



UK BORDER AGENCY

A DEVELOPING APPROACH FOR GENERAL AVIATION



INTRODUCTION

TWO KEY AREAS OF WORK WITHIN UKBA RELEVANT TO GENERAL AVIATION:

1.UKBA BORDER STRATEGY

2.UKBA POLICY PRIORITIES FOR GENERAL AVIATION

BORDER STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- **Creation of UK Border Agency provides opportunity to improve controls at points of entry and exit to the UK for both people and goods.**
- **Two areas of focus:**
- **UKBA can't do its work alone: needs to maximise impact of its work through its border partners - particularly during global economic downturn.**
 - Develop a more coordinated approach at the strategic and operational level with Government and Industry.
- **Improve the way we operate in the General Aviation and maritime environment and make it a more difficult environment for criminals to operate in.**

BORDER STRATEGY - GA FOCUS

GA poses significant Border control challenges which require a specific response.

Key principles for border control work in GA:

- Work together with partners at strategic and operational level
- Most users not involved in criminality; the freedoms which make controls so difficult are the freedoms which make boating and flying so attractive
- We must strengthen controls AND make it as easy as possible for legitimate users to cross our borders and comply with our controls.
- A targeted and intelligence led approach combined with spot checks is crucial
- Need to develop an environment where this targeted approach works
- Information is key – through reporting mechanisms and community engagement.

UKBA GA POLICY OVERVIEW

- **Border Strategy will facilitate certain aspects of UKBA GA/ maritime work**

But not all

- **So, detailed and/ or non cross governmental aspects of UKBA GA/maritime work to be developed in conjunction with and in parallel to the Border Strategy**
- **Key areas of work:**
 - **Develop national policy on risk assessments, clearance procedures and reporting**
 - **Better understand level of crime in GA/GM area**
 - **Develop UKBA intelligence model for GA/GM**

UKBA SPECIFIC PRIORITIES FOR GA

1. Develop national policy on risk assessments, clearance procedures and reporting
 - a. Consistent national approach to risk assessing the GA environment to facilitate decisions on clearance procedures or to identify criminal activity.
 - b. Consistent, transparent national approach to clearance procedures for both immigration and customs purposes
 - c. Clearance procedures to be developed to facilitate and reward compliance and to act against non compliant behaviour.
 - d. Resolve problems relating to flight notifications (GAR) to ensure clarity for users and effective processes for Border control.

UKBA SPECIFIC PRIORITIES FOR GA

- Better Understand the level of criminality in the GA/ maritime environment

Develop a programme of activity with other agencies to better understand what criminal activity is occurring and the level of that activity.

3. Develop UKBA intelligence model for GA/Maritime



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ANY QUESTIONS?

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