

Skyguide launches new “Homebriefing” facility

Geneva, May 11, 2007. Skyguide will be introducing Switzerland’s first-ever integrated home briefing service in mid-May. The new “Homebriefing” facility allows pilots to make all their preparations for their flights and submit their flight plans from wherever they may be, via the www.homebriefing.com internet portal. The facility has been developed jointly with Austro Control (Austria’s air navigation service provider) and MeteoSchweiz, and has already been certificated by the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation.

Homebriefing is an integrated service platform that enables users to compile, administer and submit flight plans. The new facility also provides all the meteorological and NOTAM information required (pre-flight information bulletins or PIBs), issuing a bulletin whose weather and other reports are specifically tailored to the flight plan envisaged.

A two-step introduction

Homebriefing will supplement the AMIE Selfbriefing stations which have already been installed at almost all Swiss airports and aerodromes. The new Homebriefing facility will be introduced in two stages. From mid-May 2007 it will be fully available as a state-mandated service in Switzerland and Austria, enabling flight plans to be submitted for any departure from a Swiss or Austrian location. From September 2007 users will be able to use the new service and its facilities internationally, and in particular to submit their flight plans for departures from outside Switzerland and Austria

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