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New STAR Phraseology – Arrivals to UK Airfields

With effect from **31 December 2020**, new phraseology is introduced for pilots flying in to UK airfields.

To reduce RTF congestion, aircraft inbound to **UK airfields** are requested to report their expected STAR on first contact with the relevant ATC unit as below:

- **London TMA (LHR/LGW/LCY):** On first contact with the initial **London Control** sector (e.g. LON_CTR)
- **Manchester TMA (MAN/LBA/NCL etc):** On first contact with the relevant MAN_CTR (“Scottish Control”) sector if available, else the LON_CTR sector covering this (e.g. LON_N_CTR)
- **Scottish FIR (EDI/GLA/ABZ etc):** On first contact with the initial **Scottish Control** sector (e.g. EGPX_CTR)
- **Channel Islands TMA (JER):** On first contact with **Jersey Control** (EGJJ_CTR)

If the previous controller has instructed the aircraft to fly a heading, the pilot should report both the assigned heading and the expected STAR to the controller.

e.g. *“London Control, Speedbird 458, FL280, ROXOG1H.”*
“Scottish Control, Shuttle 2 Victor, FL190 heading 320, DAYNE2A.”

If the correct STAR was reported, the controller will **not** read it back. You should continue along your flight planned route and then join the STAR. **Please note that descent profiles and crossing altitudes shown on UK STAR charts are for guidance only and descent must only be initiated in accordance with explicit ATC instructions.**

Important Note: If the STAR was reported to the wrong controller initially, it may be that a controller further down the line will reiterate the STAR clearance, seemingly unnecessarily. Where this is the case, pilots are kindly requested to read back this reiteration to prevent further frequency congestion as a result of the controller seeking confirmation.

[FCSI 02](#) has been updated to incorporate the new procedure. Further information may be found in [VATSIM-UK SI2020/14a](#).

If you have any questions regarding this change please feel free to ask in the [BAVirtual Forum](#). Your co-operation with this new procedure is appreciated!