

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group



All NATMAC Representatives

31st July 2014

Dear Stakeholders,

CAA DECISION LETTER

REVISION TO CONTROLLED AIRSPACE SOUTHEAST OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT - POMPI TRIANGLE

With the London Airspace Management Programme (LAMP) Phase 1a consultation in 2013, NATS consulted on lowering a small fillet of controlled airspace over the English Channel, known as the 'Pompi Triangle', from FL125 to FL105.

This minor change proposal enables the significant flow of Gatwick arrivals via L980 to be given a more direct tactical routing towards WILLO with an improved descent profile to initially FL110, and consequently will reduce the complexity of traffic in the KATHY and AVANT area. Further descent when clear of the 'triangle' will be possible whilst keeping the aircraft within existing controlled airspace. The tactical direct track will result in a reduction in track mileage of 3.8NM, very slightly reduced fuel burn and CO₂ emissions, and will keep the aircraft over the sea for longer.

The proposal also reduces the size of the existing fillet as the southern boundary is re-aligned with the northern boundary of EGD 037 (currently within EGD037). The operating hours are also amended to an H24 operation. For promulgation purposes, the fillet is re-assigned to airway L980. Details are shown at Enclosure.

No aviation objections were received by NATS and the MOD has supported this change. My staff have ensured that this airspace change meets with the requisite Regulatory Requirements and does not compromise the operation of other airspace users. Given that these benefits can be realised by NATS before the introduction of LAMP Phase 1a, I have decided to approve the change for implementation with AIRAC 10/2014 on 18 September 2014. Details of this change are promulgated in AIC Y077/2014 distributed on 7 August 2014 with the associated amendments for the UK AIP. If you have any queries, the SARG Project Leader is Dave Raine, who may be contacted on 020 7453 6518, e mail: dave.raine@caa.co.uk.

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Mark Swan

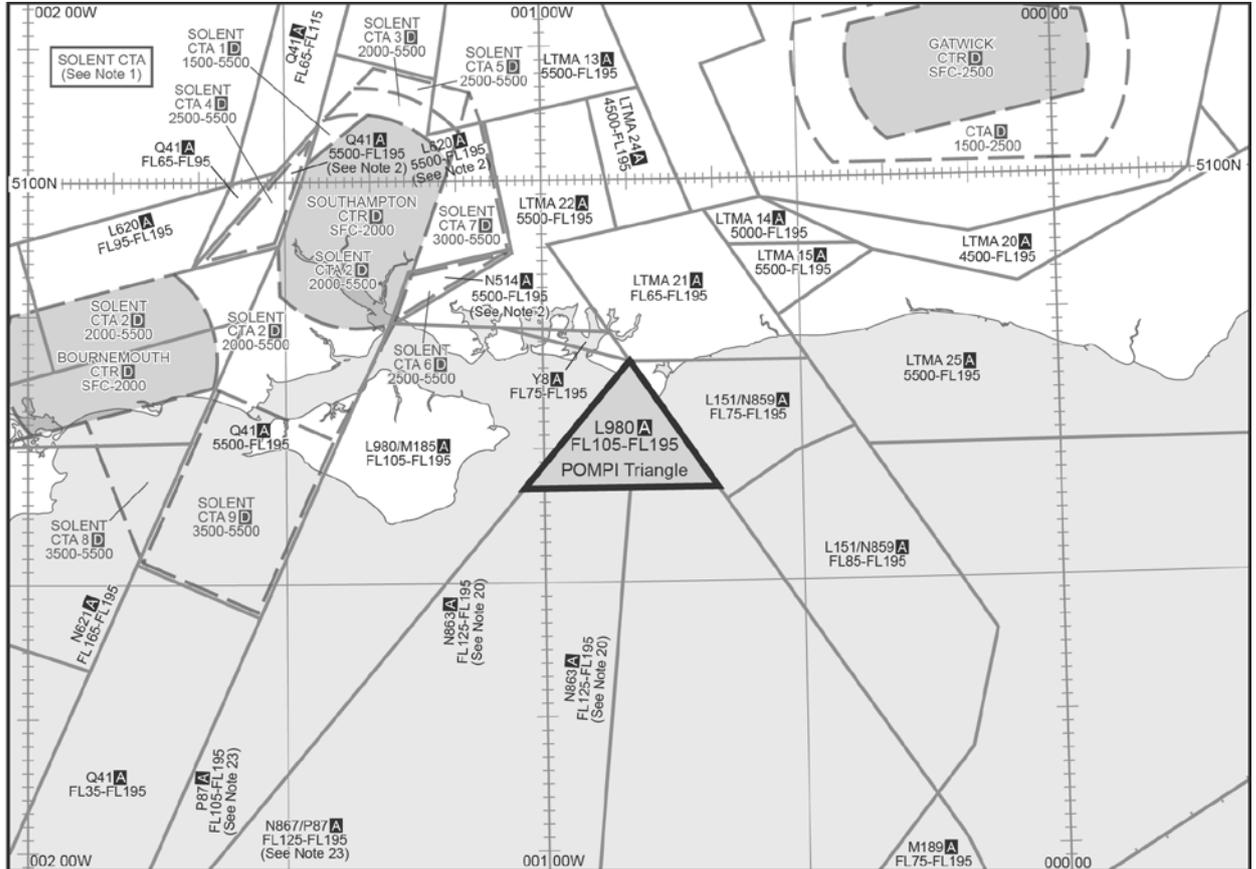
Group Director SARG

Enclosure: Pompi Triangle Revision

POMPI TRIANGLE REVISION

Pompi Triangle - Revised Airspace Structure Effective 18 September 2014

1. The chart below depicts the revised airspace structure known as the Pompi Triangle.



2014_71 POMPI Triangle 11.06.14

2. The Pompi Triangle is promulgated in the UK AIP ENR 3.1 associated with ATS Route L980 as an area of controlled airspace (POMPI Triangle), Class C above FL 195 and Class A below FL 195, base FL 105, bounded by great circle lines joining:

504626N 0004942W - 503700N 0003938W - 503700N 0010211W –
504626N 0004942W

and is established H24.

3. Aeronautical Charts

- 3.1 Pilots should note that the ICAO 1:500,000 Aeronautical Charts Southern England & Wales will reflect these changes when it is next scheduled to be updated on 5 March 2015.
- 3.2 For further chart information, please search for VFR Chart Updates at www.nats.co.uk.