Letter of Agreement

IVAO – Spain & France Divisions



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Object: LoA between the Madrid and Galicia FIR (LECM/LECG) and the Brest FIR (LFRR)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LoA) is to define the coordination procedures to be applied between the **Madrid and Galicia FIR** and the **Brest FIR** when providing Air Traffic Services (ATS) operating under IFR or VFR flight rule.

The content of the agreement is approved by the concerned ATC Operation Department and FIR Chiefs and its application is mandatory for all IVAO member providing ATS within and active ATC position concerned by this LOA.

2. General procedures

Traffic in sequence shall be handed over with **minimum spacing of 10 NM**. This separation must be **constant** (aircrafts restrained to the same speed) **or increasing** (succeeding aircraft is not faster). Coordination of speed control should be granted via entries in radar labels and does neither need approval nor acknowledgement by receiving sector.

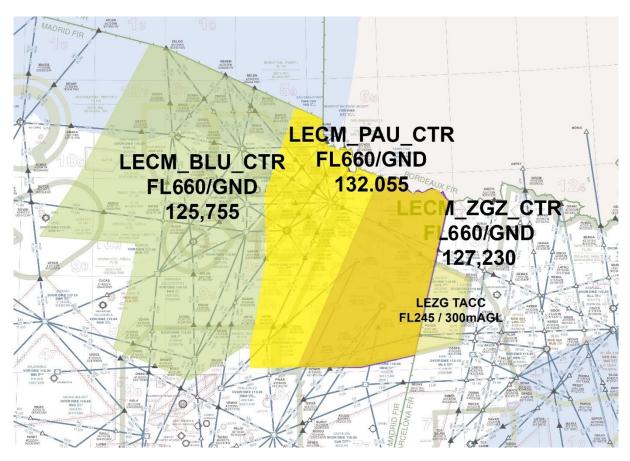
Traffic shall be handed over **as soon as practical** and, whenever possible, **at latest 3000 ft before reaching the cleared flight level** and, in case the transfer point is not defined within this LOA, **at latest ten (10) miles before the airspace limits**.

All traffic shall be handed over properly **separated and clear of any conflict**. **Unless** the receiving ATC unit **issue a clearance** modifying the route, altitude or speed, the **transferring sector remains responsible for separation**.

3. ATC units description

The ATC unit in charge of FIR and UIR airspaces under the responsibility of the North-East Madrid ACC is *Madrid Control* and includes two primary sectors (LECM_BLU_CTR and LECM_PAU_CTR) and three secondary ones (LECM_BLL_CTR, LECM_PAL_CTR and LECM_ZGZ_CTR). The two primary ATC units may be consolidated into only one sector (LECM_BLU_CTR).

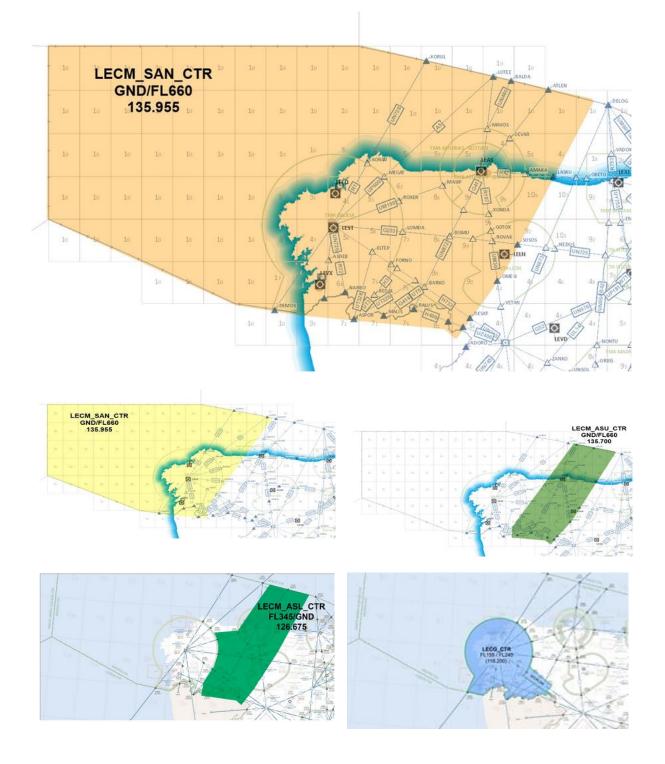
The lateral and vertical boundaries of the airspace under the responsibility of the ACC are indicated in the figure and table below.



LECM MAIN PRIMARY SECTORS

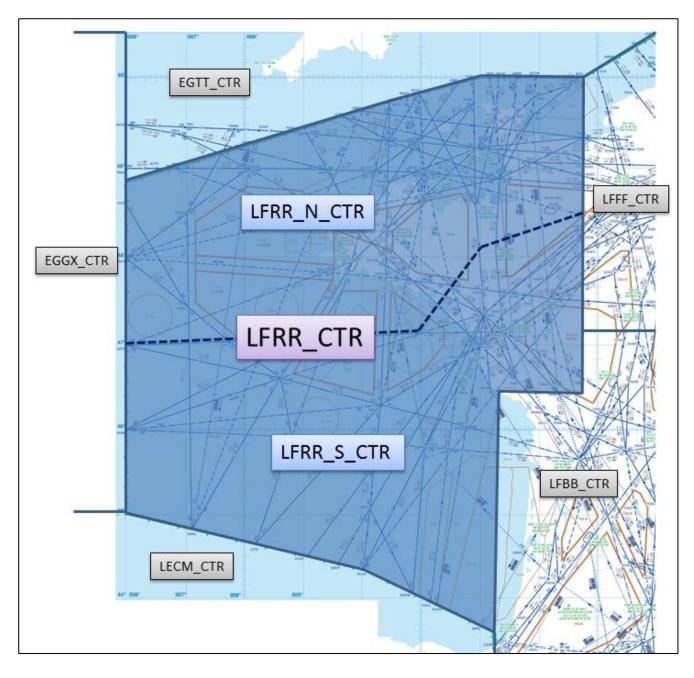
The Galicia FIR ATC unit in charge of FIR and UIR airspaces under the responsibility of the North-West Madrid ACC is *Madrid Control* and includes two primary sectors (LECM_SAN_CTR and LECM_ASU_CTR) and two secondary sectors (LECM_ASL_CTR and LECG_CTR). The two primary ATC units may be consolidated into only one sector (LECM_SAN_CTR).

The lateral and vertical boundaries of the airspace under the responsibility of the ACC are indicated in the figure and table below.



The ATC unit in charge of FIR and UIR airspaces under the responsibility of Brest ACC is **Brest Control** and consists in only one primary sector (LFRR_CTR).

This ATC unit may be split into two subsectors (LFRR_N_CTR and LFRR_S_CTR. The lateral and vertical boundaries of the airspace under the responsibility of the CTR are indicated in the figure and table below.



The radio communication frequencies associated to the ACC positions are indicated below. Only LECM_BLU_CTR, LECM_SAN_CTR and LECM_ASU_CTR are relevant in the framework of this LoA. In the case LECM_BLL_CTR and/or LECM_ASL_CTR are active, specific coordination procedure will be assessed by the concerned AO Departments.

ATC Position	Callsign	Frequency	Remarks		
Primary Sectors					
Madrid Control (Bilbao Upper sector)	LECM_BLU_CTR	125.755	SFC-FL660; FL345-FL660 if LECM_BLL_CTR is active		
Madrid Control (Pamplona Upper sector)	LECM_PAU_CTR	132.055	SFC-FL660; FL345-FL660 if LECM_PAL_CTR is active Only if LECM_BLU_CTR is active		
Madrid Control (Santiago sector)	LECM_SAN_CTR	135.955	SFC-FL660; FL345-FL660 if LECM_ASU_CTR is active		
Madrid Control (Asturias Upper sector)	LECM_ASU_CTR	135.700	SFC-FL660; FL345-FL660 if LECM_SAN_CTR is active		
	Secondary Sector	rs			
Madrid Control (Bilbao Lower sector)	LECM_BLL_CTR	118.275	SFC-FL345 Only activated by NOTAM		
Madrid Control (Pamplona Lower sector)	LECM_PAL_CTR	124.875	SFC-FL345 Only activated by NOTAM		
Madrid Control (Zaragoza sector)	LECM_ZGZ_CTR	127.230	SFC-FL660 Only activated by NOTAM		
Madrid Control (Asturias Lower sector)	LECM_ASL_CTR	126.675	SFC-FL345 Only activated by NOTAM		
Galicia Control (Galicia sector)	LECG_CTR	118.200	FL115-FL245 Only activated by NOTAM & if LEST_APP is active		
Primary Sector					
Brest Control	LFRR_CTR	119.825	SFC-UNL		
Secondary Sectors					
Brest Control (North)	LFRR_N_CTR	119.825	SFC-UNL		
Brest Control (South)	LFRR_S_CTR	129.500	SFC-UNL		

4. Coordination procedures

Coordination procedures between the ATC under the responsibility of the Madrid and those under the responsibility of the Brest FIR are defined as follows. They represent a general framework that does not replace the coordination between ATC. Any coordination procedure not mentioned in this LoA must be established on a case by case basis.

Any directs beyond the FIR limit may be coordinated.

Upper airspaces routes start at FL195 in Brest's airspace. Therefore, Madrid should make sure every traffic is cleared at FL200 or above before a transfer is made to Brest.

Brest should also make sure they clear traffic to descend below FL140 when a switch to a Low airspace route occurs after FIR border.

4.1 En-route coordination

Coordination procedures between Madrid ACC and Brest ACC are defined as follows.

Airway Tranfer point Direct		Restrictions			
LECM_BLU (PAU_CTR) → LFRR					
UN858	UN858 ABRIX ABRIX EVEN FL				

Airway	Transfer Point	Direct	Restrictions			
	LECM_BLU → LFRR					
UP87	BELEN	BELEN				
UL14	POPUL	POPUL				
UP152						
UN867		NENEM				
Q42	NENEM					
B42			EVEN FL			
H867						
UN873						
UM601						
UN865	DELOG	DELOG				
G23						
R753						

Airway	Transfer Point	Direct	Restrictions
		LECM_SA	$AN_CTR \rightarrow LFRR$
UP600			
UM30	LOTEE	LOTEE	EVEN FL
A5			
R107			
UN728	KODU	KODU	
R1	KORUL	KORUL	

Airway	Transfer Point Direct		Restrictions
		LFRR -	→ LECM_BLU
UN867 UP152	NENEM	NENEM	ODD FL
UN864	DELOG	DELOG	

Airway	Transfer Point	Direct	Restrictions
		$LFRR \rightarrow LEC$	M_SAN (ASU_CTR)
UZ218	BAKUP	BAKUP	
UN872	ATLEN	ATLEN	ODD FL
UN480	BALDA	BALDA	

Airway	Transfer Point	Direct	Restrictions			
	LFRR → LECM_SAN_CTR					
UN741 UM30 A5	LOTEE	LOTEE	ODD FL			
UT7 UP620 UL722 UN866	KORUL	KORUL				

4.2 Coordination of departures and arrivals

Coordination procedures for the departure/arrival traffic management are defined as follows.

Madrid towards Brest

Airport	SID/STAR	Coordination procedures	Remarks		
	<u>Departures</u> (LECM \rightarrow LFRR)				
LEAS LECO LELN LEST LEVX	-	LECM_SAN_CTR \rightarrow LFRR_CTR (DCT LOTEE or KORUL cleared at FL300 max)			
LEBB LEBG LEPP LESO LEVT LEXJ	-	LECM_BLU_CTR \rightarrow LFRR_CTR (DCT BELOG, DELOG or NENEM cleared at FL300 max)	Even FL		
	<u>Arrivals</u> (LECM \rightarrow LFRR)				
LFRS	EPIXO	LECM_SAN_CTR \rightarrow LFRR_CTR (cleared DCT EPIXO at FL300 max abeam LOTEE and not descending)	Traffics via UN741 can be cleared route LOTEE - EPIXO		

Brest towards Madrid

Airport	SID/STAR	Coordination procedures	Remarks				
	Departures (LFRR → LECM)						
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		<u>Arrivals</u> (LFRR \rightarrow LECM)					
LEAS							
LECO		LFRR_CTR \rightarrow LECM_SAN_CTR (DCT BAKUP, ATLEN,					
LELN	-	LOTEE or KORUL cleared at FL290 max)					
LEST							
LEVX							
LEBB							
LEBG			Odd FL				
LEMD							
LEPP		LFRR_CTR \rightarrow LECM_BLU_CTR (DCT BELOG, DELOG or					
LESO	-	NENEM cleared at FL290 max)					
LETO							
LEVT							
LEXJ							