

Frequently asked questions AIC 06/17

Introduction of flight plannable directs and rationalisation of lower ATS route structure in the Shannon FIR

IAA Shannon is planning to extend its free route airspace to the lower airspace under the control of Shannon Air Traffic Control. This is planned for Q3/Q4 2017. AIC 06/17 gives details of the change. This document contains the “frequently asked questions” for this project.

1. Is this project long in the planning?

Yes. This project has been under development for approx. 18 months.

2. Why do this?

In 2009 Shannon, through the ENSURE project, introduced Free route airspace to the Shannon UIR/SOTA and NOTA. This brought savings in the areas of fuel and CO2 for our customers. IAA Shannon is committed to providing the safest and most efficient service to our customers. As a result, we want to extend the savings realised from the ENSURE project into the Shannon ATC controlled parts of the lower airspace.

3. Will the routes be removed in the Dublin CTA?

No. The routes will remain in the Dublin CTA

4. If going from Shannon airspace to Dublin airspace what do I file?

DCT's can be filed in the Shannon CTA to the Dublin boundary to join the route structure

5. A few routes are remaining in the Shannon lower airspace. Do I have to file them?

No. These routes do not need to be filed. They are there for filing if required by aircraft depending on the nav capability.

6. What do I file now that the majority of the routes are gone?

The relevant sections of the AIP are being updated for this project. Essentially, DCT's in Shannon controlled airspace should be filed.

7. Are you removing any NAV aids or points as part of this project?

No. There are no changes to any Nav Aids or points as a result of this project. In addition, a full RADAR service in controlled airspace continues to be available.

8. When is this project being introduced?

The AIC states that the project is planned for implementation from September 14th 2017. Preparation is continuing. Any change to this date will be notified.

9. Will the remaining routes in the Shannon controlled part of the Shannon FIR be removed at some stage?

We will allow this part of the project to bed in and then look at a timescale for the removal the remaining routes in the Shannon airspace.

10. If I am filing from Shannon airport (EINN) for example to enter UK airspace what do I file?

If capable of flying the Shannon SIDS, file a SID appropriate to your route (If unable the SID file DCT). From the end of the SID, you can file DCT to the UK boundary and then the UK route structure as appropriate.

11. Where can I find a list of the routes that will be removed and the amended routes that remain?

Appendix A of AIC 06/17 contains the details.

12. If I have specific questions, where do I go?

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