



## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

### **FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP (FMG/29)**

*Combined with*

### **NETWORK MANAGER RADIO FREQUENCY FUNCTION TEAM (RAFT/24)**

*(Paris, France, 17 - 20 October 2023)*

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#### **EXTRACT CONCERNING A2A CHANNELS ONLY**

- *Special Purpose Channels 123.065 AND 123.135 (WP06, PR04)*

2.5.1 The Meeting was presented with the status of the actions agreed by RAFT23 on the usage of channels 123.065 and 123.135 for Air-to-Air General Aviation in the EUR 8.33 kHz c-s implementation area. The Meeting discussed the status report provided in the RAFT actions and agreed on the following FMG Decision:

#### **FMG Decision 29/2 – Usage of channels 123.065 and 123.135**

That,

- a) Until end of 2028, States in the ICAO EUR Region can allocate channels 123.065 and 123.135 for A/A GA communications after having followed the standard coordination procedure. Beyond 2028, the application of the coordination procedure is not required for the allocation and use of these channels;
- b) As of 20 October 2023 until end of 2028, only frequency assignment proposals for A/A GA communications will be allowed on channels 123.065 and 123.135. Care of the Registration Office, non-conforming proposals shall be objected;
- c) The reception of the protected frequency assignments that have been coordinated on channels 123.050, 123.125, 123.150 need to be temporarily protected from harmful interference by the end of 2028 through the application of the standard coordination procedure, provided these frequency assignments retain the characteristics they had on October 2023. Beyond 2028, these frequency assignments will be considered a priori compatible with the use of channels 123.065 and 123.135 for A/A GA communications, losing thus their protection status against the latter. The same treatment (loss of protection) is reserved for these frequency assignments if they are modified in any of their other mandatory coordination items, while staying on the same channel;
- d) As of 20 October 2023, any new frequency assignment in the ICAO EUR Region on channels 123.050 or 123.150 shall be considered a priori compatible with the use

of channels 123.065 and 123.135 for A/A GA communications, not having thus protection against the latter;

- e) States of the ICAO EUR Region responsible for protected frequency assignments that have been coordinated on channels 123.050, 123.125, 123.150 by 20 October 2023 are invited to implement channel spacing conversion or channel relocation plans by the end of 2028;
- f) ICAO EUR/NAT Office and EUROCONTROL be invited to investigate the operational status of the frequency assignments that exist in Egypt on channel 123.050;
- g) Assignments on channels 123.050, 123.125, 123.150 covered by this Decision should contain the text “FMG29/2” in their SAFIRE Remarks field. The insertion of this text will be made by EUROCONTROL, on behalf of the Registration Office;

2.5.2 Furthermore, the Meeting reviewed and provided some comments to the proposal for amendment to EUR Doc 011, Part II on the reservation of channels 123.065 and 123.135 as special purpose channels for GA Air-to-Air communication. It was proposed to extend the proposal to the entire ICAO EUR Region, not only 8.33 KHz applicability area, after having conducted investigations on potential incompatibilities.

2.5.3 In addition, a question was raised on how information is shared on the release of 123.065 and 123.135 to GA users to allow them the usage of the channels. It was noted that States may publish this information in different ways, such as AIP, VFR manuals, circulars, etc. **Switzerland will present a paper on this matter to the FMG CM 2024.**