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IVAO FRANCE

This NOTAM cancel and replace the following NOTAM : **N/A**

AWACS Position Experimentation

We wish to conduct an experiment with a so-called "AWACS" position. This new position can only be opened if, and only if, an AWACS-type aircraft is connected and in flight.

However, AWACS flights do not require a dedicated AWACS controller to perform a simple flight.

In accordance with Rule S.4.2 of the IVAO-HQ Special Operations Regulations, AWACS pilots conducting these operations are not permitted to use a dual connection to open the corresponding AWACS position.

In other words, you must be at least two people to carry out this operation: a pilot and a controller.

Pilot :

From a purely practical standpoint regarding the flight, nothing changes for the pilot: you must have a correct flight plan that matches the flight in question. **However, you must add the following in field 18 of the flight plan: AWACSATC/[CONTROLLER'S VID OR POSITION ID]**

ATC :

During the experimentation, AWACS controllers must be approved by the SO department after an interview following the procedures below. Once approved, the controllers in question will be able to open one of the following two positions: **LFXO_AW1_FSS** and **LFXO_AW2_FSS**.

As previously mentioned, a controller cannot log in unless:

- An AWACS flight is in progress.
- The pilot's flight plan includes the following in field 18: **AWACSATC/[CONTROLLER'S VID OR POSITION ID]**.

The controller must also include in their ATIS: **"AIRCRAFT [AWACS IDENTIFICATION ON WEBEYE]"**. This clearly establishes the link between the pilot and their controller.

Ce NOTAM s'applique à tous les membres SO de la Division France

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AWACS Position

The AWACS position provides tactical information but **does not replace the functions of an Area Control Center (ACC)**.

Procedure: Since only one frequency can be monitored at a time, pilots wishing to use AWACS services must:

1. Request frequency change authorization from the sector manager (if online).
2. The AWACS controller must ensure that pilots **do not leave the designated operational areas**.

AWACS ATC Certification and Interview

Anyone wishing to log on to an AWACS position must be **certified by the SO Department** during this experimental period.

Certification Process:

1. **Interview Request:** You must request an interview with the SO Department by emailing: **fr-specialops@ivao.aero**.

2. **Purpose of the Interview:** The interview aims to verify that the controller understands the **basic concepts** of AWACS control. *We do not require in-depth expertise, but a total or significant lack of knowledge to provide a minimum service will result in the refusal of your request.*

3. **Consequences of Repeated Refusals:** If too many AWACS certification requests are denied, the SO Department reserves the right to:
   - Refuse all future requests.
   - Impose a waiting period before a new request can be submitted.
4. **Revocation of Certification:** Certification may be revoked in the event of:
   - Violation of regulations or this NOTAM.
   - Decision by the SO Department or IVAO-HQ, if deemed necessary.