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Expansion of Cross-border Free Route Airspace (FRA) operations between AUSTRIA as part of SECSI FRA (South East Common Sky Initiative Free Route Airspace) and the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia as part of SEE FRA (South East Europe Free Route Airspace) and expansion between Baltic FAB and the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Sweden

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to provide notification and background information to Aircraft Operators (AOs) regarding the planned expansion of the area for Free Route Airspace Operations. Specifically, it is an implementation of cross-border FRA operations between the following FRAs: BALTIC FRA, DK-SE FAB FRA, SEE FRA and SECSI FRA.

INTRODUCTION

The Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) of Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden have collaboratively decided to introduce and enhance cross-border FRA operations within the control areas (CTAs) of Bratislava FIR, Budapest FIR, Praha FIR, Sweden FIR, Wien FIR, Vilnius FIR and Warszawa FIR with H24 applicability.

Cross-border FRA operations between Baltic FRA, DK-SE FAB FRA, SEE FRA and SECSI FRA will represent a further step in optimizing flight operations and will provide further operational, environmental and cost benefits in a significant part of Europe from Polar Circle to the Mediterranean Sea and from Black Forest to the Black Sea.

LATERAL LIMITS

Bratislava CTA in its full extent as published in AIP Slovakia, ENR 2.1,
Budapest CTA in its full extent as published in AIP Hungary, ENR 2.1,
Praha CTA in its full extent as published in AIP CR, ENR. 2.1,
Suecia CTA in its full extent as published in AIP Sweden, ENR 2.1,
Austria as part of SECSI FRA as published in AIP Austria, ENR 2.2, "Free Route Airspace",
Vilnius CTA in its full extent as published in AIP Lithuania, ENR 2.1,
Warsaw CTA in its full extent as published in AIP Poland, ENR 2.1.

VERTICAL LIMITS

Bratislava CTA: FL245 – FL660,

Budapest CTA: 9 500 ft AMSL - FL660,

Suecia CTA: FL285 – FL660,

Praha CTA: FL095 – FL660,

Austria as part of SECSI FRA: GND – FL660,

Vilnius FIR: FL095 - FL660,

Warszawa FIR: FL095 - FL660 and additionally delegation of ATS: S OF DESEN, except the airspaces listed below:

- all TMA airspaces.
- delegation of ATS: W OF OKX (in extended vertical limits: FL095-FL660), S OF KŁODZKO (in extended vertical limits: FL095-FL660), CTA 01, CTA 02, CTA 04, CTA 05.

APPLICABILITY

H24

ELIGIBLE FLIGHTS

All overflying, arriving, departing aircraft that plan at least a portion of their route within the limits of Baltic FRA, SECSI FRA and SEE FRA (lateral and vertical) will be eligible for cross-border FRA operations.

All aircraft arriving, departing from Denmark and Sweden will be eligible for cross-border FRA operations between Suecia CTA and Warsaw CTA.

FLIGHT PLANNING PROCEDURES

Segments between FRA Horizontal Entry, FRA Intermediate and FRA Horizontal Exit points shall be indicated by DCT in ITEM 15: Route of the flight plan in accordance with ICAO Doc 4444.

Example: [Entry Point] DCT [Intermediate point] DCT [Intermediate point] DCT [Exit Point]. There will be no limitations on the DCT segments length.

A FRA Intermediate point could be an en-route radio navigation aid or defined 5LNC published as (I) in relevant columns of ENR 4.1 / ENR 4.4, respectively in each State AIP.

In order to minimize the impact on the ATM systems, as a minimum, the route portion in ITEM 15 of FPL through SEE FRA area **shall contain at least one FRA significant point related to each FIR incorporating the cross-border FRA operations.**

Within the applicability described above, it is allowed to file trajectories in the flight plan between

- 1) Austria as part of SECSI FRA and
 - a. Praha CTA or
 - b. Bratislava CTA or
 - c. Budapest CTA

- 2) Warsaw CTA and
 - a. Praha CTA or
 - b. Bratislava CTA or

- 3) Suecia CTA and Warsaw CTA

regardless of the common FIR/UIR/AoR boundaries, FRA Horizontal Entry or Exit Point (E, X) or an intermediate point (I) in between the above-mentioned CTAs and Austria as part of SECSI FRA.

IMPLEMENTATION

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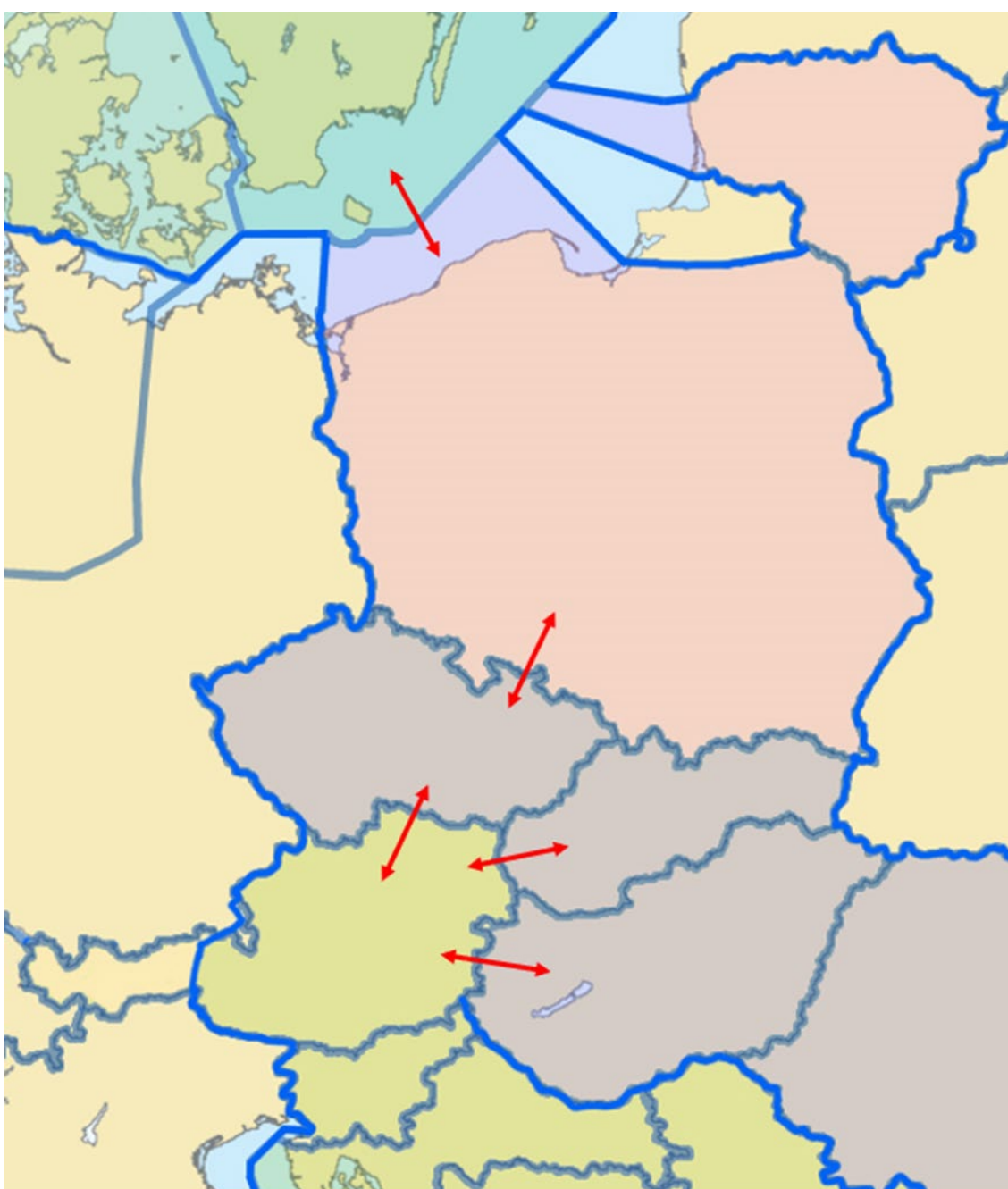
FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information regarding cross-border operations will be available from relevant ANSPs in Austria, Czechia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden. AIP changes will be published according to AIRAC cycle by countries concerned.

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For further information concerning this AIC and cross-border FRA operations between Baltic FRA, SEE FRA, SECSI FRA and DK-SE FAB FRA you may contact:

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Overview about new cross-border operations WEF 28 NOV 2024. Basemap by CZ ANS

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