Monday Briefing: Colombia Radar issues, new International Date Line

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Colombia Radar Issues Continue Jan 5: En route traffic via Colombia – SKED/Bogota FIR and SKEC/Barranquilla FIR should continue to anticipate delays. In the Bogota FIR, radar is limited to 150nm range, and North/South Aircraft via Panama and Ecuador are separated by 10 minutes at same level on UG439, UL780, and others. Terminal traffic also has similar radar restrictions.

A new International Date Line Jan 1: Samoa skipped Friday December 30th entirely, and moved from being UTC-11 to UTC+13, thereby moving the International Date line to put NSFA/Apia one hour ahead of Auckland, instead of a day behind. American Samoa – to the east – remains on the old UTC-11 line. Tokelau, a smaller territory of New Zealand to the north of Samoa, joins its neighbours on the new side of the line. The last Dateline change occured in 1995 in Kiribati.

Europe Volcanic Ash. ETNA volcano has erupted. The following 2 NOTAMs refer: M0069/12 and A0047/12. There are no AFTM measures required for the time being, but some tactical re-routing will take place to avoid the ash cloud.

UK/Netherlands Deep low pressure system moving east across Europe, causing 3000′ winds of up to 70 knots – and therefore arrival and departure delays at major airports.

Malmo ACC, Sweden Implementing a new ATC System from 04 January, initial drop in capacity around 30%, slowly improving towards 25th Jan

SAEF/Ezeiza FIR, Argentina ADS-C implemented for a pre-operational Trial with effect Dec 29th in the Oceanico sector

SPIM/Lima, Peru – The ATC Tower has moved to a new position until March. Some reduced visibility of the stands.

Libya Earlier reports of the UIR being opened to overflying traffic appear to have been prematurely optimistic. The date when the airspace will reopen is now uncertain. Malta Notam A1142/11 has details of the procedures to be followed to arrive or depart HLLB/HLLM/HLMS and additionally HLLT (as per Notam HLLL A0072/11). Operators dest/dep HLLT are reminded to file appropriate STAR via ABRAM/VARIG and SID via SARKI.

UHMA/Anadyr, Russia – Airport closed until 8th January. Anadyr, Markovo ACC is also closed during the same period.

UKDD/Dnipropetrovsk has issued advice to check fuel availability on day of flight due to very limited supplies

Shanwick VHF Clearance Delivery problem – 05JAN

From Shanwick:
DUE TO VHF CLEARANCE DELIVERY PROBLEMS TODAY, OPERATORS INTENDING TO FLY NATC TO NATG INCLUSIVE ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE REQUESTS FOR OCEANIC CLEARANCE VIA DATALINK OR HF ONLY. RANDOM FLIGHTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE VHF.

OPERATORS ARE REMINDED, THAT OCEANIC CLEARANCE REQUESTS ARE TO BE MADE BETWEEN 30

MINUTES AND 90 MINUTES BEFORE ETA FOR OCEANIC ENTRY POINT AND ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE FL BY THE SHANWICK BOUNDARY.

REQUESTS ON HF SHOULD BE SENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
Current | Operational Info 05JAN 1100Z

CANADA
Airport / Arr Rwy / Dep Rwy / Arrival Rate / Details
CYUL 24R/24L 24L/24R/28 40
CYYZ 23/24L/24R23/24R 60
CYYC MIDS
CYVR MIDS

USA
Restrictions – Airport / Start / End
KEWR/KJFK Wind Routes
KEWR Ground Delay Program possible this afternoon

EUROPE
HEGN arrivals – a reduced rate regulation has been applied due to ATC capacity (7/60), The regulation is running until 1400 UTC with significant delays. No improvement is possible.
EHAM arrivals – a reduced rate regulation has been applied for flights with destination Amsterdam due to weather conditions (strong winds). The regulation is running until 1400 UTC, delays are up to 100 minutes .
EGLL arrivals – an arrival regulation has been applied for flights with destination London due to weather conditions (strong winds). The regulation has been extended until 1800 UTC, delays are up to 100 minutes.
EDDF arrivals – an arrival regulation has been applied for flights with destination Frankfurt due to strong winds.The regulation is running until 1600 UTC with low delays.
CYPRUS- due to ATC capacity problems, three different regulations have been applied – LCE2S05A, LCSWN05 and LCWN05A. Delays are for many flights exceeding 90 minutes.

AFRICA
Lusaka FIR, Zambia – 120.5 is U/S today, traffic on UM731 requested to broadcast blind or relay through HF, or FLLI Approach. Fix expected by 1600Z

ASIA
China – Lanzhou ACC – V16 and B215 airways closed today at 8400M and below

AUSTRALIA/NZ
Airport/Restrictions
NO DELAYS
YPPH/Perth – Potential travel delays due to fire on Airport Road