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Reference : EUR/NAT 21-0026.TEC (NAE/CUP)

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Subject : **Termination of temporary accommodation measures in the NAT Data Link Mandate (DLM) airspace due to COVID-19**

Action required : *To note*

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. I refer to our letters ref: EUR/NAT 20-0187.TEC (NAE/SUL) of 26 March 2020 and ref: EUR/NAT 20-0296.TEC (NAE/SUL) of 19 June 2020 concerning a short-term accommodation of non-data link compliant aircraft in the area of the NAT Data Link Mandate (DLM) applicability.

2. Following the outcomes of the NAT Data Link Mandate Temporary Accommodation Project Team, which were endorsed by the NAT SPG by written consultation in September 2020, the criterion for the extension or withdrawal of the temporary accommodation measure were set as either the AIRAC date of 25 February 2021 or as reaching the threshold of 50% of traffic levels from 2019. This information had been promulgated through respective States' aeronautical publications.

3. At the NAT SPG/56-2 meeting, which was held virtually from 26 to 27 January 2021, the accommodation issues were further discussed and the following Conclusion was endorsed:

NAT SPG Conclusion 56-2/1 – Re-instatement of the NAT DLM

That, in accordance with the previously defined criteria, the NAT Data Link Mandate will be reinstated, as currently published, from the AIRAC date 25 FEB 2021 onwards.

4. The ICAO NAT structure continues to monitor the rapidly evolving situation with the aim to proactively identify and implement additional measures to facilitate the recovery of the aviation system and NAT operations in a safe and efficient manner.

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