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*An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.*

**Subject:** New North Atlantic (NAT) Contingency Procedures, Applicable in New York Oceanic Airspace.

**Purpose:** This InFO announces new oceanic contingency procedures implemented in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) NAT region and valid throughout New York oceanic airspace.

**Background:** Three NAT Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) will start trials of new separation minima using Space-Based Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) surveillance as early as March 28, 2019.

**Discussion:** “Advanced Surveillance - Enhanced Procedural Separation” (ASEPS) minima safely allow aircraft to operate closer to each other in procedural airspace. Existing, globally established oceanic contingency procedures are not compatible with ASEPS minima. Consequently, ICAO developed compatible procedures. These procedures were published in NAT OPS Bulletin 2018\_005 Rev 01 “Special Procedures For In-Flight Contingencies in Oceanic Airspace.” The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published these procedures in the [February 28, 2019 issue of the Notices to Airmen Publication \(NTAP\)](#) and they can be found under the heading “PROCEDURES FOR IN-FLIGHT CONTINGENCIES IN THE NEW YORK OCEANIC CTA/FIR DURING ASEPS TRIAL.”

Beginning on March 28, 2019, for operations in **New York** Oceanic Control Area/Flight Information Region (CTA/FIR) (East and West), the **new procedures supersede** those published in the United States Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), ENR 7.3, paragraphs 1, 2, and 4. However, for operations within the Anchorage and Oakland Oceanic/Arctic CTA/FIR, the contingency procedures published in the U.S. AIP, ENR 7.3, paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 **remain applicable**.

**Recommended Action:** Operators who fly in the New York Oceanic CTA/FIR (East and West) should ensure pilots are knowledgeable of these contingency procedures.

**Contact:** Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division at 202-267-8790.