

# Problem Report Briefing

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# Agenda

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- New Developments
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# Introduction

- PRs filed via ISPACG-CRA, NAT DLMA Problem Reporting website:  
<http://www.ispacg-cra.com/>
  - Website hosted by Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited
- Now used for:
  - CRA for South Pacific (ISPACG FIT)
  - CRA for North, Central, East Pacific (IPACG FIT)
  - DLMA for North Atlantic (NAT CNSG)
  - FIT-ASIA for South China Sea, Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean
- Continue to get new entities registered with website
  - Registration: <http://www.ispacg-cra.com/about.asp>
  - Select “register as user”

# PR Status Definitions

- **RAISED** - the PR has been filed by the originator but has not yet been processed by the CRA
- **ACTIVE** - CRA has processed the PR and allocated a PR # and someone to investigate it. During this phase the PR is under investigation
- **OPEN** - The CRA investigation is complete however some form of correction is required before it can be closed
- **CLOSED AS DUPLICATE** - Closed because problem is already covered/tracked under another PR
- **CLOSED** – Corrective action has been implemented

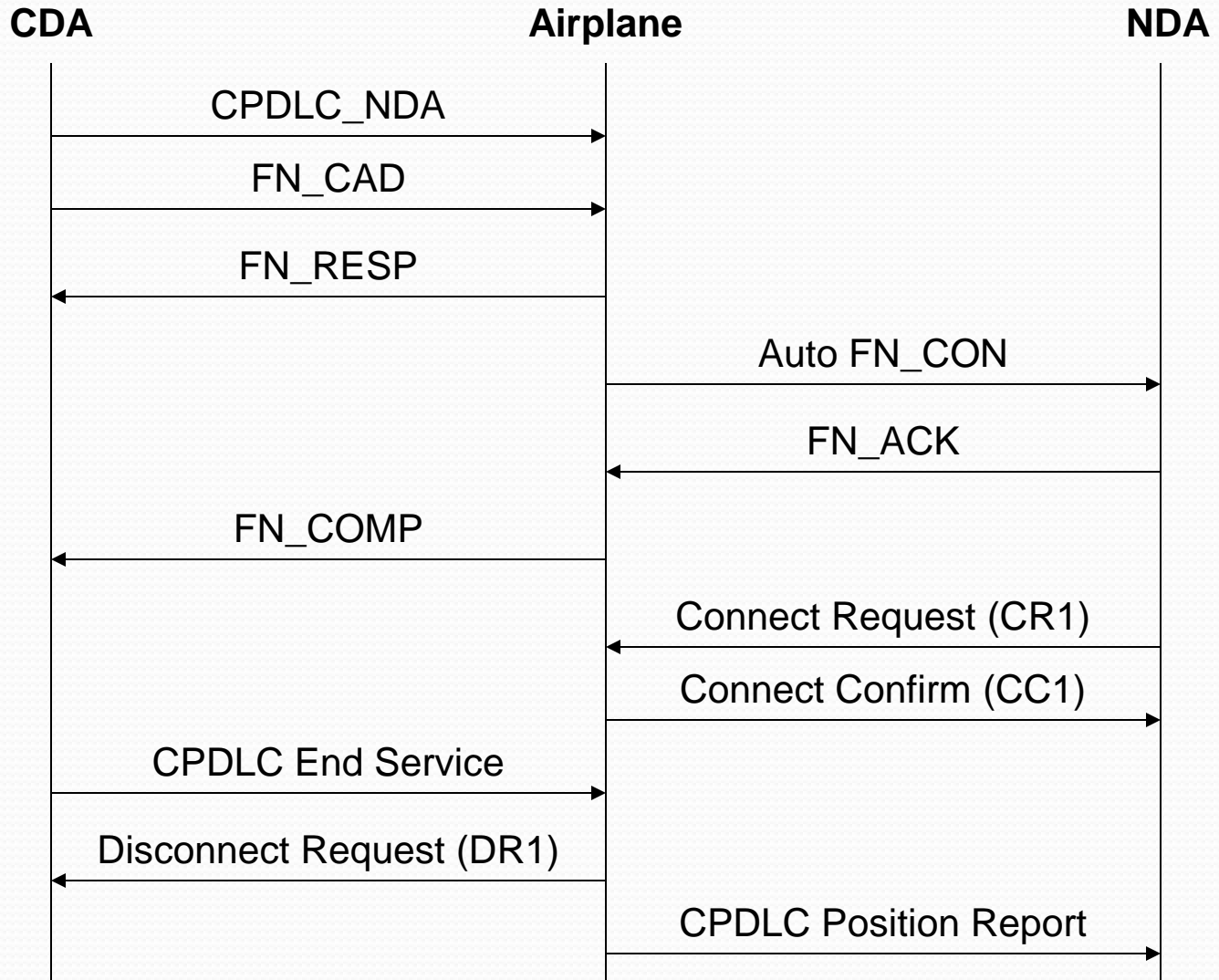
# New Developments

- Philippines ANSP has joined the FIT and has been submitting reports very routinely
- RPHI is now supporting CPDLC services



# Asia Region PRs

# Transfer Process



## 1892-AG Unable to Logon to XXXX (B747-400)

Region: ASIA

Status: Open

Type: Ground

- Aircraft attempted multiple logons to center XXXX
- No AFN ack was uplinked in response to the logon, and therefore the connection could not be successfully made
- Center was contacted to address the uplink issue. PR will be closed once issue is confirmed addressed by the center



## 1893-MM – Unable to Logon (B747-400)

Region: ASIA

Status: Open

Type: Ground

- Active center began transferring aircraft to next data authority (NDA)
- Logon to NDA was successful however the active center did not uplink an End Service to complete the transfer
- Secondary issues seen with SATCOM delaying messages for several minutes.
- Active center was notified to address the issues. PR will be closed once center has confirmed the issue has been addressed.

## 1908-AG Error Messages (B747-400)

Region: ASIA

Status: Closed

Type: Air

- Active center reported that uplinks were being rejected by the aircraft
- Known issue with Rockwell Collins -003 MUs (installed on 747-400)
- When the MU receives an uplink for the FMC which exceeds it's allowable size, it will issue a Q5 rejection to the ground
- It will then continue to reject all uplinks destined for the FMC until circuit breaker/power is cycled
- Software fix is available ("core 6") however not all operators have chosen to install new the software

# 1916-AG Unable to Logon the XXXX (B747-400 )

Region: ASIA

Status: Open

Type: Ground

- Aircraft logged on a total of eight times to two different centers
- In seven of the cases, one of the uplinks necessary to complete the logon was missing (either AFN ack, or CR1)
- In last case the logon process was proceeding normally, but flight crew manually terminated the process
- Centers have been contacted and PR will be closed once centers confirm issue has been addressed.

## 1925-AG Unable to logon CPDLC with XXXX (B777)

Region: ASIA

Status: Closed

Type: Ground

- Aircraft logged on multiple times to center XXXX
- Ground responded with an AFN ack but no CR1 uplink
- Final logon attempt received both an AFN ack and CR1 uplinks
- This resulted in a successful logon and CPDLC exchange worked correctly from then on.

# 1970-GS B788 is trying to establish ADS/CPDLC connection but could not

Region: ASIA

Status: Open

Type: Network

- Analysis of the datalink logs identified missing AFN logons and ADS reports along with jumps in the MSN
- Aircraft (SITA customer) was using ARINC/AeroThai VHF stations
- AeroThai appears to have ack'd the ATC messages but not passed them on to the center
  - ARINC policy is to not ack ATC messages (thus forcing retry on different media or ground stations)
- ARINC is working with AeroThai to rectify the issue so that ATC messages are not ack'd
- Airplane also had SATCOM issues at the time
- ARINC has been contacted and PR will be closed once we have confirmation they have worked with AeroThai to rectify the issue.

# 1985-RP      Unable LOGON XXXX FIR (B777-200)

Region: ASIA

Status: Open

Type: Ground

- Aircraft sent multiple logons to center XXXX
- The ground rejected the logon with a code of 4 (FAK4)
- This code corresponds to no flight plan/ID in the system
- PR was reassigned to XXXX center for further investigation for reason for rejection
- Center has been contacted and PR will be closed once reason for rejection has been confirmed.

## 2017-MM Connection Failed (mult aircraft)

Region: ASIA

Status: Closed

Type: Ground

- Active center did not transfer connection to RPHI
- RPHI is now supporting CPDLC services
- RPHI can be transferred CPDLC authority per the normal transfer process

2020-SH  
300)

## NO DOWNLINK MESSAGE RECEIVED (B767-

Region: Asia

Status: Closed  
as Duplicate

Type: Air

- Active center reported missing downlinks from aircraft
- Issue identified with Rockwell Collins CMU (core -12) software
- CMU acknowledges receipt of an uplink intended for the FMC but then tosses the message instead of delivering it
- Often referred to as “ack-n-toss” issue (ref chart 24)
- Currently under investigation by Rockwell Collins
- CMU core 12 is available on models 737, 767 and 747
- Master PR 1684-MM



2022-SN  
(A330)

## CPDLC Connected ADS-C not connected

Region: Asia

Status: Open

Type: Network

- Center reported having CPDLC connection but could not establish ADS-C connection
- Center uplinked ADS-C contract 0 over SITA (ANSP subscribed only to SITA)
- Aircraft responded with ADS contract acknowledgement and first periodic report on ARINC HF
- ARINC did not forward the message to SITA
- Even if ANSP is not a customer of both SITA and ARINC, messages sent on other DSP network should be routed to SITA to route to the ANSP (internetworking)
- ARINC has been contacted regarding the issue. PR will be closed once we receive confirmation that the issue has been addressed.

## 2088-MM CPDLC connection failure (B767-300)

Region: Asia

Status: Closed  
as Duplicate

Type: Air

- During one flight leg, multiple centers uplinked a CR1 and the aircraft downlinked a DR1 with DM64 [icaofacilitydesignation] with a value of four space characters (<sp> <sp> <sp> <sp>)
- One scenario for this is when the CPDLC application does not get a valid initial AFN ack.
- Other scenarios are currently under investigation
- Master PR 1877-MM

# 2132-SH Unable to establish connection with XXXX (B777)

Region: Asia

Status: Closed

Type: Air

- Active center uplinked a DR1 to terminate it's CPDLC connection
- The aircraft avionics look to have acknowledged this uplink, but not transferred it to the CPDLC application
- All subsequent connection requests were rejected by the aircraft because it was still connected to previous center
- Similar to issue seen on Rockwell Collins CMU, but this is specific to Honeywell AIMS software
- Fix available in AIMS BP17.1

# 2163-SH Could not connect CPDLC with XXXX (A380-800)

Region: Asia

Status: Open

Type: Air

- Aircraft reported they could not use CPDLC with a certain center
- Datalink logs show that CPDLC connection was successfully established
- Active center uplinked several messages with no time stamp included.
- Each uplink triggered an automatic error downlink
- Error information indicates the flight crew had entered a value for uplink delay timer in their CPDLC application and due to missing timestamp, this triggered an error
- Airbus is following up with airline to discuss issue. PR will be closed once we receive confirmation the issue has been addressed.

## 737 FMS resets due to ADS intent group

- Several reports of FMS resets while in descent
- Data analysis shows that the FMS can reset if active ADS contract has Aircraft Intent group requested and the aircraft is performing a descent from high cruise altitude to a low altitude waypoint (ie from a cruise altitude of FL380 to the next waypoint with a constraint of 5800A)
- FMS does recover after reset
- Aircraft Intent group data is not widely used
- Requesting ANSPs who are using Intent group to speak with Boeing
- Fix will be available with next FMS update (U13) currently estimated to be available second half of 2017



# Notable Airplane PRs

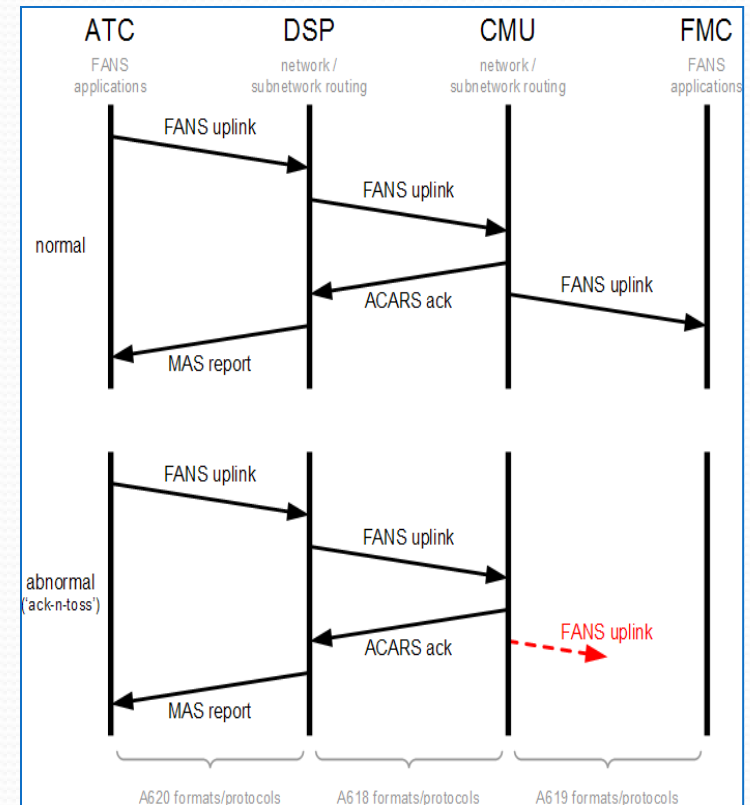
# “Ack-n-Toss” PRs

Region: Mult

Status: Active

Type: Air

- CRA has received 17 PRs in which “Ack-n-Toss” has been a contributor
  - Also several reports from FAA Data Comm program
  - Reported events involve multiple airplane models
  - Common denominator is Rockwell-Collins CORE -012 CMU
- Rockwell- Collins (RCI) has not yet reproduced problem in lab
- RCI concurs that problem is in CMU
- RCI requests operators experiencing issue to provide CVR data (if they have datalink recording capability)
- PR will be closed once a fix for this issue is available for incorporation.



# 1645-RP - No CPDLC downlinks from 747-8

Region: SOPAC

Status: Closed as  
Duplicate

Type: Air

- While aircraft was connected to center, CPDLC uplinks worked correctly, but flight crew unable to respond to uplinks
- ADS was not affected, uplinks/downlinks continued to work correctly
- Suspect issue is internal to Honeywell NG FMS (installed on 747-8/747-400)
- Suspect issue is also related to multiple downlinks of Wilco/Unable
- Currently collaborating with an operator to collect data
- 1763-RP is the “master PR” for this problem



# 1855-GS - CPDLC route request from B788 commenced at an ATS route

Region: SOPAC

Status: Open

Type: Air

- Flight requested an amended route via CPDLC
- The first element in the route clearance field was an airway
- Per Honeywell investigation, whenever airplane is on the last leg of an airway, then route downlinks (route request, or the response to CONFIRM ASSIGNED ROUTE) will begin with the airway
- 777 behaves this way, too (787 behavior was “inherited” from 777 code)
- PR will be closed once a fix for this issue is available for incorporation

# 1989-SN - Repeated CPDLC Messages (B777)

Region: NAT

Status: Open

Type: Air

- More than 60 CPDLC "WILCO" downlinks were received and did not stop until the flight disconnected
- When flight crew disconnected, more than 57 "ERROR : ERROR [Command termination] and then "Cpdlc disconnection due to : : ERROR [Application Error]" CPDLC messages were received
- Problem is a probable duplicate of 1490-SN (2014) and others
- Problem is still under investigation by Boeing and Honeywell
- ANSPs should report any instance of this behavior for further investigation
- PR will be closed once root cause has been identified and fix/change is available for incorporation

# 2070-RP - Invalid position in AFN logon of B748

Region: SOPAC

Status: Open

Type: Air

- B748s (and B744s with NG FMS) sometimes send AFN logon with invalid position
- Problem also observed with other non-Boeing aircraft (e.g. GLF4)
- Boeing has reproduced the problem in the lab
- Note that the Honeywell NG FMS is used on B748's, B744s, and other non-Boeing aircraft, including Gulfstream models
- PR will be closed once fix for this issue is available for incorporation

# 2001-SN - Route Clearance when appended to FreeText Uplink (multiple biz jets)

Region: NAT

Status: Open

Type: Air

- When an uplink contains a route clearance appended to free text, the flight crew are unable to review and accept the clearance
- Although the PR was observed initially with a gulfstream, the problem is internal to Honeywell NZ 6.1 FMS which is available on multiple business jets
- No issue if a clearance is sent with freetext appended to the clearance
- Software updates unlikely for some aircraft and unlikely anytime soon for others.
- PR will be closed once fix is available for incorporation

# 1913-SN A388 fails to ACK uplinks and sent 'Insufficient message storage capacity

Region: NAT

Status: Closed

Type: AIR

- Report that one A380 gave no indication of receiving greeting messages which were sent multiple times.
- After the 5th greeting message was sent a DM62 ERROR INSUFFICIENT MESSAGE STORAGE CAPACITY was then received.
- Analysis showed that the reception of a multi-element: UM161 + UM117 (W/U message) led to an onboard FANS system freeze.
- Corrected on A380 FANS A+B (batch 5), this standard is currently being retrofitted.

## 2102 : A332 Invalid field in predicted route

Region: NAT

Status: Closed

Type: AIR

- Report that an A330 sent an ADS-C 40W report with invalid fields in the predicted route. All other event and periodic reports showed correct values.
- If predicted data from the FMS are not available, the data in the predicted group will all be invalid (including these that are not predicted e.g. Lat/Long).
- This will be corrected in the next standard: ATSU CSB/CLR7.4. This standard will also reduce the number of invalid predictions sent in the On Event report.
- Fix will be available in second half of 2016

# 2124- SN CPDLC error messages received in response to an EXPECT uplink (A380)

Region: SOPAC

Status: Closed

Type: Ground

- Report on receipt of an EXPECT uplink it appears that some A380s responded with an error message.
- As per latest GOLD version, in new FANS products (A380 FANS A+B, batch 5 and A350), UM42 or 43 messages are no longer supported and are answered with an Error Message (invalid data).
- UM13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 33, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 175, 178 are stated as 'reserved' in ICAO document 4444, and 'reserved'+ 'Avoid use' in ED122, and in ICAO document GOLD v2.0.
- As such, they also are no longer displayed to the crew and once received an onboard error message is sent to the ATC ground center.
- As per GOLD recommendation, these messages should no longer be used

# Interoperability Testing

- Offered through the Boeing Company (outside of CRA responsibilities)
- Interoperability testing with ANSPs allow for live testing of the system using actual networks (Sita/Arinc) and real Avionics (Boeing test facilities)
- Allows for detection of issues prior to going live
- Can provide a generic interoperability test or do a test more tailored to each ANSP
- Contact: [rochelle.e.perera@boeing.com](mailto:rochelle.e.perera@boeing.com) for questions about interoperability testing or to schedule a session





# Questions?



# Backup

## Table 1- Fixed Avionics PRs

PR	System	Description	Status	Notes
1021-MM	737, 747, 757, 767, MD-11	Rockwell Collins CMU-900 “peripheral lockup” issue	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of Rockwell Collins CMU-900 core software part number 832-9548-012
1145-SN	777	777 unable to send messages after CPDLC transfer	OPEN	To be CLOSED with availability of 777 AIMS-2 BPV17A software
1229-SN	A330/A340	A330/A340 ADS-C predicted route group issues	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 next FANS A+ standard
1358-MM	777	777 "ack-n-toss" issue (ACARS avionics acknowledge receipt of FANS uplinks but do not deliver them to the FANS avionics)	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 777 AIMS-2 BPV17.1 software
1405-GS	787	787 loses SATCOM link after losing VHF Cat B link	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP2.5 software
1480-SN	MD-11	MD-11 sends unexpected ADS-C lateral deviation report	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of MD-11 FMC -922 software
1534-GS	787	787 does not respond to AFN uplink messages	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP2.5 software
1540-SN	A380	A380 avionics reset when aircraft is climbing and flight crew sends a position report with the CLIMBING TO element	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A380 FANS A+B Batch 5 software
1556-GS	787	787 sends CPDLC disconnect request or no response to CPDLC connect requests	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP3 software

## Table 1- Fixed Avionics PRs continued

PR	System	Description	Status	Notes
1585-GS	787	787 does not respond to ADS-C uplink messages	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP2.5 software
1644-SN	A380	A380 sends duplicate responses to uplink messages received via different media	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A380 FANS A+B Batch 5 software
1726-RP	747-8	747-8 Inmarsat Classic Aero SATCOM avionics issues	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of Rockwell Collins SDU-2200 part number 822-2556-103
1760-GS	787	787 SATCOM avionics issues	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP3 software
1762-GS	787	787 message delays due to avionics message queuing issues	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP2.5 software
1798-GS	787	787 fails to send armed MAINTAINING [altitude] reports	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 787 CMF BP3 software
1854-SN	A330/A340	A330/A340 responds to STANDBY with ERROR UnrecognizedMsgReference Number if STANDBY includes embedded ACARS acknowledgement to request	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 CSB/CLR7.3 software
1881-SN	A330/A340	A330/A340 sends ADS-C reports with zero time-to-go	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 FMS300 REL1A software
1885-SN	A330/A340	A330/A340 sends duplicate responses to uplink messages received via different media	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 CSB/CLR7.3 software

## Table 1- Fixed Avionics PRs continued

PR	System	Description	Status	Notes
1913-SN	A380	A380 does not allow CPDLC downlink responses to CPDLC uplink messages	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A380 FANS A+B (Batch 5) software
1923-RP	747-8	747-8 (or 747-400 with 747-8 FMC) responds to CPDLC connect request with CPDLC disconnect request	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 747-8 FMC BP3.1 software
1943-RP	747-8	747-8 (or 747-400 with 747-8 FMC) AFN protocol errors	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of 747-8 FMC BP3.1 software
1953-MM	A330/A340	A330/A340 sends duplicate waypoints in route request	CLOSED	CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 P4 (Step1A) software
2102-MM	A330/A340	A330/A340 sends invalid value in ADS-C predicted route group	OPEN	To be CLOSED with availability of A330/A340 CSB/CLR7.4 software