

# AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 7/16

## RENAMING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC MINIMUM NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS AIRSPACE TO NORTH ATLANTIC HIGH LEVEL AIRSPACE

### Introduction

This circular informs about the renaming of the North Atlantic (NAT) minimum navigation performance specifications (MNPS) airspace as the NAT high level airspace (HLA) beginning 4 February 2016 and the publication of the amended International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) North Atlantic Operations and Airspace Manual (NAT Doc 007, v.2016- 1) that reflects the changes.

The AIP Canada (ICAO) has been updated to reflect this change and the information provided is also intended for publication in the October 2016 Transport Canada Aeronautical information Manual (TC AIM).

### Background

At its 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2012, the NAT Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) decided to transition from MNPS operations to Performance-based Navigation (PBN) operations in the ICAO NAT Region, in observance of global requirements.

Part of the transition plan involves renaming of the NAT MNPS airspace as the NAT HLA from 4 February 2016. A new version of the ICAO North Atlantic Operations and Airspace Manual (NAT Doc 007, v.2016- 1) that reflects those changes has been issued and made available at <[www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents/NAT Documents/NAT Doc 007](http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents/NAT_Documents/NAT_Doc_007)>.

ICAO NAT OPS Bulletin 2016\_001 provides further information about this change and is available at <[www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents/NAT Documents/NAT OPS Bulletins](http://www.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/EUR-and-NAT-Documents/NAT_Documents/NAT_OPS_Bulletins)>.

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