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FAA Suspends OPD Arrivals for Atlanta International Airport

Our Member Association, ALPA-I has updated the following bulletin regarding operations at KATL:

BACKGROUND

Recently, ALPA issued Safety Bulletin 2016-03 alerting flight crews to ambiguities while flying RNAV STAR OPD procedures for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (KATL).

The ambiguities resulted in numerous un-intentional pilot deviations and filing of ASAP reports. Effective immediately, OPD procedures have been suspended for KATL and NOTAMS were published on December 23, 2016. All published speed and altitudes, including MACH to airspeed transitions have been removed. Flight crews are expected to fly the lateral path of arrival procedures and air traffic control will issue speed and altitudes. Eight procedures were directly impacted by the change.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Thoroughly review all NOTAMs, charts, and procedures for additional changes to instrument procedures and flight operations.
2. Follow company guidance and Standard Operating Procedures.
3. Continue filing ASAP reports from any anomalies while operating into KATL.

ALPA will continue to work with air traffic controllers and the FAA to resolve issues. ALPA encourages pilots to continue to file ASAP reports whenever the need arises, and communicate with their airline Flight Operations management regarding any flight safety issues or concerns. Pilots from international airlines should file safety reports through their airlines and authorities.

Please direct any questions and concerns to Engineering and Air Safety at eas@alpa.org or (800) 424-2470.

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