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DELAY OF EGD202 COMPLEX POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not Primarily Affected
Air Traffic:	Not Primarily Affected
Airspace:	All NATMAC Representatives
Airworthiness:	Not Primarily Affected
Flight Operations:	Not Primarily Affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not Primarily Affected

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The intent of EGD202 complex was to emplace segregated and flexibly managed overland airspace to enable the routine test & evaluation of civil and military Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), thus supporting the UK's aim of facilitating the acceleration and growth of this nascent industry.

2. Scope

- 2.1 Since its implementation, a number of civil and military UAS have taken advantage of this unique UK facility. However, the associated market sector and industry is still to fully establish, which, when combined with specific platform limitations, weather constraints and other programme-specific issues, has resulted in only approximately a quarter of sorties being flown in the full EGD202 complex. The CAA has concluded that it would be beneficial to delay the Post Implementation Review (PIR) until December 2014 when more meaningful data is available.
- 2.2 UAS is still very much considered a significant global future market for the UK. This view is corroborated by the emergence of cross-Government and industry UAS working groups, and specific development activity looking at, amongst other aspects, the future infrastructure requirements the UK may need if it is to further develop and sustain a presence in the global market.
- 2.3 Significant effort has already been committed to establishing the Wales UAS Environment, of which EGD202 A, B & C forms a key aspect and it is expected that opportunities for its utilisation will increase in due course. Continued opportunity for UAS development through access to this flexibly managed segregated airspace is vital to ensure the UK remains at the

forefront of technology development, operational integration and aviation policy and procedure development.

3. Queries

- 3.1 Any queries or further guidance required as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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4. Cancellation

- 4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 31 January 2014.