

# NAT Changes Coming Soon!

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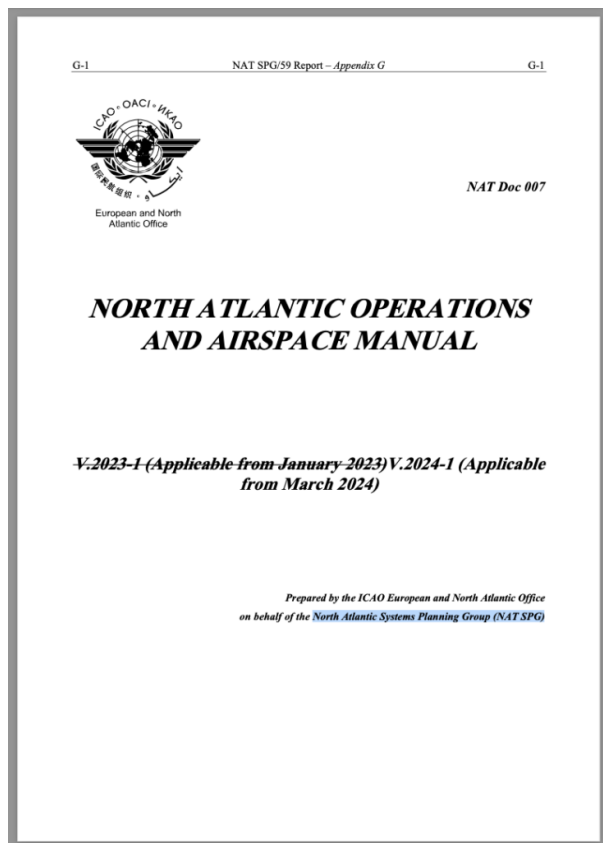
It's been quiet for a while on the North Atlantic, but that's set to change soon, with the release of a new version of the NAT Doc 007.

## Wait, what new version of the NAT Doc 007??

It's just a **draft** for now, due for release in **March 2024**.

It was published following the meeting of the North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) back in June – the folks who meet each year to work out what needs changing in this document, amongst other things. So this draft contains the changes they discussed at that meeting.

To read the **draft NAT Doc**, [click here](#).



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*If you want to read the entire report from that meeting, click here (lots of other stuff in there, but the draft NAT Doc starts on page 58!).*

## What is changing?

Right, the important bit!

First up, there will be **no more Oceanic Clearances** – a big change to anyone used to saying “*Cleared to Kennedy via Track Alpha, FL360, Mach 0.80*”. The new NAT Doc 007 will also have a **new Comms Failure** procedure... completely rewritten.

These are the biggest changes to NAT procedures in years, and **we’re looking for some volunteers** to help go through the new NAT Doc – for this, and more, **join the new #atlantic channel on Slack** – open to all members.

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No more NAT Clearances - all that “Cleared to Kennedy via NAT Track Alpha, FL360, Mach 0.80” will be thing of the past very shortly. New Comms Failure Procedure - details to come. All this will happen as early as March next. Follow this thread for more ...

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This is one of a bunch of **new channels** we're working on at the moment, so keep an eye out for more "**LOCAL**" channels coming ... we already have #newzealand, #singapore, #italy. These local channels are a new idea – somewhere for people based there to connect, and to help/welcome visiting crews. Opsgroup members can get involved here!

### **Where can I find the current NAT Doc?**

Head over here. This is our article from **Jan 2023 - the last time the NAT Doc was updated**. It contains the downloadable PDF of the current NAT Doc, as well as a chapter-by-chapter summary of everything that was updated at the time.

And for a timeline of **all the big changes on the North Atlantic** stretching back to the dawn of time (actually, 2015, but basically the same thing), click here.

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