

## JOHANNESBURG SPECIAL RULES AREA (SRA): RE-SECTORISATION

In order to create a more focused area of radio reporting in the busy Johannesburg Special Rules Area, the CAA together with industry has consulted on the matter.

After considering a number of proposals, the following was decided upon:

1. The current two sectors (East and West) will be replaced by three sectors, East, South and West.
2. The frequencies will follow, like the sun, from east – **125.4** , **125.6** , **125.8** MHz
3. The boundaries of these sectors are clear, in most instances marked by prominent roads.
4. The normal Special Rules north and south flying procedure still apply:
  - When flying north on tracks between 270°M and 089°M the flight will be undertaken at 7500ft and when flying south between tracks 090° M and 269°M it will be done at 7000ft.
  - If there are conditions that make it impossible to comply with this procedure the flight will be undertaken at 6500 ft in any direction.
  - Pilots who want to fly above the 7500 ft SRA limit must have obtained appropriate clearances, be suitably equipped and have filed a flight plan before entering controlled airspace.
  - All aircraft flying within the Special Rules area shall **remain outside of controlled airspace** unless clearance to enter such airspace has been obtained.
  - All flights will be flown at a speed of not more than **180 kts**.
  - It is recommended that aircraft fly with **landing lights on**.
  - Aircraft flying on the Pinedene route shall contact Waterkloof Tower on 124.1 MHz for clearance to continue through Waterkloof airspace.
5. Reporting points: the orange dots marked “R” and the pink triangles marked “V” (see the graphic) are reporting points on the suggested north-south VFR routes. The same special rules apply.

The FAJS CTR Buffer Zone rules:

1. *All aircraft wishing to enter the Buffer zone must communicate with Johannesburg Information on 119.5 MHz between the hours of 0430 – 1600 UTC and between the hours of 1600 – 0430 UTC must communicate with Johannesburg Area on 126.7 MHz*
2. *Pilots are advised to communicate with Johannesburg Information on 127.4MHz should they have no reply on 119.5MHz when trying to establish contact with them during their stipulated hours of duty as mentioned.*
3. *The Buffer zone is situated within 3nm of the Johannesburg CTR and its vertical limits are calculated from ground to 7500 feet altitude. It extends from a point on the Rand ATZ, South and East of the Johannesburg CTR to a point on the Waterkloof CTR. Traffic routing outside of the Buffer zone while flying in the special rules area, and routing from west to east or vica versa, need to identify the following landmarks as visual reference points which includes an approximate distance outlining the boundary extremity of the Buffer zone in order to remain clear of this airspace.*

*NOTE – Items 1 and 7 listed below indicate the beginning of the Buffer zone which borders on the Johannesburg CTR boundary extremity:*

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1. *Intersection the Sybrand van Niekerk Freeway and Kliprivier Drive interchange*
2. *South of the Kliprivier station*
3. *S/SE of the R550 and Ergo Slimes Dam*
4. *S/SE of the R23 / Alberton road interchange*
5. *East of Kwa-Thema*
6. *East of the Garsfontein / Pretoria road junction*
7. *Intersection of the Delmas road (R50) and Pretoria Road (R51)*

The procedures for the Johannesburg Special Rules Area are contained in AIP AIRAC Supplement 54/2009 that will be issued during mid September 2009 with the effect date of 22nd October 2009.

Take note that the new Heidelberg aerodrome frequency, 125.9 MHz will be in operation from the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

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