

# Supplementary Instruction CAP 413



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## Special Use Airspace Activity Information and Crossing Services

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Instruction (SI) is to detail changes being made to the Radiotelephony Manual (CAP 413) following the introduction of the [Policy for the establishment and operation of Special Use Airspace \(SUA\), dated 12 February 2024](#).

### 2 Background

- 2.1 The SUA Policy Statement amends the terms danger area crossing service (DACS) and danger area activity information service (DAAIS) to SUA crossing service and SUA activity information service. This change necessitates amendment to CAP 413 to ensure that it correlates with the SUA Policy and to provide clarity on what the two services provide. These changes are largely editorial with little effect on the RT phraseology.
- 2.4 AIP ENR 1.1 Section 5 is undergoing extensive amendment at the next available AIRAC to reflect the introduction of the SUA Policy. For further information, please review the airspace policy statement which can be downloaded from the CAA's website.

### 3 Amendment to CAP 413

- 3.1 With effect from 22 April 2024, the Radiotelephony Manual (CAP 413) is amended as shown at [Annex A](#) to this SI.
- 3.2 This change will be incorporated into the Radiotelephony Manual at the next amendment in due course.

### 4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the content of this SI should be marked for the attention of Airspace & ATM Policy and sent to [ats.enquiries@caa.co.uk](mailto:ats.enquiries@caa.co.uk)
- 4.2 Any queries relating to the availability of this SI should be marked for the attention of Rulemaking & Safety Publications and sent to [ats.documents@caa.co.uk](mailto:ats.documents@caa.co.uk)

### 5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This SI shall remain in force until incorporated into CAP 413 or is cancelled, suspended, or amended.

## Annex A

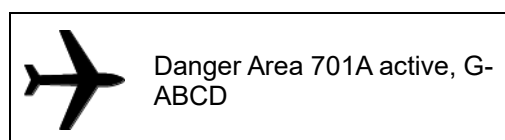
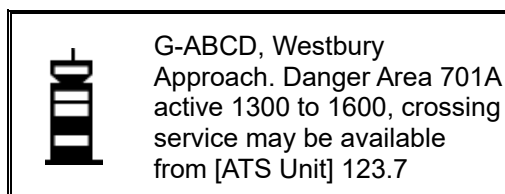
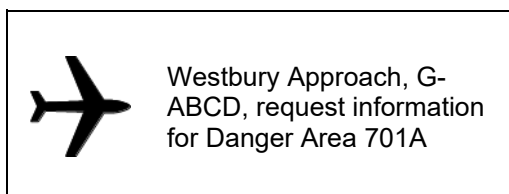
### Chapter 5: Phraseology associated with the use of ATS Surveillance Systems

#### Special Use Airspace (SUA) Activity Information and Crossing Services


- 5.37 'Special use airspace (SUA)' is a generic term used for airspace volumes designated for specific operations, such as military training, exercises and operations. These may include, but are not limited to, restricted, danger and prohibited areas or temporary segregated areas (TSA) and temporary reserved areas (TRA).
- 5.38 Within the UK, information on SUA activity or approval to cross an SUA are available in-flight, for certain types of SUA, from the nominated ATS units:
1. listed in the UK AIP;
  2. detailed on the legend of the appropriate UK 1:500 000 Aeronautical Chart.
- Full details of the SUA activity information service and SUA crossing service can be found in the UK AIP ENR 1.1.
- 5.39 SUA activity information and crossing services relate only to SUA activity and do not imply the provision of an ATS. ATS are available in accordance with the requirements detailed within SERA.6001 and, in airspace classes E and G, provided in accordance with the UK Flight Information Services (CAP 774).

#### SUA Activity Information


- 5.40 The nominated ATS unit will pass to the pilot, on request, an update on the known activity status of the SUA. Such an update will assist the pilot to decide whether it would be prudent, on flight safety grounds, to enter the SUA. This information does NOT constitute approval to cross SUA.
- 5.41 When used by an ATS unit, the term 'active' means that, from the latest information available to the unit, including activity times where known, the SUA is notified as active, and it is not known whether there is activity taking place. Where a crossing service is also available for the SUA, the pilot may be provided with the appropriate frequency.




- 5.42 Alternatively the ATS unit will advise the pilot that the SUA is 'not active'. When used, the term 'not active' means that, from the latest information available to the unit, the SUA is not notified as active.



Westbury Approach, G-ABCD,  
request information for  
Danger Area 701A




G-ABCD, Westbury Approach.  
Danger Area 701A not active



Danger Area 701A not active,  
G-ABCD


### SUA Crossing

- 5.43 When SUA activity permits, the nominated ATS unit is authorised to approve an aircraft to enter or cross an active SUA. The approval is only in relation to SUA activity and does not imply the provision of an ATS. Where there is no possibility of confusion, the identification number of the SUA may be replaced by the name, e.g. 'Danger Area Loudwater'.
- 5.44 When an SUA is notified as not active or is notified as active and it has been confirmed that there is no activity taking place, the ATS unit may provide approval for the aircraft to cross the SUA. Where possible, the pilot should provide the nominated unit with an estimated crossing time as shown in the following example:




Westbury Approach, G-  
ABCD, request crossing of  
Danger Area 701A between  
1430 and 1445


When an approval to cross can be provided:




G-ABCD Westbury  
Approach, Danger Area  
701A Crossing approved  
between 1430 and 1445,  
report vacated




Danger Area 701A crossing  
approved between 1430 and  
1445. Wilco. G- ABCD




G-ABCD, vacated Danger  
Area 701A




G-CD, Westbury Approach  
roger, Basic Service  
available from Wrayton  
Information 125.750

 Changing to Wrayton  
Information 125.750, G-CD

When an approval to cross cannot be provided:

 G-ABCD, Westbury  
Approach. Danger Area  
701A active remain outside

 Danger Area 701A active,  
remaining outside, changing  
to Wrayton Information  
125.750, G-ABCD

 G-CD