Australian Organised Track Structure (AUSOTS)

Dispatch Guidelines
Foreword

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<td>Australian Air Traffic Management Strategic Plan</td>
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<td>ACC</td>
<td>Area Control Center</td>
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<td>ADS-B</td>
<td>Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast</td>
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<td>AFTN</td>
<td>Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEP</td>
<td>Aerodrome of Departure</td>
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<td>ETD</td>
<td>Estimated Time of Departure</td>
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<td>Flight Plan</td>
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<td>High Frequency</td>
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<td>International Civil Aviation Organisation</td>
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<td>ICD</td>
<td>(ICAO Asia Pacific Regional) Interface Control Document</td>
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<td>NM</td>
<td>Nautical Mile</td>
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<td>NOTAM</td>
<td>Notices to Airmen</td>
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<td>OTS</td>
<td>Organised Track System</td>
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<td>PACOTS</td>
<td>Pacific Organised Track System</td>
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<td>RMK</td>
<td>Remark</td>
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<td>RNP</td>
<td>Required Navigation Performance</td>
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<td>RTS</td>
<td>Route section of Track Definition Message</td>
</tr>
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<td>Scheduled Time of Departure</td>
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<td>User Preferred Trajectories</td>
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Australian Organised Track Structure (AUSOTS)

Dispatch Guidelines

1 Introduction

1.1 The Australian Air Traffic Management Strategic Plan (AATMSP) refers to Flex Tracks as Stage 2 in the incremental process to implement User Preferred Trajectories (UPT). Flex Tracks provide cost saving opportunities for Airline Operators in regards to fuel burn and flight time, providing flights with the optimum route by taking into consideration user needs, military activity, significant weather, volcanic activity and other limitations.

1.2 In order to provide benefits to Airline Operators, Air Traffic Control and the environment with most efficient Routes, the ‘Australian Organised Track Structure’ (AUSOTS) will be established within the Melbourne and Brisbane FIRs.

1.3 AUSOTS will be available for all aircraft meeting the minimum requirement of RNP10 or RNP4. Any aircraft which loses its RNP capability enroute but is still able to navigate on the Flex tracks may continue to do so. Aircraft unable to continue navigating on the Flex Tracks must advise ATC accordingly and will be re-cleared by ATC via the fixed route structure.

1.4 AUSOTS Flex Tracks are defined as non-fixed ATS-Routes published in specific intervals by a Trackmaster based at Melbourne ACC (Area Control Center) via Intl. Class-1-NOTAMs and in an AFTN-Telex format.

1.5 Initially the introduction of AUSOTS will begin as a trial focused on flights between Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and the airports in the Singapore area of South East Asia in both directions but will include the extant Flex Tracks trial i.e.:

- Arabian Gulf (Dubai) to…
  - Sydney
  - Melbourne
- Perth to/from…
  - Dubai
  - Auckland

1.6 It is expected that Australian overflights to/from New Zealand will utilise the AUSOTS tracks when suitable. To support this Airservices Australia will provide operators with approved connecting route structures between the Flex Track entry/exit gates for Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and the Tasman Sea fixed Route structure.

1.7 Industry will be notified by NOTAM of intentions to introduce new areas/airports and the implementation strategy required.

1.8 Operators may request consideration be given to the inclusion of other city pair options to be added to AUSOTS. To be included in the AUSOTS, a city-pair must...
demonstrate a measurable economic benefit to the operators, a fuel burn reduction benefit for the environment and be manageable within Air Traffic Control capability. Future areas already under consideration include flights to/from the Indian Sub Continent and flights between Bangkok/VTBD and Sydney/YSSY; others may follow.

2 Geographical Boundary

2.1 Flex Tracks may be established within the entire YBBB and YMMM FIRs between gateway fixes on external FIR boundaries and gate fixes that avoid busy domestic traffic on Australia’s east and south coast (see appendix 3). The Flex Tracks may be used at all applicable flight levels within controlled airspace.

2.2 Outside Australian administered airspace Aircraft Operators shall flight plan as required by the specific Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP).

3 Flex Track Evaluation Phase: Track Coordination Message/TCM

3.1 A Track Coordination Message (TCM), based on a calculated Minimum Fuel Track, will be issued by the Trackmaster at Melbourne ACC for review by selected Airline Operators, who will check and verify the Routing of the proposed Flex Tracks for weather phenomena (e.g. cyclones), possible volcanic activities and other influences on flight operations within and outside the Melbourne and Brisbane FIRs.

3.2 Based on the responses of the selected Airlines, the Track Definition Message/TDM will be issued and distributed (appendix 1 refers).

3.3 The Track Coordination Message/TCM shall not be used for flight planning.

4 Flex Track Publication: Track Definition Message/TDM

4.1 The Trackmaster will use a format similar to the PACOTS TDM format for the AUSOTS Flex Tracks. (see section 5) The AUSOTS TDM consists of:

- Message formatting info
- Track identifier (see section 6)
- Validity period (see para 4.2 & 4.3)
- Track description (see para 4.6/4.7)
- RTS section (see para 4.8)
- RMK section

4.2 For specific Flex Tracks where traffic numbers and diverse ETDs exist, the AUSOTS Track Definition Message/TDM may be generated twice per day - in all other cases the track will be generated once per day only.

4.3 While the validity periods are track specific the majority will conform to standard times in order to cope with major traffic flows. At implementation of the AUSOTS (see
AIP SUP Australia) the validity period for the portion of AUSOTS containing the Singapore area to Australia tracks will be **13:00 UTC - 22:00 UTC** (i.e. covering the Australian overnight period).

4.4 After a short period of review it is expected that AUSOTS will be extended to two consecutive periods of 13:00 UTC – 00:00 UTC and 00:00 UTC - 13:00 UTC – an Intl. Class-1-NOTAM advising the change will be published.

4.5 Irrespective of any concept of standard times, the official validity period will be the times as specified in the TDM.

4.6 Flex Tracks are described as follows:

a) for flights from Australia:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Start Gate Point</th>
<th>via Waypoints</th>
<th>End Gate Point</th>
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<tr>
<td>→ in accordance with the AIP Australia and as shown in the RTS field of the TDM.</td>
<td>→ see chapter 4.7</td>
<td>Boundary Waypoints to/from the Non-Australian FIRs</td>
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b) for flights to Australia:

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<th>Start Gate Point</th>
<th>via Waypoints</th>
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4.7 AUSOTS Flex Tracks are described using a collection of Waypoints as follows:

- Published High Level Waypoints
- Published Floating/Buried Waypoints
- Latitude/Longitude Waypoints based on whole degrees

4.8 The ATS section of the TDM provides a description of the fixed ATS route required beyond the Flex Tracks. Airservices Australia will not specify the flight planning requirements outside Australian administered airspace. Therefore the TDM will only include in the RTS section either

- the fixed route details for departures from an Australian airport to join the Flex Tracks or
- for Australian airport arrivals the fixed route details from the end of the Flex Tracks to the destination.

4.9 The Trackmaster will integrate the AUSOTS with the Australian domestic Route structure.

4.10 The Trackmaster will use a format similar to the PACOTS TDM format for the AUSOTS Flex Tracks publication, which will be promulgated to Airline Operators both by AFTN and published as Intl. Class-1-NOTAMs at approximately 08:00 UTC (for the AUSOTS which will come into effect at 13:00 UTC) and in stage 2 at approximately 20:00 UTC for the AUSOTS which will come into effect at 00:00 UTC.
4.11 The daily Flex Tracks are published as follows:
   a) AFTN TDM Format
   b) Intl. Class-1-NOTAMs
   c) Airservices Australia web-site:  
      http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/customer/flextrack/default.asp

4.12 Even when the published Flex Track totally corresponds to permanent published
ATS-Route(s), this Routing will be published as a Flex Track/TDM to avoid the risk of
confusion of possible lost TDM messages.

4.13 The TDM NOTAM Publication contains AUSOTS “Groups” in order to combine
different AUSOTS Tracks in one NOTAM (see chapter 5.4 for details); these are defined
as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Group Type</th>
<th>effective from</th>
<th>Validity</th>
<th>Sector</th>
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| Group A    | 13:00 UTC      | • Initial stage: 13:00 – 22:00 UTC  
               • After review (see chapter 4.4): 13:00 – 00:00 UTC | WSSS* – YBBN  
               WSSS* – YSSY  
               WSSTS*– YMML  
               YBBN – WSSS*  
               YSSY – WSSS*  
               YMML – WSSS* |
| Group B    | 00:00 UTC      | • After review (see chapter 4.4): 00:00 – 13:00 UTC | WSSS* – YBBN  
               WSSS* – YSSY  
               WSSTS*– YMML  
               YBBN – WSSS*  
               YSSY – WSSS*  
               YMML – WSSS* |
| Group C    | 13:00 UTC      | 13:00 – 13:00 UTC | OMDB – YPPH  
               YPPH – OMDB  
               VABB – YSSY  
               YPPH – NZAA |
| Group D    | 00:00 UTC      | 00:00 – 00:00 UTC | OMDB – YSSY  
               OMDB – YMML  
               YSSY – VABB  
               NZAA – YPPH |

* - Singapore Area

5 Track Definition Message/TDM - Format

5.1 The Airservices Australia Trackmaster uses the Track Definition Message/TDM
format in accordance with Table 4-3 of the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Interface Control
Document (ICD), which is used for the generation of the PACOTS on the Pacific Ocean.

5.2 Aircraft operators preferring to automatically receive the TDMs should contact the
Trackmaster via Email on trackmaster@airservicesaustralia.com or via AFTN:
YMMMZRSZS
5.3 AFTN Telex Format (example):

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<td>FF YBBBMONX</td>
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<tr>
<td>010728 YMMMZRD</td>
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<tr>
<td>(TDM TRK SY1A 05041707301 0504171300 0504172200 WLG WDH BOU VINAX TNK 17S130E 15S126E ONOXA RTS/YSSY SY H202 WLG RMK/0)</td>
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<td>NNNNN</td>
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<tr>
<th>TDM Structure</th>
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<tr>
<td>(Message Priority) (Addressee)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Message sent time) (Initiator)</td>
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<tr>
<td>TDM TRK (Flex Track Designator)* (Creation time and number) (Flex Track validity start time) (Flex Track validity end time) (Flex Track details)</td>
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<tr>
<td>RTS/ (tracking details from departure point to commencement of Flex Tracks) (tracking details from end of Flex Track to destination)**</td>
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<tr>
<td>RMK/ (Specific comments affecting the use of the Flex Track)</td>
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* Maximum of four alpha numeric characters
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5.4 Intl. Class-1-NOTAM Format (example):

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<td>Q)YMXX/QARCH/I/BO/E/000/999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A) YMMM/YBBB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B) 0504171300 C) 0504172200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E) AUSOTS GROUP A FLEX TRACKS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUSTRALIA – SINGAPORE AREA – AUSTRALIA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VALID 0504171300 TILL 050412200 UTC</td>
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<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>RTS/ROM DAMIM OK GERBL AMB GLENN BN YBBN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RMK/TRACK VALID UNTIL 01:30 ONLY AT WAYPOINT ROM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRK YS1A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATMAP PARAD 20S129E HONGI MITTS 28S145E 29S147E WLG</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RTS/WLG SCO BOREE YSSY</td>
</tr>
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<td>TRK YM1A</td>
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<td>ATMAP CIN VIPOX SCHEE 28S135E CAPET UVUPU</td>
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<td>TRK SY1A</td>
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<tr>
<td>RTS/YMML NEVIS BOR DRINA AD</td>
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<td>(NOTAM Series, Number and Year)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(NOTAM Qualifier line)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(ICAO FIR Location Indicator for the affected airspace)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Period of validity - Start) (Period of validity - End)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(NOTAM Text incl. AUSOTS Group, TDM TRK (Flex Track Designator)* and (Flex Track details)</td>
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6 Track Definition Message/TDM – Track Designator Format

6.1 Character 1 & 2 – Identifiers

Characters 1 & 2 represent the direction of the Flex Track, which is either a track between two specified airports or between an airport and an area/region
• Specific Airports
  o A Auckland
  o B Brisbane
  o C Christchurch
  o M Melbourne
  o P Perth
  o S Sydney

• Areas/Regions
  o X Arabian Gulf
  o Y Singapore Area of Southeast Asia
  o Z India

6.2 Character 3 - Track Number

Character 3 represents the track number for a specific track pairing. This number will generally be one (1) unless a second Flex Track is generated concurrently either to safeguard against congestion or to provide better access to other airports in the same area/region, e.g. two tracks may be generated between Sydney (S) and the Singapore Area (Y). Track 1 may capture the WIII, WSSS, WMKK traffic and Track 2 the WADD and VTBD traffic.

6.3 Character 4 - Validity Period

The validity periods for the Flex Tracks that make up the AUSOTS fall into two categories. Firstly, high density shorter range international routes with diverse scheduled departure times requiring the Flex Tracks to be generated twice daily with shorter validity periods. Secondly, the long range international routes with low traffic densities and limited departure times that require a once a day promulgated Flex Tracks with a long validity period.

From an ATM perspective it is imperative (particularly in an electronic environment) that the naming system safeguards against possible confusions caused by the introduction of TDMs replacing the previous TDM with the same name. The 4th character is predominantly for the ATSP use.

The fourth character will be either:
• For Flex Tracks generated twice per day
  o A (meaning tracks created from the 06:00 UTC wind updates)
  o P (meaning tracks created from the 18:00 UTC wind updates)

• For Flex Tracks generated once per day
  o A number from 1-7 (representing the day of the week that the Flex Track is created starting with Monday - 1, Tuesday – 2 etc.)

6.4 Track Designator Examples

The Trackmaster will publish Track Definition Messages/TDM with the appropriate designators as follows:
## TRACK DESIGNATOR

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>SB1</td>
<td>Singapore to Brisbane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SY1</td>
<td>Singapore to Sydney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YM1</td>
<td>Singapore to Melbourne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BY1</td>
<td>Brisbane to Singapore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SY1</td>
<td>Sydney to Singapore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MY1</td>
<td>Melbourne to Singapore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SB2</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Bangkok to Sydney)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SY2</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Sydney to Bangkok)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ZS1</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Mumbai to Sydney)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SX1</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Arabian Gulf to Sydney)</td>
</tr>
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<td>SX1</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Arabian Gulf to Melbourne)</td>
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<tr>
<td>MX1</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Arabian Gulf to Arabian Gulf)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>...</td>
<td>Future Flex Tracks (Other)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Future Flex Tracks may be designated as follows:

- **SY2P** - represents a second Flex Track created between Sydney and the Singapore Area valid for the afternoon period. It would also suggest that it was a BKK oriented track. (SY1P would be the Track Identifier for YSSY and WSSS).
- **XB11** - represents a once a day Flex Track created between the Arabian Gulf and Brisbane, created on a Monday.
- **AP16** - represents a once a day Flex Track created between Auckland and Perth, created on a Saturday.

### 7 ATS-Flight Plan Example

In the following an example of the Track Definition Message/TDM in AFTN-Telex format and Intl. Class-1-NOTAM format together with the appropriate ATS-Flight Plan (FPL) (Sydney/YSSY – Singapore/WSSS) to be filed is shown:

#### (i) TDM: AFTN-Telex Format – Example

```
FF YBBBMONX
010728 YMMMZRZD
(TDM TRK SY2P 05041707301
0504171300 0504172200
WLG WDH BOU VINAX TNK 17S130E 15S126E ONOXA
RTS/YSSY SY H202 WLG
RMK/0)
NNNN
```
(ii)  TDM: Intl. Class-1-NOTAM Format – Example

G0746/05 NOTAMN
Q)YMXX/QARCH/I/BO/E/000/999
A) YMMM/YBBB
B) 0504171300 C) 0504172200
E) AUSOTS GROUP A FLEX TRACKS
AUSTRALIA – SINGAPORE AREA – AUSTRALIA
VALID 0504171300 TILL 050412200 UTC
TRK YB1A
ONOXA 15S125E 18S130E 20S134E VINAX TAVEV ROM
RTS/ROM DAMIM OK GERBL AMB GLENN BN YBBN
RMK/TRACK VALID UNTIL 01:30 ONLY AT WAYPOINT ROM
TRK YS1A
ATMAP PARAD 20S129E HONGI MITTS 28S145E 2930S14730E WLG
RTS/WLG SCO BOREE YSSY
TRK YM1A
ATMAP CIN VIPOX SCHEE 28S135E CAPET UVUPU
RTS/UVUPU NYA CANTY ARBEY YMMML
RMK/NOT AVBL FOR ARRIVALS YPAD
TRK BY1A
TAM BAR MA 18S135E 16S130E 14S125E ONOXA
RTS/YBBN IBUNA TAM
TRK SY1A
WLG WDH BOU VINAX TNK 17S130E 15S126E ONOXA
RTS/YSSY SY H202 WLG
TRK MY1A
AD ARS AKDAV RUSAD ISMOR WENER ENPIT POTIP BRM ATMAP
RTS/YMMML NEVIS BOR DRINA AD
RMK/AIP SUP H28/05 REFERS.

(iii)  ATS-Flight Plan (FPL) – Example

{FPL-XXX904-IS
-B773/H-SGIJRWYZ/SD
-YSSY1400
-N0489F340 DCT SY H202 WLG DCT WDH DCT BOU DCT VINAX
DCT TNK DCT 17S130E 15S126E DCT ONOXA G326 GUNAM/M083F360
G326 NYOMA/N0482F380G326 BLI/M083F380 A576 TI TAN4A
-WSSS0715 WMKK
-EST/YBBO012 WIU0427 NYOMA0455 WSJC0642 REG/A6XXX
SEL/AJKS RALT/YBAS WADD RMK/TCAS 7.0 NAV/RNP4 AUSEP DAT/SV

- Tracking details from departure point to commencement of Flex Tracks
- AUSOTS Flex Track details

8 Lateral Spacing of Tracks

8.1 Common direction tracks may be coincidental. However, when there is no requirement for the use of common waypoints, they will be laterally spaced as described below.

8.2 Opposite direction tracks, unless converging or diverging, will be laterally spaced by the appropriate horizontal separation standard, e.g. 50 NM Oceanic or 30 NM domestic reducing as applicable with the introduction of ADS-B or within radar coverage.
9 Flight Planning

9.1 The AUSOTS concept has been implemented as a trial at the request of airlines to improve operational efficiency. It is expected that all operators other than those affected by operational limitations will plan to utilise the AUSOTS when generated and applicable.

9.2 All Waypoints on a track as published in the TDM (AFTN Telex, Intl. Class-1-NOTAM) are to be included in item 15 of the ICAO ATS-Flight Plan. Flex Track Designators and ATS-Route Designators (within the Flex Track area) shall not be used in the filed Flight Plan; neither in the ATS-Route Description (item 15), nor in the RMKs-field (item 18).

9.3 AUSOTS Flex Tracks may be used at all applicable flight levels within controlled airspace.

9.4 Aircraft operating on the AUSOTS must have reached the published end gate Waypoint prior to termination of the Flex Track validity times.

9.5 Aircraft that cannot complete the Flex Track portion of the flight during the published validity period must flight plan via the fixed ATS-Route structure. - However, when a flight is unexpectedly delayed and this delay would cause the aircraft to still be on the Flex Track, but outside the validity period, approval may be granted at the discretion of the Melbourne ACC Operations Manager to proceed as planned. If approval is not granted, the flight is required to re-plan via the fixed ATS-Route structure or the relevant published Flex Tracks.

9.6 Airline Operators may flight plan, using the AUSOTS, even when not intending to land at the Flex Tracks designated destinations. However, they may not diverge from the Flex Tracks prior to the exit gate unless approval is specified in the RMKs section of the TDM (e.g. RMK/AIRCRAFT FOR YPAD TO EXIT AT WHA).

9.7 Aircraft departing from a different Australian airport than described in the TDM, may use the published Flex Track from the Entry- to the Exit Gate without prior coordination.

9.8 Aircraft Operators may plan and/or request step climbs within the Flex Tracks.

9.9 Flex Tracks are available for flight planning for all aircraft meeting the minimum requirement of RNP-10 or RNP-4.

9.10 For Routings to/from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, specific Routes are to be filed in accordance with the Australian AIP. The suggested routing will also be shown in the RTS field of the TDM.

9.11 The applicable TDM-Message (either the NOTAM or the TDM AFTN-Telex) affecting the flight must be included in the Crew Briefing documents.

9.12 If due to operational limitations such as ETOPS, aircraft are unable to comply with the OTS, the Melbourne Centre Operations Manager (see contacts) must be notified.
9.13 It is not possible to flight plan to join or leave an AUSOTS Flex Track unless published in the individual Track Definition Message (TDM) or after prior coordination with Melbourne ACC.

10 ATC-Procedures

10.1 Aircraft Position reports shall be made in accordance with ICAO Doc 7030 procedures. Within the Flex Track airspace, position reports are to be made using geographical coordinates (Latitude/Longitude) or named waypoints as specified in the AUSOTS Track Definition Message/TDM.

10.2 The Flex Track Identifier is not to be used by ATC or aircraft operating crew, with all clearances adhering to standard route/fix descriptions.

11 ATC Separation Standards

11.1 ATC will utilise existing separation standards as on the fixed ATS-Route structure.

11.2 ATC will apply the current priority structure with the addition that in case of conflicts between aircraft on fixed and Flex Tracks, ATC will apply priority favouring the aircraft on the Flex Track.

12 Contingency Procedures

12.1 Any aircraft which loses its RNP capability enroute, but is still able to navigate on the Flex Track AUSOTS, may continue on the Flex Track.

12.2 If for any reason, the Flex Track cannot be published at the scheduled time, a NOTAM shall be published that advises aircraft operators to use the fixed ATS-Route structure only.

13 System Review

13.1 Review of ATC fixed requirements and Airline Operators agreed parameters will be addressed as follows:

- Stakeholder significant safety issues – immediately reviewed by Trackmaster/Airservices Australia Operations Manager.
- Changes to Airline Operators agreed parameters – quarterly either via Stakeholder meetings called by the Trackmaster or direct E-Mail to the Trackmaster, who will initiate discussion with all Stakeholders.
- Broadening of capability – subsequent to the post implementation review of the initial trial.

13.2 Airline operators are requested to report intended changes to the Scheduled Time of Departure (STD) and/or new schedules in advance to the Trackmaster at Melbourne ACC.
14 Summary

The implementation of the Australian Organised Track Structure/AUSOTS will ultimately provide airlines with better traffic flows and significantly contribute to airline fuel savings. It will also minimise aircraft emissions on the environment through reduced fuel burn. The daily published AUSOTS Tracks allow airlines to obtain benefits from forecast wind conditions that cannot be obtained using the current fixed route structure.

AUSOTS Flex Tracks are expected to be implemented in accordance to the Australian AIC H3/05 and the AIP SUP H9/05 during the second quarter of 2005 within the entire Melbourne and the Brisbane FIRs; initial activation will be announced by NOTAM.

The introduction of AUSOTS will begin as a trial focused on flights between Brisbane/YBBN, Sydney/YSSY and Melbourne/YMML and the airports in the Singapore area of South East Asia in both directions (e.g. Singapore/WSSS, Bali/WADD etc.) but will include the extant Flex Tracks trial for the Arabian Gulf to/from Perth and to Melbourne and Sydney as well as between Auckland and Perth. – However, the AUSOTS Flex Tracks may be used for overflying traffic, not landing in the Singapore area as well, with the requirement to enter/exit at the published TDM Entry-/Exit-Waypoints and operating to/from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.

AUSOTS will be available for all aircraft meeting the minimum requirement of RNP10 or RNP4.

It is expected that all operators other than those affected by operational limitations (e.g. ETOPS) will plan to utilise the AUSOTS when generated and applicable; if unable to comply with the AUSOTS, the Melbourne Center Operations Manager must be notified in advance.

Aircraft operating on the AUSOTS must have reached the published end gate Waypoint prior to termination of the Flex Track validity times, which is defined in the Track Definition Message/TDM.

Even when the published Flex Track totally corresponds to permanent published ATS-Route(s), this Routing will be published as a Flex Track/TDM to avoid the risk of confusion of possible lost TDM messages.

15 Contacts

15.1 Questions regarding published AUSOTS Flex Tracks should be directed to the Melbourne Center Operations Manager at the Melbourne ACC on +61 3 9235 7420 (phone) or using the following AFTN-address: YMMMZRZS.

15.2 Requests for obtaining the TDM in AFTN-format should be forwarded to the AFTN-address YMMMMZRZS.

15.3 Aircraft operators preferring to automatically receive the TDMs should contact the Trackmaster in Melbourne ACC via Email on trackmaster@airservicesaustralia.com
15.4 Further information may be obtained from:

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User Preferred Routes & Trajectories Project  
Airservices Australia  
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E-Mail: greg.mcdonald@airservicesaustralia.com

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16 Documents

- Australia, AIC H3/05: Australian Organised Track Structure (AUSOTS) Trial
- Australia, AIP SUP H28/05: Australian Organised Track Structure (AUSOTS) Guidelines
  - What is a Flex Track?
  - Flex Track Concept of Operations
  - Flex Track Concept of Operations OTS
  - AUSOTS
  - Operational Concept for AUSOTS
  - Example AUSOTS
  - What is DOTS+
  - Flex Track Process
  - Benefits Achievable
  - Contacts/Feedback
  - Customer News Flashes
17 Appendix

Appendix 1 to AUSOTS Dispatch Guidelines - TDM Creation Process

Appendix 2A to AUSOTS Dispatch Guidelines – AUSOTS-Brisbane Arrival and Departure Trap Waypoints
Appendix 2B to AUSOTS Dispatch Guidelines – AUSOTS- Sydney Arrival and Departure Trap Waypoints and “NON AUSOTS (Flex Track)-Airspace”
Appendix 2C to AUSOTS Dispatch Guidelines – AUSOTS- Melbourne Arrival and Departure Trap Waypoints and “NON AUSOTS (Flex Track)-Airspace”
Appendix 3 – AUSOTS AIRSPACE