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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to facilitate a Letter of Agreement (herein: LOA) between the Caribbean Division (herein: VATCAR) and the United States Division (herein: VATUSA) with regards to Operations in the Nassau Area Control Center (herein: NACC) and Miami Oceanic (herein: ZMO) Areas of Operations. This agreement will address airspace delegation, responsibilities, and procedures to be used for controller staffing purposes only.

II. APPLICABILITY

This Letter of Agreement is for controllers staffing the ZMO Enroute Positions and the NACC Enroute Positions.

III. CANCELLATION

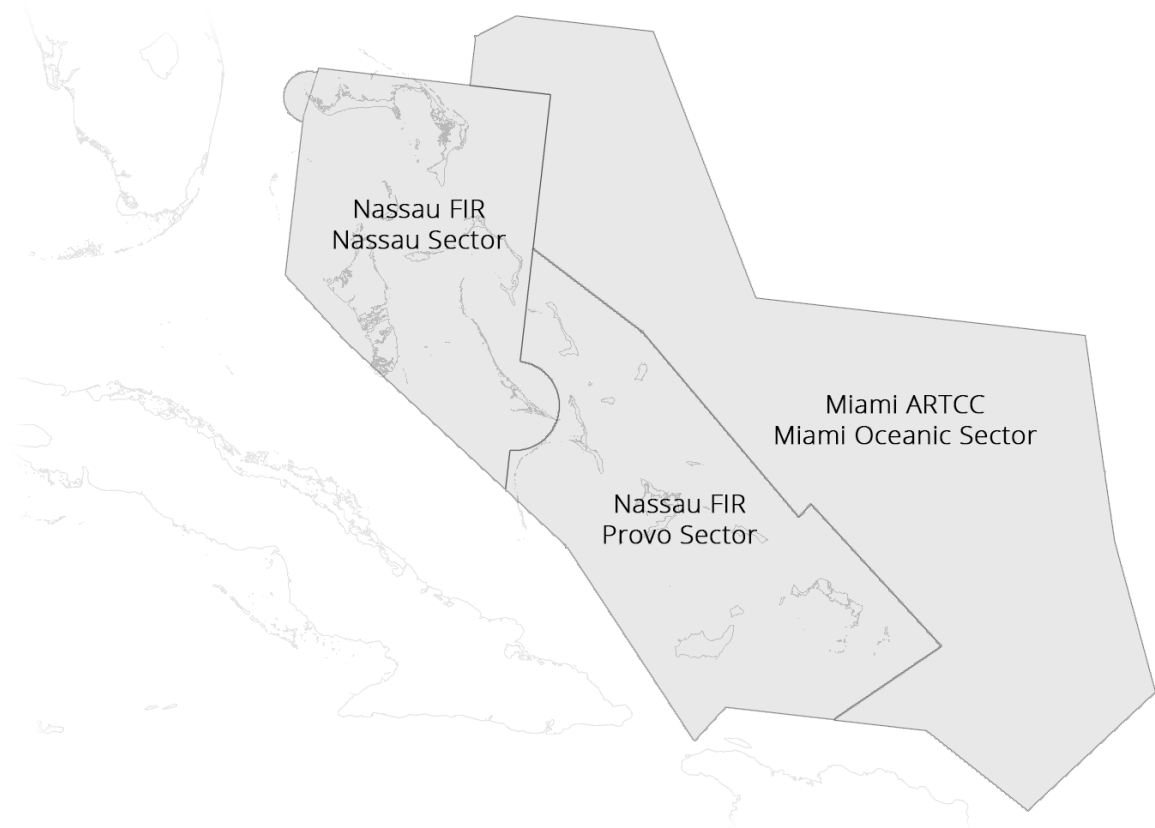
This Letter of Agreement cancels any existing letter of agreement that pertains to operational control, jurisdictions, and airspace delegation of NACC of the Caribbean Division and ZMO of the United States Division. This Letter of Agreement is between the Caribbean Division and United States Division Directors and therefore can only be altered or cancelled by both Division Directors.

IV. DELEGATION OF JURISDICTION, AIRSPACE AND CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

The Authority of Miami Oceanic/Miami ARTCC is the United States Division (VATUSA)
The Authority of the Nassau FIR is the Caribbean Division (VATCAR)

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V. SECTORIZATION AND AIRSPACE ALLOCATION OF MIAMI OCEANIC AND NASSAU FIR



The Miami Oceanic airspace and Nassau FIR airspace is divided into three sectors. The Nassau Sector, Provo Sector, and Miami Oceanic Sector.

VI. NASSAU FIR SECTOR

The Nassau Sector is the airspace under the authority and operation of Nassau FIR of the Caribbean Division. Within the lateral boundaries of the Nassau Sector, the vertical boundaries are from the Surface to FL600. If Nassau Center is offline, this airspace shall be controlled by Miami Oceanic from FL180 to FL600 when a Miami Oceanic controller is online. When a Nassau FIR controller becomes available and is online, the airspace within the lateral boundaries of the Nassau Sector will be controlled from the Surface to FL600 by the Nassau FIR.

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VII. PROVO SECTOR

The Provo Sector is a portion of the Miami Oceanic Airspace that includes the Providenciales Approach Control. The jurisdiction of this airspace is shared between the Nassau FIR and the Miami ARTCC via the authority of the North American Divisions of the United States and the Caribbean. Nassau Center is responsible for the airspace from the Surface to FL180 within the lateral boundaries of the Provo Sector. Miami ARTCC is responsible for the airspace from FL180 to FL600. If Miami Oceanic is offline, Nassau Center may control the airspace that is delegated to the Miami ARTCC within the lateral boundaries of the Provo Sector from FL180 to FL600 in addition to the airspace that is delegated to the Nassau FIR until such time that a Miami Oceanic controller is online. Any time that a Miami Oceanic Controller becomes available and is online the airspace within the lateral boundaries of the Provo Sector from FL180 to FL600 will be controlled by Miami Oceanic and the airspace within the lateral boundaries of the Provo Sector from the Surface to FL180 will be controlled by the Nassau FIR.

VIII. MIAMI OCEANIC SECTOR


The Miami Oceanic Sector is the remaining airspace of the Miami Oceanic airspace. The Miami Oceanic Sector is the airspace under the authority and operation the Miami ARTCC of the United States Division. Within the lateral boundaries of the Miami Oceanic Sector, the vertical boundaries are from FL180 to FL600. If Miami Oceanic is offline, this airspace may be controlled by Nassau FIR controllers until such time that a Miami Oceanic Controller is online and available at which time full operational control will be transferred to the Miami Oceanic controller.

IX. OPERATIONAL JURISDICTION

Each Sector of the Miami Oceanic Airspace will have the operational jurisdiction delegated to a sub-division. Operational jurisdiction means that the sub-division who has operational jurisdiction shall have priority to staff their respective sector. Anytime a controller is online controlling in a Sector that their Sub-Division does not have operational jurisdiction of, then they are required to relinquish control to the controller whose sub-division has operational jurisdiction.

Nassau Sector – Operational jurisdiction is under the authority and operation of Nassau FIR of the Caribbean Division.

Provo Sector – Operational jurisdiction is under the authority and operation of Nassau FIR from the Surface to FL180. Operational jurisdiction is under the authority and operation of Miami ARTCC from FL180 to FL600.

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Miami Oceanic Sector – Operational jurisdiction is under the authority and operation of Miami ARTCC from FL180 to FL600.

- ***NOTE – Anytime there is only one controller available. All three sectors can be controlled together until such time that another controller is online and available.***

X. FINAL AUTHORITY

The Authority of the Miami ARTCC is delegated to the VATSIM North American Division of the United States (VATUSA)

The Authority of the Nassau FIR is delegated to the VATSIM North American Division of the Caribbean (VATCAR)

XI. OTHER

This letter of agreement does not cover operational and coordination procedures, as such, additional Letters of Agreement may be necessary between Nassau FIR and Miami ARTCC with final approval of these agreements being made by the Division Directors.

This letter of agreement does not cover any training requirements or practices. Training Standards and practices are the responsibility of each ARTCC/FIR within the guidelines of their Division Standard and the Global Ratings Policy. No regulations or conditions can be placed on either ARTCC/FIR by other entities other than their respective Divisions.

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This Letter of Agreement is entered and approved on January 5, 2019 with the approval the Division Directors of the United States Division and the Caribbean Division of the North America Region

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