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CONTINGENCY ROUTE (T999) FOR USE DURING PERIODS OF EXTREME DISRUPTION - REPLACES AIC Y 045/2024

- 1 In the event of LAC system failure where additional capacity is required to circumvent the UK airway structure, NATS may, under exceptional circumstances, request that the Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport establish an emergency flight-plannable route for westbound (northbound) use. This route will be established in the form of a 10 NM wide control area, designated as T999, as detailed in Table 1, for air traffic operating from/to the airports listed in Table 2. **This Contingency Route will not be available for flight planning unless made available by NOTAM.** The airspace allows aircraft to route as follows:
 - a) BKY (515923.17N 0000342.87E);
 - b) SIVDA (522122N 0000147E);
 - c) REGSI (525118.97N 0000151.04E);
 - d) OTBED (531717N 0000155E);
 - e) ESHIN (533437.20N 0001813.05W).
- 2 Under such circumstances The Secretary of State for Transport will introduce the following Restriction of Flying Regulations made under Article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016. Such restrictions will be notified by a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).
 - a) Subject to paragraph 3 below, on a date and at a time as notified, no aircraft is to fly above FL 95 and below FL 195 within the area bounded by the following coordinates (north of BKY - SIVDA):
 - i. 521107N 0000527W;
 - ii. 522105N 0000622W;
 - iii. 522137N 0000956E;
 - iv. 521107N 0001049E;
 - v. 521107N 0000527W.
 - b) Subject to paragraph 3 below, as notified, no aircraft is to fly above FL 155 and below FL 195 within the area bounded by the following coordinates (SIVDA - REGSI):
 - i. 522105N 0000622W;
 - ii. 525119N 0000624W;
 - iii. 525118N 0001006E;
 - iv. 522137N 0000956E;
 - v. 522105N 0000622W.
 - c) Subject to paragraph 3 below, as notified, no aircraft is to fly above FL 155 and below FL 245 within the area bounded by the following coordinates (REGSI - OTBED):
 - i. 525119N 0000624W;
 - ii. 531543N 0000625W;
 - iii. 531850N 0001015E;
 - iv. 525118N 0001006E;
 - v. 525119N 0000624W.
 - d) Subject to paragraph 3 below, as notified, no aircraft is to fly above FL 235 and below FL 245 within the area bounded by the following coordinates (OTBED - ESHIN):
 - i. 533728N 0001119W;
 - ii. 531850N 0001015E;
 - iii. 531543N 0000625W;
 - iv. 533146N 0002506W;

v. 533728N 0001119W.

3 Paragraph 2 does not apply to any aircraft flying under the control of:

- a) London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick;
- b) Scottish Area Control Centre, Prestwick;
- c) RAF(U) Swanwick; and
- d) RAF Air Battlespace Managers when flying under Air Defence Priority Flight status.

4 In relation to paragraph 2 the area will, when made available, categorized as Class C airspace except where it is coincident with other airspace structures where it then assumes the classification of the other airspace structure. Once T999 is established the following airspace restrictions will also apply:

- a) Danger Area EG D207 (Holbeach Range) will only be available from surface to 12,000 FT AMSL;
- b) Aircraft operating in TRA 003 and TRA 006 are to ensure they remain outside the vertical and lateral dimensions of T999 unless they are in receipt of an appropriate Radar Control service in accordance with UK AIP ENR 1.1 (5.1.5.2.1) and paragraph 3.

5 The times notified in any NOTAM in relation to paragraph 2 are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC).

TABLE 1 - AREA NAVIGATION ROUTE DETAILS

Route Designator/ (RNP/RNAV Type)		Route Usage Notes				
Significant Point Name		Significant Point Coordinates		Way Point: IDENT of VOR/DME (ELEV of DME antenna), BRG & DIST		
(RNP/RNAV Type)	Initial Track MAG ↓↑	Great circle Dist.	Upper limit/ lower limit	FL series IFR cruising levels max/min		Controlling Unit/ Airspace Class/ Remarks
				↓	↑	
T999 (RNP/RNAV)						
△	BARKWAY VOR/DME (BKY)	515923.17N 0000342.87E				Westbound (northbound) route only. Extremity of T999.
(RNAV 5)	357(T)-	22 NM	FL 195 / FL 95	even FL 180 / FL 100		Class C. London Control (Swanwick) Freq: 124.930 (Below FL 195 to FL 155); Freq: 118.825 (Below FL 155).
△	SIVDA	522122N 0000147E				
(RNAV 5)	360(T)-	30 NM	FL 195 / FL 155	even FL 180 / FL 160		Class C. Between SIVDA and 20 NM north of SIVDA: London Control (Swanwick) Freq: 124.930 (All levels). Between 20 NM north of SIVDA and REGSI: Scottish Control (Prestwick) Freq: 133.800 (All levels).
△	REGSI	525118.97N 0000151.04E				
(RNAV 5)	360(T)-	26 NM	FL 245 / FL 155	even FL 240 / FL 160		Class C. Scottish Control (Prestwick) Freq: 133.800 (All levels).
△	OTBED	531717N 0000155E				Intersection with L60 and Y70.
(RNAV 5)	325.41(T)-	21.1 NM	FL 245 / FL 235	even FL 240 / FL 240		Class C. Scottish Control (Prestwick) Freq: 133.800 (All levels).
△	ESHIN	533437.20N 0001813.05W				Extremity of T999.
Route Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swanwick Contingency Route not available for flight planning unless made available by NOTAM. • When made available T999 is Class C airspace 5 NM either side of the centre-line except where it is coincident with other airspace structures where it then assumes the classification of the other airspace structure. 						

TABLE 2 - AIRPORTS AND EXIT POINTS SERVED BY T999

From
London City
London Gatwick
London Heathrow
London Stansted
Bournemouth
Southampton
Farnborough group
To
Scottish aerodromes/airports
Newcastle
Humberside
Durham Tees Valley
Doncaster Sheffield
Leeds Bradford
Exit codes K, R, Z

- 6 Details of Restricted Airspace (Temporary) feature in the daily AIS Information Line message 08085-354802 or 01489-887515 and will be included on the Pre-flight Information Bulletins (PIB) through the AIS Website at <https://nats.aero/ais>
- 7 Further enquiries can be made to the Civil Aviation Authority, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Airspace Regulation, by email at arops@caa.co.uk

