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Vatsim - Hoppie CPDLC Interference & Spoof Messaging

Introduction

Reports from VATUK suggest that CPDLC interference is occurring on the VATSIM network. Crews may receive both spurious and spoof messaging from stations claiming to be controllers. In the following paragraphs, we provide you with VATUK's own NOTAM about the ongoing situation.

Mitigation

VATUK Suggest the following mitigation techniques for crew:

- When entering or approaching a sector where CPDLC is in use, verify the logon code in the controller's information.
- Verify after logon attempt that CURRENT ATC UNIT: LON_ (or similar) has been received/is displayed before responding to any instructions sent via CPDLC.
- Make sure that all messages received make sense. If in doubt, query the instruction with the controller via voice.
- If a suspicious message is received, please record it via screenshot with the time it was received and report it to the controller immediately.

Reporting

If any pilot reports receiving suspicious messages via CPDLC:

- Terminate CPDLC usage immediately and broadcast this via voice on frequency
- Record available information about the incident and report it to the *VATUK Operations Department* via their help desk available at helpdesk.vatsim.uk .

Kind Regards,

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