

# NAT-HLA Operations

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The airspace of the North Atlantic (NAT), which links Europe and North America, is the busiest oceanic airspace in the world. It is rightly considered extremely complex in terms of regulations and associated procedures.

Direct Controller Pilot Communications (DCPC) and ATS Surveillance are unavailable in most parts of the NAT Region. Aircraft separation, and hence safety, are ensured by demanding the highest standards of horizontal and vertical navigation performance/accuracy and of operating discipline.

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