

18th October 2023
ACP 2014-04

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Airspace Regulator (Technical)
Airspace, ATM & Aerodromes
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House,
Gatwick
RH6 0YR

Dear ██████,

Inverness ACP-2014-04 Implementation Date Change Request

Further to our recent dialogue regarding the next steps required for the Inverness ACP prior to the final submission being considered, HIAL understands that it is required to provide the CAA with an planned implementation date for the ACP to be considered and agreed by the CAA. Currently, HIAL notes that for 2024, the NAS builds will occur on the following dates: 16th May (AIRAC 05/24), 5th September (AIRAC 09/24) and 28th November (AIRAC 12/24) and the implementation date for the Inverness ACP will have to meet one these specific dates, and not a normal AIRAC date.

Whilst HIAL was originally proposing an implementation of the revised Airspace structure for AIRAC 05/24, HIAL now considers that there is significant risk to meeting the timescales for delivery. This risk we believe stems from the relatively short period between the anticipated ACP decision (expected November 2023) and the requirement for Inverness controller training and validation that will require assistance from the CAA to meet AIRAC 05/24 and the D-56 date of 21st March 2024. To mitigate this risk, HIAL respectfully requests that consideration be given by the CAA to enable implementation to become effective during September 24 (AIRAC 09/2024 – NAS build). HIAL considers that the potential delay in implementation should enable a significant de-risk in the delivery of the ACP and enable Inverness to ensure that all ATCOs are appropriately qualified and familiar with the new procedures. The delay we believe will also enable HIAL to communicate with all regional airspace users and deconflict from other projects in progress in the Inverness ATSU.

We appreciate that this ACP has been in the system and on-going for a significant period of time; however, we would be grateful of your consideration of our delay request to assist us in delivering what we consider will be a considerable improvement in safety for all airspace users operating both into and in the surrounding areas of Inverness Airport.

Should you have any queries regarding our request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Inverness ACP Project Lead