

Single controller covering entire Canarias FIR/UIR between 0100 and 0500 UTC

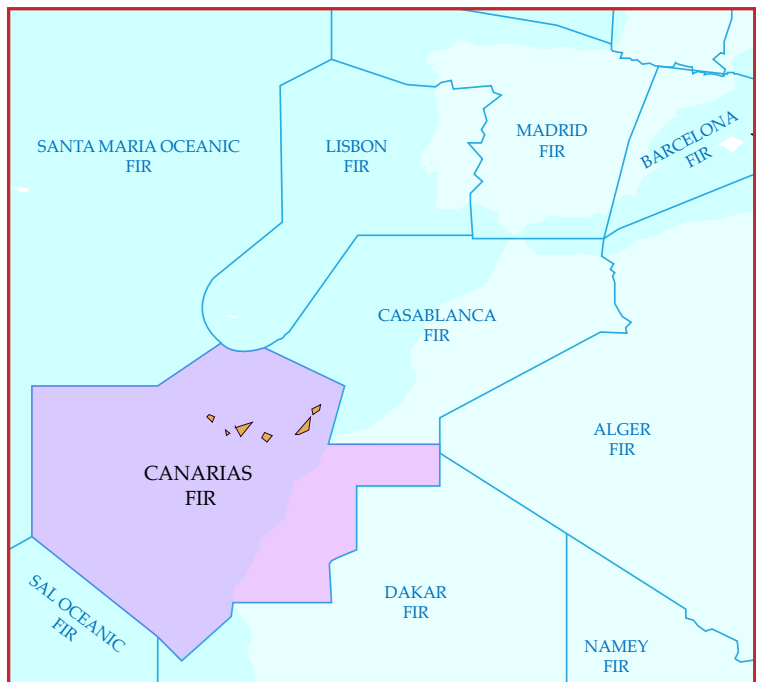
Background

IFALPA has received information from the Asociación Profesional de Controladores de Tránsito Aero (APROCTA) that due to staffing reductions by the AENA, the Spanish air navigation service provider, Area control radar service for the entire Canarias FIR/UIR (which includes the EUR-SAM corridor) will be provided by a single controller from the Gran Canaria Approach Control between the hours of 0100 and 0500 UTC.

Operational Impact

✈️ Crews operating into Gran Canaria (GCLP) should be aware that during these hours no radar vectoring to the GCLP localiser or radar monitoring of the approach will be available.

✈️ APROCTA reminds crews that due to present limitations placed on the GDV VOR (see NOTAM E1248/11) the radar assistance required for several Airways as well as Standard Instrument Departures (SID) / Standard Terminal Arrivals (STARs) (see NOTAM B2584/11) may not be available at these times.



Recommendations

✈️ Crews transiting the FIR on the EUR-SAM corridor should take into account the fact that there may only be a single controller on duty and pass their information accordingly.

✈️ Crews should further take note that these restrictions may not be NOTAMed.