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SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY CAA INFORMATION BULLETIN

The **Single European Sky II (SES II)** legislation will be considered by the Council of Ministers Jurist Linguists group in July and is still expected to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in the autumn.

The Eurocontrol Performance Review Commission (PRC) has published an interim report on its work to review local and regional performance planning, consultation and management processes. The objective of the study is to assist the European Commission in implementing the **SES II Performance Scheme**. The PRC report can be found at <http://www.eurocontrol.int/prc> with comments requested by 31 July.

The Commission held a workshop on **National Supervisory Authority (NSA) Coordination** on 23 June, designed to consider the need for a platform for NSAs to share best practice and coordinate advice on regulatory issues. The workshop concluded that the Commission should set up an NSA platform under the Single Sky Committee with the involvement of EASA, Eurocontrol and the SESAR Joint Undertaking (JU). The Single Sky Committee subsequently endorsed the creation of the platform.

The **Single Sky Committee (SSC)** met on 29 and 30 June and agreed a mandate for Eurocontrol to support the development of **standardised Rules of the Air** for Europe. As a first step, Eurocontrol must develop a work plan, including consultation arrangements, leading to the creation of a draft SES Implementing Rule (IR). The SSC also agreed to the extension of the scope of the draft **Surveillance Performance IR** to address the issue of deployment of downlinked aircraft identification. The revised IR will be subject to further consultation by Eurocontrol.

SSC also discussed a Commission roadmap on the timescales for implementation of the SES II Package over the period 2009-2014. The roadmap sets out a list of actions that will need to be completed under the first SES package and under the four legs of the SES II package. Some key dates include the Designation of the **Performance Review Body** and adoption of **EU performance targets** in 2010 and adoption of **national performance plans** in 2011. For the **Network Management Function**, the Commission are proposing that Implementing Rules should be in place by 2010 with the designation of the Network Manager in 2011. On **FABs**, the appointment of a **FAB Coordinator** is expected by 2010 with implementation of current FAB initiatives by 2012.

The next meeting of the Single Sky Committee will be on 13 and 14 October.

In the **SESAR** project, The SESAR JU signed agreements with 15 Industry Members and with Eurocontrol on 12 June. This signals the start of the SESAR Development Phase and the commencement of the JU's Work Programme. The Programme comprises 16 work packages and 295 projects to be undertaken in the 2009-2016 timeframe, the first 10 of these were launched in June. The Commission is seeking Council of Ministers agreement to begin discussions with the FAA on the sharing of research and development work between SESAR and the US NextGen programme to ensure interoperability between the two programmes.

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