

## Directorate of Airspace Policy



### All NATMAC Representatives

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*Dean Colquhoun,*

### CAA DECISION LETTER

#### **PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF PERMANENT UPPER ATS ROUTE UM132 BETWEEN TALLA VOR AND IBROD**

As detailed in my letter of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009, NATS propose to introduce a new bi-directional Upper ATS route between TALLA VOR and IBROD at the Northern Oceanic Transition Area (NOTA) boundary. Currently the ScACC High Level sector boundaries between the Central, Rathlin West, and the Deancross North and Deancross South are organised in such a way that traffic routing between TLA and IBROD (via Glasgow VOR) will transit all four sectors.

Introduction of a more direct routing between TLA and IBROD and realigning the Deancross North and Deancross South sector boundary, and the Central and Rathlin West sector boundary, will result in the new route centreline now passing through just two of the sectors. This combination will reduce the inter-sector co-ordination and release additional capacity within the complex Central Sector. The proposed new route will also benefit from a small reduction in the flight plan track distance between TLA and IBROD.

The UM132 development has been co-ordinated with the MoD and the Irish Aviation Authority, who are content with the proposal. Since the majority of the route lies within the Hebrides Upper Transition Area and is entirely within the upper airspace, I have decided to approve this Airspace Change Proposal. The changes will be implemented at AIRAC 05/2009 on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009. My staff will review the effectiveness of the arrangements 12 months after introduction and the results of this review will be published.

If you have any queries, the DAP Project Leader is Mac Mackay, tel 020 7453 6552.

*yours sincerely,*  
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Director

Enclosure:

1. UM132 Airspace Change map

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