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REMOVAL OF EMAIL SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTAM PROPOSALS

1 Introduction

The UK NOTAM Office (UK NOF) is continuing to experience very high volumes of NOTAM submissions, with a significant portion of these coming via email.

Unlike AFTN submissions, those received by email take much longer to process. In addition, email submissions carry a safety risk, due to the increased human intervention required to process them.

2 Implementation

In consultation with the CAA, email submissions will no longer be accepted by the UK NOF from **10 August 2023** (AIRAC 08/2023).

In support of this, NATS will make available its AFTN NOTAM functionality 'AFPEX' (NATS web-based AFTN Portal) for free to all users, 2 AIRAC cycles ahead of the change on the **15 June 2023** (AIRAC 06/2023).

3 Process

AFPEX Users that currently have a "Lite" account will have the NOTAM functionality made available as part of their license no later than 2 AIRAC cycles prior to the implementation date of this change **15 June 2023** (AIRAC 06/2023).

Users that do not currently have an AFPEX account, and currently use email for their NOTAM submissions will be able to sign up for a free NOTAM account, from **15 June 2023** (AIRAC 06/2023), and should complete their registration no later than 30 days prior to the implementation date for this change - **11 July 2023**.

There will be no "usage/message" limits for NOTAM AFPEX submissions.

AFPEX can be found here:

www.myafpex.co.uk

Apply for an AFPEX account:

<https://ts1.flightplanningonline.co.uk/applyingForAnAccount.html>

AFPEX NOTAM Help/Guide can be found here:

www.myafpex.co.uk/guides/notam.php

From **10 August 2023** email submissions for NOTAM proposals will only be accepted where there is an outage to the AFPEX system.

Any questions regarding this change may be directed to:

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