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# TEMPORARY CHANGES TO OFF AIR ROUTES FLIGHT PLANNING OPTIONS - FLEX TRACKS AND USER PREFERRED ROUTES (UPR)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This SUP cancels and replaces SUP H61/21 with an updated cancellation date.
- 1.2 The purpose of this AIP SUP is to notify industry of the temporary replacement of Flex Tracks with UPR across the Australian Continent due to the unprecedented reduction in global aircraft movements as a result of COVID-19.
- 1.3 This AIP SUP references the *Off Air Routes Planning (OARP) Manual (ATS-MAN-0080)*, which is available for download from the Airservices Australia website at: [www.airservicesaustralia.com/flight-briefing/off-air-route-flight-planning-options/](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/flight-briefing/off-air-route-flight-planning-options/).

## 2. AUSTRALIAN CONTINENT

- 2.1 *OARP Chapter 3 – Australian Continent* applies with the following amendments:
  - UPR may be flight planned by aircraft operators across the Australian Continent.
  - For flights departing/arriving YBBN, YSSY, YMML, YPAD or YPPH, the gates listed in *OARP 3.2.2* must be utilised.
  - For flights departing/arriving any other port, published routes must be planned for climb to/descent from planned cruising level.

- 2.2 UPR must comply with all Flex Track Constraints listed in *OARP 3.2.4* with the following exceptions:
- Lateral Spacing between Tracks – does not apply.
  - Proximity to PRD Areas – remain clear of active PRD areas;
    - Vertically in accordance with AIP; or
    - Laterally by:
      - 5NM in CTA; and
      - 16NM in OCA.
- 2.3 Flights transiting the East Coast of the Australian Continent from/to South Pacific aerodromes:
- North of 30°S, must plan via published routes in the area defined in *OARP Appendix N*; and
  - South of 30°S, must plan via published routes between UPR Airspace defined in *OARP Appendix B* and:
    - TESAT (YSSY) and a gate listed in *OARP 3.2.2.2*;
    - ML (YMML) and a gate listed in *OARP 3.2.2.3*; or
    - Continue in UPR Airspace defined in *OARP Appendix A*.

### **3. SOUTH PACIFIC**

- 3.1 *OARP Chapter 4 – South Pacific* applies with the following amendment:
- The restriction for UPR between New Zealand ports and Australian ports defined in *OARP* at 4.2c is removed. The requirement for flights described at *OARP 4.2.1* to plan RMK/NON-EDTO is removed.

### **4. CANCELLATION**

- 4.1 This SUP will be cancelled on 02 December 2021, unless cancelled earlier due to ATC operational requirements.

### **5. DISTRIBUTION**

- 5.1 Airservices Australia website only.