

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

between

VATSIM PACIFIC DIVISION

and

VATSIM NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

approved by

VATSIM OCEANIA REGION

relating to

INTER-DIVISION VISITING CONTROLLER POLICY

effective from

01 JAN 2007 UTC

until terminated.

Ref OCE-0612-1

Introduction

Australia and New Zealand have for many years worked as one Division within VATSIM and its predecessor. With the growth of membership in Australia and New Zealand, the Division of VATSIM New Zealand has been formed to allow for more focused service to the members.

It is with this focus on what is best for the membership, and in the spirit of co-operation between Australia and New Zealand, that this agreement is produced.

I. Purpose

This Letter of Agreement (LoA) establishes the 'Visiting Controller Policy' between VATSIM Pacific Division (VATPAC) and VATSIM New Zealand Division (VATNZ).

These two divisions each recognise the ratings and endorsements of the other division, but reserve the right to apply their own local operational restrictions on Air Traffic Services (ATS).

II. Scope

This LoA applies only to those that are a member of VATPAC or VATNZ, and does not apply to a member of any other division or a member of any other division having only visiting controller status with VATPAC or VATNZ.

III. Explanation of Terms

1. 'Home division' is the division, VATPAC or VATNZ, to which a person is currently assigned, as recorded against their VATSIM ID. This may be determined by using the VATSIM ID Status Check.
2. 'Other division' is the division in Oceania which is NOT the 'Home division' of the controller in part (1) above.
3. 'Visiting Controller' is a VATPAC or VATNZ controller providing ATS in the 'Other division'. A visiting controller from outside of VATPAC or VATNZ is NOT covered by this LoA.
4. 'Authorised Events' are events sanctioned and supported officially by VATPAC or VATNZ division staff, as promulgated via NOTAM or by announcement on an appropriate website.

IV. Authority

1. This LoA is an agreement between the Director of VATPAC and Director of VATNZ on behalf of the board and members of each division.
2. This agreement is approved by the Director of VATSIM Oceania Region (VATOCE).

V. Amendment

1. This agreement may be amended with the agreement of all three parties listed in IV(1) and IV(2).
2. Changes to the agreement must be communicated to membership at least 1 calendar month prior to the date on which the changes will take effect.
3. The Regional Director must ensure the amended information is promulgated to members by NOTAM.
4. The Director of each division must ensure the amended information is promulgated to members by other appropriate communication.

VI. Termination

1. This agreement may be terminated by any of the three parties listed in IV(1) and IV(2).
2. The termination advice must be communicated at least 1 calendar month prior to the date on which the termination will take effect.
3. The Regional Director must ensure the termination is promulgated to members by NOTAM.
4. The Director of each division must ensure the termination is promulgated to members of their own division by other appropriate communication.

VII. Detail

1. A VATPAC or VATNZ controller who is authorised by their training and membership department to control in VATPAC or VATNZ is also permitted to provide ATS as a Visiting Controller in the 'other division'.
2. A controller operating as a visiting controller in the 'other division' must observe all local regulations, operating procedures and practices of the 'other division'.
3. No preference shall be given to controllers who are operating in their 'Home division' over visiting controllers, except in the case of authorised events.

VIII. Direction and Dissent

1. A Visiting controller must follow the direction of local Division or Regional staff. Division and Regional staff are identified on the websites of the parties to this agreement.
2. Where Division or Regional Staff direction conflicts with this agreement, controllers must follow the Staff direction.

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Appendix 1.

ATS Boundaries, VATNZ

VATNZ Division covers the FIRs of NZZC, NZZO, NZCM, bounded by;

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S030.00.00.000 E163.00.00.000  
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ATS Boundaries, VATPAC

VATPAC Division covers the airspace of VATSIM Oceania not covered by VATNZ - the FIRs of YMMM, YBBB, AYPY, AGGG, ANAU, NFFF and NTTT.