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To all National Supervisory
Authorities

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**Subject: Organisation and start of Peer Reviews of National Supervisory
Authorities (NSAs)**

Dear Colleagues,

1. With this letter I would like to announce the formal launch of the peer review scheme prescribed in Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 2096/2005.

It is the Commission's intention to achieve a full cycle of NSA Peer Reviews by the end of 2012 and to make use of them to contribute to a smooth implementation of the Single European Sky. Peer Reviews are conducted by NSAs and addressed to NSAs. I take this opportunity to thank Member States for having committed national experts to the pool of experts to undertake the peer review activities.

The grouping of Peer Reviews according to FAB structures brings benefits in terms of capitalising on lessons learnt, completing the activity in the 2010-2012 timeframe, and is considered to be the most cost-efficient and effective means to achieve the objectives. The Commission has reported on the progress on several occasions in the Single Sky Committee as well as in other fora, latest in the NSA Coordination Platform which met on 16 December 2009.

Peer Reviews are intended to promote and implement best practices used by NSAs, to arrange for a common approach to the supervision of ANSPs and to lead to harmonisation of NSAs' arrangements throughout the European Union. They should enable the evaluation of the performance of NSAs with respect to supervision of the implementation of the requirements contained in SES legislation, corrective actions imposed and objectives set for NSA supervisory functions.

2. Attached to this letter you will find the proposed schedule of the Peer Reviews (Annex I). The elaborated Peer Review base map contains already suggestions of the locations where the Peer Reviews could take place. They have principally been selected based on

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logistic considerations (flight connections and other transport means, hotels, etc). The schedule and selection criteria are based on an assessment of the currently available information from reports, ESIMS and monitoring programmes, focusing on progress, arrangements, strengths, weaknesses and impediments. Even though it would have been desirable to have peer reviewers from all 30 States (27 EU plus 3 EFTA), the evaluation of the Training Sessions (held in October-November 2009) showed that the current list contains a more than satisfactory number of Peer Reviewers. Therefore, balanced Peer Review Teams in terms of mixed profiles and comparable expertise should be possible. It is important to note that the availability and involvement of the Peer Reviewers is crucial for both the preparation phase and the final outputs.

The schedule for the Peer Reviews has been elaborated, focusing on deconflicting with ESIMS and ICAO USOAP audits. Besides this, the recurring 6-months' timeframe to perform 2 sets of visits should allow for flexibility to account for other significant constraints that would prevent the conduct of the Peer Reviews (Annex II).

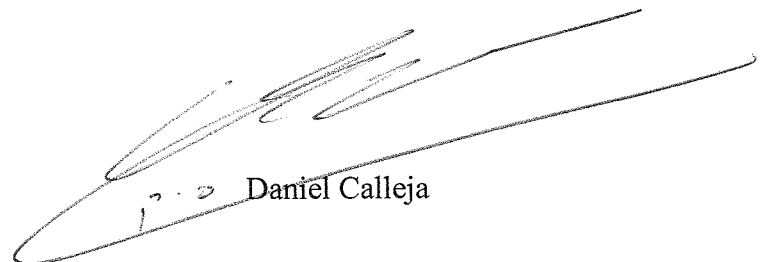
3. Considering that the Peer Review initiative will require a minimum structure to plan and support its implementation, the Commission has requested Eurocontrol (with a coordination role of the SRU) to perform this task under specific contractual arrangements. You should be assured that close coordination will be maintained between the Commission and Eurocontrol to ensure appropriate follow-up of the identified support functions and preserve the momentum of all actions initiated. Eurocontrol will also handle all the administrative issues including the financial reimbursement of eligible travel expenses and daily allowances incurred by peer reviewers as well as national experts from the reviewed NSAs, when appropriate.

As we need to fix the schedule for the 2010 Peer Reviews, Member States to be reviewed in 2010 will be receiving a specific notification letter from the Commission shortly.

For the forthcoming years 2011 and 2012, the annual schedule as well as formal notification letters will be sent in due time and at the latest at the beginning of each year.

4. The Peer Review exercise will produce individual reports for the NSA's reviewed per Member State. The reports will be forwarded to the Member States with the possibility for them to present their observations on the findings and conclusions.

Yours sincerely,



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Member States' representatives in the Single Sky Committee, Eurocontrol, EFTA Surveillance Authority

Annex I

FAB by FAB base map

FAB by FAB map overview

JAN - MAY 2010

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Denmark, Sweden (NUAC)	Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (FAB CE)	Copenhagen (Denmark)
Bulgaria, Romania (DANUBE FAB)	Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland (FAB EC)	Bucharest (Romania)

JUN - NOV 2010

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Portugal, Spain (SW FAB)	United Kingdom, Ireland (UK-IRELAND FAB)	Madrid (Spain)
Lithuania, Poland (BALTIC FAB)	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Sweden (NEFAB) Denmark Sweden (NUAC)	Warsaw (Poland)

FAB by FAB map overview

JAN - MAY 2011

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta (BLUE MED)	Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland (FAB EC)	Rome (Italy)
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Sweden (NEFAB) [Part I]	Bulgaria, Romania (DANUBE FAB)	Oslo (Norway)

JUN - NOV 2011

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (FAB CE) [Part I]	Lithuania, Poland (BALTIC FAB)	Vienna (Austria)
Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland (FAB EC) [Part I]	Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta (BLUE MED)	Paris (France)

FAB by FAB map overview

JAN - MAY 2012

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Sweden (NEFAB) [Part II]	Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (FAB CE)	Stockholm (Sweden)
United Kingdom, Ireland (UK-IRELAND FAB)	Lithuania, Poland (BALTIC FAB)	London (UK)

JUN - NOV 2012

NSAs reviewed	Peer Review Team selected from	Location for Peer Review
Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (FAB CE) [Part II]	United Kingdom, Ireland (UK-IRELAND FAB)	Prague (Czech Republic)
Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland (FAB EC) [Part II]	Portugal, Spain (SW FAB)	Berlin (Germany)

Annex II

ESIMS and USOAP dates

