

IBAC Technical Report Summary

Subject: North Atlantic Procedures

Meeting: North Atlantic Implementation Management Group

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Summary:

The NAT IMG/21st meeting was held in Houston Texas from October 7th through October 11th 2002. David Stohr, the IBAC IMG member, attended the meeting. The following items of discussion are of importance to business aviation:

- a) A study is to be carried out concerning the effects that the application of lateral offsets may have on the existing contingency procedures.
- b) The use of Satellite Communications (SATCOM) voice is to continue in an operational test status and will be monitored as an ongoing activity.
- c) All air operators are to be reminded of the necessity of being at the correct altitude when entering the oceanic airspace as specified in their oceanic crossing clearance.
- d) Initial steps were undertaken to plan for regression of the HF infrastructure.

A more detailed report is attached.

Implication for Business Aviation:

None of the decisions made at the IMG meeting will have an immediate impact on Business Aviation.

Decisions Required:

None at this time.

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1. Conclusion: NAT user organizations be reminded of the responsibility to enter oceanic airspace at the correct flight level in accordance with Chapter 6 of the MNPS Operations Manual 9th Edition..

If the oceanic route on which the flight is cleared differs from that originally requested and/or the oceanic flight level differs from the current flight level, the pilot is responsible for obtaining the necessary domestic reclearance to ensure that the flight is in compliance with its Oceanic Clearance when entering oceanic airspace.