.1 Regional and/or State information

Table E- 1 lists the flight information regions (FIRs) where data link service is provided and indicates AFN address, ATSU ACARS Address, coordinating group, CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements and position reporting requirements.

Table E- 1. Data link services by FIR

Flight Information Region (FIR)	CPDLC	ADS-C	FMC WPR	AFN address	ATSU ACARS Address	Coord Group	CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements	Position reporting requirements
Gander	O	O	O	CZQX		NAT FIG		
Shanwick	O	O	O	EGGX		NAT FIG		
Reykjavik	O	O	O	BIRD		NAT FIG		
Santa Maria	O	O	O	LPPO		NAT FIG		
Bodø	N	O	O	ENOB		NAT FIG		
New York	O	O	N	KZWY		NAT FIG		
Accral								
Algeria								
Anchorage Oceanic	O	O		PAZA	ANCXFXA	IPACG FIT	CONTACT PAZA CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Antananarivo (Madagascar)				FMMM				
Atlantico								

Flight Information Region (FIR)	CPDLC	ADS-C	FMC WPR	AFN address	ATSU ACARS Address	Coord Group	CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements	Position reporting requirements
Auckland Oceanic	O	O	O	NZZO	AKLCDYA	ISPACG FIT	MONITOR NZZO CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Bahrain								
Brisbane	O	O		YBBB	BNECAYA	ISPACG FIT	MONITOR BRISBANE CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Canarias								
Casablanca								
Colombo	T	T						CPDLC position report at each waypoint. <i>Currently trialing ADS-C and CPDLC. Primary communication via voice. Full HF reporting still required.</i>
Dakar Oceanic								
Egypt								
Emirates								
Fukuoka	O	O		RJJJ	FUKJJYA	IPACG FIT	CONTACT TOKYO CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.

Flight Information Region (FIR)	CPDLC	ADS-C	FMC WPR	AFN address	ATSU ACARS Address	Coord Group	CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements	Position reporting requirements
Honiara				YBBB	BNECAYA			
India								
Indonesia								
Iraq								
Johannesburg Oceanic	O	O		FAJO	JNBCAYA			Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Jordan								
Kuwait								
Lebanon								
Libya								
Lisbon								
Luanda								
Malaysia								
Mauritius	O	O		FIMM				Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Melbourne	O	O		YMMM	MELCAYA	ISPACG FIT	MONITOR MELBOURNE CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Morocco								
Myanmar								

Flight Information Region (FIR)	CPDLC	ADS-C	FMC WPR	AFN address	ATSU ACARS Address	Coord Group	CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements	Position reporting requirements
Nadi	O	O		NFFF	NANCDYA	ISPACG FIT	MONITOR NFFF CENTER [frequency]	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Nauru				YBBB	BNECAYA		MONITOR BRISBANE CENTER [frequency]	
Oakland	O	O		KZAK	OAKODYA	IPACG FIT ISPACG FIT	CONTACT KSFO CENTER [frequency] <i>KSFO (San Francisco Radio) will provide all primary and secondary HF frequencies, and HF transfer points along the route of flight.</i>	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Oman								
Palestinian Gaza								
Qatar								
Sal								
Saudi Arabia								
Seychelles				FSSS				
Singapore								
Sudan								
Syria								

Flight Information Region (FIR)	CPDLC	ADS-C	FMC WPR	AFN address	ATSU ACARS Address	Coord Group	CPDLC Contact or Monitor message requirements	Position reporting requirements
Tahiti	O	O		NTTT	PPTCDYA	ISPACG FIT	CONTACT NTTT CENTER [frequency] <i>A SELCAL check is required.</i>	Initial CPDLC position report at FIR boundary for CDA confirmation, then ADS-C reporting only.
Thailand								
Tunisia								
Yemen								

Table E- 2 provides contact information.

Table E- 2. Contact information

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E.2 Regional and/or State differences

E.2.1 Voice communication procedures – North Atlantic Region

E.2.1.1 Flight crew – contact with aeradio

E.2.1.1.1 The integrity of the ATC service remains wholly dependent on establishing and maintaining HF or VHF voice communications with each ATSU along the route of flight. The procedures in this section are applicable only in NAT airspace and pertain only to ATS data link operations.

E.2.1.1.2 Prior to entering each NAT oceanic CTA, the flight crew should contact the appropriate aeradio station.

E.2.1.1.3 **Table E- 3** provides the data link terms the flight crew should use to identify the flight. The flight crew should continue to use the data link term until either the SELCAL check has been completed or the frequency assignment has been received.

Table E- 3. Terms to identify data link capability

Term	Data link status of aircraft
“A-D-S”	Participating in ADS-C only.
“F-M-C”	Participating in FMC WPR
“C-P-D-L-C”	Participating in CPDLC and ADS-C

E.2.1.1.4 If the flight will exit the CTA into oceanic airspace, on initial contact with the CTA the flight crew should:

- a) not include a position report;
- b) use the appropriate data link term after the aircraft call sign (see [paragraph E.2.1.1.3](#));
- c) state the name of the next CTA/FIR to be entered; and
- d) request the SELCAL check.

Example 1 (initial contact from an eastbound ADS-C-only flight about to enter the Gander CTA):

GANDER RADIO, AIRLINE 123 A-D-S, SHANWICK NEXT, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK CDAB.

Example 2 (initial contact from a westbound FMC WPR flight about to enter the Santa Maria CTA):

SANTA MARIA RADIO, AIRLINE 123 F-M-C, NEW YORK NEXT, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK AFMP.

Example 3 (initial contact from an eastbound CPDLC flight about to enter the New York Data Link service area):

NEW YORK ARINC, AIRLINE 123 C-P-D-L-C, GANDER NEXT, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK CKFM.

E.2.1.1.5 If the flight will exit the CTA into domestic airspace, on initial contact with the CTA, the flight crew should:

- a) not include a position report;
- b) use the appropriate data link term after the aircraft call sign (see [paragraph E.2.1.1.3](#));
- c) state the track letter if operating on the Organised Track System (OTS);
- d) state the last two fixes in the cleared route of flight if operating outside the OTS; and
- e) request the SELCAL check.

Example 1 (initial contact from an eastbound ADS-C-only flight about to enter the Shanwick CTA):

SHANWICK RADIO, AIRLINE 123 A-D-S, TRACK ZULU, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK CDAB.

Example 2 (initial contact from a westbound CPDLC flight about to enter the Gander CTA):

GANDER RADIO, AIRLINE 123 C-P-D-L-C, SCROD VALIE, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK DMCS.

Example 3 (initial contact from an eastbound FMC flight about to enter the Shanwick CTA):

SHANWICK RADIO, AIRLINE 123 F-M-C, TRACK ZULU, REQUEST SELCAL CHECK CDAB.

E.2.1.1.6 Depending on which data link services are offered in the CTA and the operational status of those services, the aeradio operator will provide appropriate information and instructions to the flight crew (see [paragraph E.2.1.2](#) for information regarding associated aeradio procedures).

E.2.1.1.7 In the event an onboard systems failure prevents CPDLC, ADS-C or FMC WPR or if any of these services is terminated:

- a) if the failure/termination occurs prior to initial contact with the aeradio station, do not use the phrase “A-D-S”, “C-P-D-L-C” or “F-M-C” after the aircraft call sign;

- b) resume normal voice communications, including providing all subsequent position reports via voice;
- c) do not inform aeradio that the service has been terminated; and
- d) inform Company Operations Department in accordance with established problem reporting procedures.

E.2.1.1.8 For ADS-C & FMC WPR flights, the flight crew should not submit position reports via voice to reduce frequency congestion, unless otherwise advised by aeradio operator.

E.2.1.1.9 ADS-C flights are exempt from all routine voice meteorological reporting, however the flight crew should use voice to report unusual meteorological conditions such as severe turbulence to the aeradio station.

E.2.1.1.10 The flight crew should not ask aeradio questions regarding the status of the ADS-C connections or whether an ADS-C or an FMC WPR has been received. Should the ATSU fail to receive an expected position report, the controller will follow guidelines in [paragraph 4.4.1.8](#) for late or missing ADS-C reports or request a voice report for a late or missing FMC WPR report.

E.2.1.1.11 When leaving CPDLC, ADS-C-only, or FMC WPR environment, the flight crew should comply with all communication requirements applicable to the airspace being entered.

E.2.1.1.12 If the flight crew does not receive its domestic frequency assignment by 10 minutes prior to the flight's entry into domestic airspace, the flight crew should contact aeradio and request the frequency, stating the oceanic exit fix.

E.2.1.2 Aeradio - response to initial contact

E.2.1.2.1 Aeradio operators should:

- a) respond to an aircraft that identifies itself by including a data link term after the aircraft call sign by restating the data link term after the aircraft call sign (see [paragraph E.2.1.1.3](#) for the list of data link terms); and
- b) complete the SELCAL check (see [paragraph E.2.1.1.4](#) and [paragraph E.2.1.1.5](#) for examples of the initial contact procedures to be used by the flight crew).

E.2.1.2.2 If a flight uses the term "A-D-S" after the aircraft call sign, the aeradio operator should issue:

- a) communication instruction for the next CTA/FIR; or
- b) communications instructions and the frequency to contact the appropriate ATSU approaching, or over, the exit point; or
- c) instructions for the flight to call the aeradio station serving the next CTA/FIR at a time or location prior to the next CTA/FIR boundary or exit point.

E.2.1.2.3 When the CTA/FIR does not offer FMC WPR services, if a flight uses the term "F-M-C" after the aircraft call sign, the aeradio operator should advise the flight crew to make position reports by HF voice.

E.2.1.2.4 When the CTA/FIR offers FMC WPR services, if a flight uses the term "F-M-C" after the aircraft call sign, the aeradio operator should issue:

- a) communication instruction for the next CTA/FIR; or

- b) communications instructions and the frequency to contact the appropriate ATSU approaching, or over, the exit point; or
- c) instructions for the flight to call the aeradio station serving the next CTA/FIR at a time or location prior to the next CTA/FIR boundary or exit point.

E.2.1.2.5 When the CTA/FIR does not offer CPDLC services, if a flight uses the term “C-P-D-L-C” after the aircraft call sign, the aeradio operator should:

- a) Advise the flight that ““CPDLC SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE IN (name) CTA/FIR”; and
- b) Issue:
 - 1) communication instruction for the next CTA/FIR; or
 - 2) communications instructions and the frequency to contact the appropriate ATSU approaching, or over, the exit point; or
 - 3) instructions for the flight to call the aeradio station serving the next CTA/FIR at a time or location prior the next CTA/FIR boundary or exit point.

E.2.1.2.6 During CPDLC operations, if a flight uses the term “C-P-D-L-C” after the aircraft call sign, the aeradio operator should:

- a) Advise the flight that “(type) FREQUENCIES WILL BE ASSIGNED VIA CPDLC”; and
- b) Issue:
 - 1) communication instructions for the next CTA/FIR; or
 - 2) communication instructions and the frequency to contact the appropriate ATSU approaching, or over, the exit point; or
 - 3) instructions for the flight to call the aeradio station serving the next CTA/FIR at a time or location prior to the next CTA/FIR boundary or exit point.

E.2.1.3 Aeradio - delayed CPDLC messages

If the flight crew advises “DELAYED CPDLC MESSAGE RECEIVED”, they are explaining that a CPDLC message was received late. Flight crew procedures require voice contact to verify the message status. Aeradio operators should include this notation when relaying the associated communication to ATC (see [Appendix F, paragraph F.13](#) for flight crew procedures and [paragraph 4.2.8](#) for further information regarding delayed CPDLC uplinks).

E.2.2 Determination of CPDLC current data authority

With the FANS-1/A application, an ATSP receiving a CDPLC transfer does not have confirmation they are current data authority (CDA) until a downlink is received from the aircraft. The ATSPs are unable to reach global agreement on whether this confirmation is needed, and those that require confirmation are unable to reach agreement on a common procedure to achieve this.

An ATSP that requires confirmation relies on upstream automation to transfer CPDLC connections reliably enough to give adequate safety margins and has considered the disadvantages and cost of available mitigations, the rate of occurrence of transfer failures, and the availability of HF as fallback in arriving at this conclusion.

The ATSPs that require confirmation of current authority have different means of meeting this requirement. These different means include:

- a) Receiving ATSP sends an automated free-text uplink UM169 when the aircraft crosses the boundary. The aircraft response will be DM3 ROGER if the transfer was successful, otherwise the error response **DM 63** NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY.
- b) Receiving ATSP sends **UM 160** NEXT DATA AUTHORITY[facility designation] as the aircraft crosses the FIR boundary. The aircraft response will be **DM 63** NOT CURRENT DATA AUTHORITY if the CPDLC transfer has not occurred.
- c) Aircraft sends DM48 POSITION REPORT either crossing the FIR boundary or when the Active Center indication on the flight deck changes to the receiving center. If the active center does not change as expected the DM48 will be sent to the transferring ATSP which will indicate that the transfer has failed.

Some regions are implementing AIDC messages that will provide the receiving ATSP with the notification that the communications transfer has completed successfully. When these messages are implemented confirmation of data authority as described above will be redundant.

Table E- 4 lists ANSP requirements for confirmation of CDA.

Table E- 4 ATSP requirements for confirmation of CDA

Confirm CDA means	Applicable ATSP
No Confirmation Required	Gander, Shanwick
Free text uplink	Reykjavik
CPDLC UM 160 (NDA)	Santa Maria
CPDLC DM 48 (POS REPORT)	Anchorage Oceanic, Auckland Oceanic, Brisbane, Colombo, Fukuoka, Johannesburg Oceanic, Mauritius, Melbourne, Nadi, Oakland, Tahiti

E.2.3 Unsupported CPDLC downlink message elements – region specific

Table E- 5 provides the CPDLC downlink message elements that are supported by a data link system but are not supported within a specific region. If the appropriate ATSU receives any of the message elements listed in this table, they will send **UM 169u** MESSAGE NOT SUPPORTED BY THIS ATS UNIT.

*Note.— See **Appendix A** for CPDLC message elements that are supported by a data link system but their use should be avoided due to potential misinterpretation and should not be supported globally.*

Table E- 5 Unsupported CPDLC downlink message elements – region specific

Region or State	Data link system	Unsupported downlink message elements
NAT	FANS 1/A	<u>DM 49</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT [speed] <u>DM 50</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT [speed] TO [speed] <u>DM 51</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT BACK ON ROUTE <u>DM 52</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT LOWER ALTITUDE <u>DM 53</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT HIGHER ALTITUDE <u>DM 54</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CRUISE CLIMB TO [altitude] <u>DM 67h</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT CLIMB TO [altitude] <u>DM 67i</u> WHEN CAN WE EXPECT DESCENT TO [altitude]

Appendix F Operator/aircraft specific information

F.1 Verifying registration number

A330-A340
On Airbus aircraft, the flight crew could not initially change the registration number provided by the avionics. This will be possible in the second version of ATSU, and this change will then be reflected in the FN_CON message.
B747-400 (up to Load 14)
On the B747-400 aircraft, the flight crew cannot change the registration number in the FN_CON message. This number is provided by the avionics.
B747-400 (Load 15)/B777 / B757/B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11
These aircraft do not have an <i>essential</i> data source for this datum, which means that the flight crew needs to verify that the registration number is correct.

F.2 CPDLC CR1s

A330-A340
B747-400 / B777 / B757-B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11
<p>The only CPDLC CR1 message processed normally by FANS 1 is the first CPDLC CR1 following an AFN logon (i.e., an AFN logon initiated when no CPDLC connection exists).</p> <p>If the CPDLC connection in the avionics is not terminated, and a new AFN logon transmitted, before sending the new CPDLC CR1 message any subsequent CPDLC CR1 messages received from that ATSU are processed, however they have no effect on the “active” connection (i.e. the avionics is not informed of an ATS system shutdown and will therefore consider that the original connection is still active).</p> <p>The avionics will not accept a connection if the AFN logon is initiated manually by the flight crew while another connection was active, even if the active connection is terminated before the connection from the new ATSU is received</p>

F.3 Flight crew display:- response and acknowledgement

A330-A340
In response to an uplink message that requires a closure response (DM 0 WILCO, ROGER, AFFIRM, UNABLE, NEGATIVE), the flight crew is presented with prompts corresponding to the closure responses required by DO-258A/ED-100A for the specific uplink message. EG prompts presented upon receipt of an uplink clearance are DM 0 WILCO, UNABLE, and DM 2 STANDBY.

B747-400 / B777 / B757-B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11

In response to an uplink message that requires a response element (**DM 0** WILCO, ROGER, AFFIRM, UNABLE or NEGATIVE), the flight crew is presented with two prompts (Accept and Reject).

If the correct response to the uplink message is affirmative (**DM 0** WILCO, ROGER, or AFFIRM), then the flight crew will select the Accept prompt.

If the correct response to the uplink message is negative (UNABLE or NEGATIVE), then the flight crew will select the Reject prompt.

When the flight crew selects either the Accept or the Reject prompt, the FANS 1 automatically transmits the correct response (**DM 0** WILCO, ROGER, AFFIRM, UNABLE, or NEGATIVE) for the corresponding message.

On the FANS 1 equipped aircraft, the flight crew cannot add any other element to a positive response.

F.4 FMS processing of waypoints**A330-A340**

The FMS cannot distinguish between ATC mandatory waypoints and waypoints inserted by the flight crew. However, the flight crew can over-write any avionics-determined default data contained in reports and confirm messages.

B747-400

The FMCs on Boeing aircraft do not distinguish between ATC mandatory waypoints and FMC sequenced waypoints for position reports. Additionally, the FANS 1 of the B747-400 aircraft does not permit the flight crew to overwrite the FMC-determined default “reported waypoint” position in downlink **DM 45** - REPORTED WAYPOINT. However, the FANS 1 of the B747-400 aircraft does allow the flight crew to overwrite the FMC-determined default time (in particular, in response to uplink **UM 138** -CONFIRM TIME OVER REPORTED WAYPOINT).

Non-use of uplink **UM 139** for B747-400 aircraft

The uplink message **UM 139** - Confirm reported waypoint should not be sent to B747-400 aircraft.

B777 / B757-B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11

The FMCs on Boeing aircraft do not distinguish between ATC mandatory waypoints and FMC sequenced waypoints for position reports. However, the FANS 1 of these aircraft will allow the flight crew to overwrite the FMC-determined default “reported waypoint” position and time (Downlink element **DM 45**).

F.5 Multiple request messages**A330-A340**

There is no network acknowledgement timer on Airbus aircraft for the establishment of a connection. Once CPDLC is established, there is a timer which is currently set at 2 minutes.

B747-400

If the network acknowledgement to a downlink message is not received by the B747-400 aircraft’s ACARS MU within a time period set in the Navigation Database or Operational Program Configuration

(OPC) file, the FANS 1 closes the message and an alert is triggered to the flight crew. This alert may prompt the flight crew to re-send the message. The timer value was 2 minutes up to Load 14, but will be set to 5 minutes with the introduction of Load 15. If a second message is identical to the first, but with a different identification number, and both messages have been received and responded to by the controller the avionics will only recognize the reference number of the second message. The first message is considered by the avionics to have been unsuccessful.

In reply to the controller's response to the first message, the avionics will send an INVALID REFERENCE NUMBER ERROR.

The controller's response to the second message will be processed normally.

In this case, if the controller ignores the first message, the connections to both ATS systems will not be lost when an End Service message is received on board the aircraft.

B757-B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11

When the network acknowledgement timer expires, it just "unlocks" the request pages, so that the flight crew will be able to send another one. The time at which the network acknowledgement timer expires can be set in the Operational Program Configuration (OPC) file in the FMS. Currently, the value is set to 5 minutes.

B777

This network acknowledgement timer does not apply to the B777.

F.6 Waypoint sequencing

A330-A340

Waypoint sequencing will only occur when the aircraft is within 7 NM of the flight plan track (as modified by any parallel offset that may have been entered). Therefore ADS-C waypoint change event report and armed [UM 130](#) REPORT PASSING message will not be transmitted automatically when the aircraft is outside these limits.

B747-400 / B757-B767 / B777 / MD90

Waypoint sequencing will only occur when the aircraft is within 21 NM of the flight plan track (as modified by any parallel offset that may have been entered). Therefore ADS-C waypoint change event report and armed [UM 130](#) REPORT PASSING message will not be transmitted automatically when the aircraft is outside these limits.

B717 / MD10 / MD11

Waypoint sequencing will only occur when the aircraft is within 7 NM of the flight plan track (as modified by any parallel offset that may have been entered). Therefore ADS-C waypoint change event report and armed [UM 130](#) REPORT PASSING message will not be transmitted automatically when the aircraft is outside these limits.

F.7 Network acknowledgement timer

B747-400

The B747-400 FMC has a network acknowledgement timer as described in section 6.6.2A.i. of the Reference 1 ATS SR&O. If the network acknowledgement to a downlink message is not received before the timer expires, the flight crew is alerted and may assume that the message has not been sent. Once back “IN COMM” the ACARS MU will transmit any “queued” messages.

F.8 Open uplinks at time of transfer of communications

B747-400 (Load 15)

If there are OPEN uplinks in the Boeing B747-400 FMC's ATC LOG when the Current Data Authority initiates transfer of communication to the Next Data Authority, the FMC will allow transfer to the Next Data Authority (i.e. The FMC will not disconnect the next data authority). This allows a smooth transfer to the next Flight Information Region if there are open uplinks at the time of transfer.

F.9 Offset using the FMS

When a flight crew is flying an FMS offset, the Airbus and Boeing parameters previously mentioned (7 NM and 21 NM respectively) are not an issue as all flight plan waypoints will be sequenced by the FMS without taking into account the offset distance being flown. However, when an offset is executed using the FMS, Boeing aircraft and Airbus aircraft will transmit intent and predicted route information as follows:

A330-A340

The Intent and Predicted Route Group information is projected along the offset route.

B747-400 / B777 / B757-B767 / B717 / MD90 / MD10 / MD11

The Predicted Route Group when flying an FMS offset is always along the offset route.

The projection of intent information currently depends on the aircraft type, and the version of software is installed as defined below:

B747-400 - Load 14 and before, towards the next FMS waypoint. Load 15 and after, along the offset path.

B757/B767 - Pegasus 99 and before, towards the next FMS waypoint. Pegasus 2000 and after, along the offset path.

B777 - Block Point 98, towards the next FMS waypoint. Block Point 99 and after, along the offset path.

MD90 - 920 FMS, towards the next FMS waypoint. 921 FMS and after, along the offset path.

MD10 / MD11 / B717 - Always along the offset path.

F.10 Duplicate uplink messages**B747-400 (Load 15)**

If the Boeing B747-400 FMC receives an uplink message that is an exact duplicate of a previously received uplink message, the FMC will discard the duplicate message. This prevents the display of the INVALID ATC UPLINK scratch pad message which would otherwise be displayed when a duplicate uplink is received

Note.— Duplicate messages are an unavoidable characteristic of the data link environment.

F.11 Variable constraints**Airbus**

Airbus does not support a <space> within a [unitname].

F.12 ADS-C emergency report interval default

If a periodic contract is active, the emergency reports will be transmitted at the existing periodic interval.

Airbus

Otherwise, the interval will default to 64 seconds.

Boeing

Otherwise, the interval will default to 304 seconds.

F.13 Delayed uplink messages**Airbus**

For Airbus aircraft entering a FIR, this function should automatically be re-set to OFF whenever the current data authority changes to a ATSU.

a) It is possible a flight crew may set a maximum delay value, even if not instructed to do so. In this case, the avionics will reject uplink messages that are received after the maximum delay time.

b) The flight crew will not see such messages. If such a message is rejected, the ATSU will receive the following downlink message: INVALID DATA UPLINK DELAYED IN NETWORK AND REJECTED RESEND OR CONTACT BY VOICE. This message will include a link to the delayed uplink message.

c) If an ATSU receives the above downlink, the following free text message should be sent: SET MAX UPLINK DELAY VALUE TO 999 SEC. This will minimise the possibility of subsequent uplink messages being rejected. If this message is also rejected, the instruction should be provided via voice.

d) The delayed uplink may be re-sent or the flight contacted via voice, at the controller's discretion.

Boeing

For most Boeing aircraft entering a FIR, this function should be automatically be set to OFF with the following exceptions:

- a) Boeing 777 (AIMS 1 and AIMS 2) aircraft have a default maximum delay value of 360 seconds;
- b) all Boeing aircraft whose CPDLC connection has been transferred in accordance with xxx to xxx will maintain any maximum delay value enabled during the previous CPDLC connection;
- c) Boeing 777 (AIMS 1 and AIMS 2) aircraft will maintain the last maximum delay value enabled during any previous CPDLC connection, until the aircraft has landed; and
- d) it is possible the flight crew may set a maximum delay value, even if not instructed to do so.

For Boeing aircraft with this function ON, uplink messages received after the maximum delay time will be displayed to the flight crew, beneath the following text: UPLINK DELAY EXCEEDED.

a) In the event a CPDLC uplink is received with the notation UPLINK DELAY EXCEEDED, the flight crew should:

- 1) REJECT the message (sends a NEGATIVE or UNABLE response);
- 2) advise, via voice, “DELAYED CPDLC MESSAGE RECEIVED”; and
- 3) request verification of ATC intent.

Note.— This paragraph is applicable only to Boeing aircraft for which the CODKC latency time function has been implemented - 777 AIMS 1 BP-03, 777 AIMS 2, 777 BP05, 737-600, 700, 800 & 900, 747-400 (Pegasus 3), 757 (Pegasus 3) and 767 (Pegasus 3).

b) In the event a CPDLC uplink is received with the notation UPLINK DELAY EXCEEDED, and the flight crew is unable to establish voice contact, they should:

- 1) REJECT the message (this sends a NEGATIVE or UNABLE response); and
- 2) send the following free text message: DELAYED CPDLC MESSAGE RECEIVED; or
- 3) (for Boeing 777 aircraft) include the following reject reason: NOT CONSISTENT, PLEASE RE-SEND.

APPENDIX E

ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR-GROUND DATA LINKS IN THE SAM REGION

DESCRIPTION OF TASKS	START	END	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
1. ANALYSIS OF THE STATUS OF DATA LINK IN THE SAM REGION	October 2011	May 2012	
1.1 Identify the level of implementation of air data link in the SAM Region	October 2011	May 2012	REGIONAL OFFICE STATES
1.2 Identify the data link capacity of the air fleet in the SAM Region and the airlines certified to operate data links	October 2011	May 2012	REGIONAL OFFICE STATES
1.3 Define the characteristics of the existing VHF T/A equipment and its data transmission capabilities	October 2011	May 2012	REGIONAL OFFICE STATES
1.4 Review FASID Table CNS 2 A	October 2011	May 2012	REGIONAL OFFICE STATES
2. TRAINING	January 2012	December 2014	
2.1 Develop training programmes and documentation for pilots, air traffic controllers and technical maintenance personnel	January 2012	December 2013	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
2.2 Conduct training programmes and seminars for pilots, air traffic controllers and technical maintenance personnel	June 2012	December 2014	REGIONAL OFFICE STATES EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901
2.2.1 Seminar/workshop on data link and use of the GOLD document	July 2012	July 2012	RO
3. STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GROUND-AIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IN THE SAM REGION	October 2011	October 2012	
3.1 Develop the document on the strategy for the implementation of ground-air communication systems in the SAM Region	March 2012	May 2012	EXPERT PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
3.2 Review the GOLD document for its implementation in the SAM Region as a guide on ground-air data link en route and in oceanic and continental areas	October 2011	November 2011	STATES
3.3 Draft the guidance document for ground-air data link at aerodromes, terminal areas, approach and VOLMET	May 2012	October 2012	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
4. CONDUCTION OF REGIONAL GROUND-AIR DATA LINK TRIALS	November 2012	December 2013	
4.1 Prepare the regional plan for the conduction of ground-air data link trials for en-route and aerodrome applications	November 2012	November 2012	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
4.2 Conduction of ground-air data link trials for en-route and aerodrome applications	December 2012	December 2013	STATES RO

DESCRIPTION OF TASKS	START	END	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
5. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES	March 2012	December 2013	
5.1 Draft the AIC model for reporting ground-air data link implementation plans for en-route oceanic and continental areas	March 2012	March 2012	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
5.2 Publish the AIC for reporting ground-air data link implementation plans for en-route oceanic and continental areas	June 2012	September 2012	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
5.3 Develop an AIP supplement model containing the standards and procedures applicable to ground-air data link en-route oceanic and continental areas	September 2012	March 2013	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
5.4 Publish the AIP supplement containing the standards and procedures applicable to the ground-air data link in oceanic and continental areas	March 2013	March 2013	STATES
5.5 Review the procedural handbooks of ATS units involved en route in oceanic and continental areas	March 2013	May 2013	STATES
5.6 Update the letters of agreement between ATS units, if necessary, in view of the implementation of the ground-air data link for en-route oceanic and continental areas	May 2013	December 2013	STATES REGIONAL OFFICES
5.7 Amendment to Document 7030, if necessary, in view of the implementation of ground-air data link at the aerodrome	May 2013	December 2013	REGIONAL OFFICES
5.8 Draft the AIC model to report ground-air data link implementation plans at aerodromes	March 2012	March 2012	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
5.9 Publish the AIC to report on ground-air data link implementation planning at aerodromes	June 2012	September 2012	STATES
5.10 Develop an AIP supplement model containing the standards and procedures applicable to ground-air data link at aerodromes	September 2012	March 2013	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
5.11 Publish the AIP supplement containing the standards and procedures applicable to ground-air data link at aerodromes	March 2013	March 2013	STATES REGIONAL OFFICES
5.12 Review the procedural handbooks of ATS units involved en route at aerodromes	January 2013	March 2013	STATES REGIONAL OFFICES
6. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MONITORING	August 2013	June 2014	
6.1 Develop the ground-air data link post-implementation monitoring programme for en-route and aerodrome operations	August 2013	September 2013	EXPERTS PROJECT RLA/06/901 RO
6.2 Implement the ground-air data link post-implementation monitoring programme for en-route and aerodrome operations	December 2013	June 2014	RO STATES

DESCRIPTION OF TASKS	START	END	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Pre-operational implementation date		December 2013	STATES
Definitive implementation date		December 2018	STATES