

Letter of Agreement
between
Belgian Air&Space Component
AND
Belgian Air Cadets (BAC)
AND
Centre National de Vol à Voile (CNVV)
AND
Fédération des Clubs Francophones de Vol à Voile (FCFVV)
AND
Fédération Belge de Vol Libre (FBVL)
Belgische Vrije Vlucht Federatie (BVVF)

Effective: 20 March 2025

1. General

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LoA) is to define the coordination procedures to be applied between Steenokkerzeel ATCC, Belgian Air Cadets (BAC) at Bertrix / Centre National de Vol à Voile (CNVV) at Saint Hubert, Fédération des Clubs Francophones de Vol à Voile (FCFVV) and Fédération Belge de Vol Libre (FBVL)/Belgische Vrije Vlucht Federatie (BVVF) for the activation of the Glider Area Ardennes also referred to as GA Saint-Hubert, GA La Roche and GA Malmedy.

2. Areas of Responsibility

ATCC is responsible for the airspace management of military airspace within the Brussels FIR/UIR. Its Area of Responsibility is described within the AIP BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG.

3. Procedures

The procedures to be applied by the Belgian Air Cadets at Bertrix, CNVV at Saint Hubert and ATCC are detailed in the Annex A to this LoA.

In addition, specific regulations to be applied by Fédération Belge de Vol Libre / Belgische Vrije Vlucht Federatie (FBVL/BVVF) ASBL, Centre National de Vol à Voile (CNVV) and Fédération des Clubs Francophones de Vol à Voile (FCFVV) are detailed in the annex B of this side letter.

4. Revisions and Deviations

4.1. Revision of the Letter of Agreement

The revision of the present LoA, excluding Annex, requires the mutual written consent of the signatory authorities.

4.2. Revision of the Annex to the Letter of Agreement

The revision of the Annex to the present LoA requires the mutual written consent of the authorities designated by the respective signatory approving authorities, normally the Heads of Operations at the respective organizations.

4.3. Temporary Deviations

When necessary, supervising authorities of the agencies concerned may introduce, by mutual agreement and for a specified time period, temporary modifications to the procedures laid down in the Annexes to the present LoA.

Request for deviation shall be introduced at least 10 working days to COMOPS AIR&SPACE A3 – Air Operations Support: comopsair-a3-air-ctrl-ops@mil.be

4.4. Incidental Deviation

Instance may arise where incidental deviation from the procedures specified in the Annex to this LoA may become necessary. Under these circumstances air traffic controllers are expected to exercise their best judgement to ensure the safety and efficiency of air traffic.

5. Cancellation.

- 5.1. Cancellation of the present LoA by mutual agreement of the respective Approving Authorities may take place at any time.
- 5.2. Cancellation of this LoA by either Approving Authority is possible at any time, provided that the cancelling party declares its intention to cancel the LoA with a minimum pre-notification time of one year before the date the cancellation is to take effect.






6. Interpretation and Settlement of Disputes

- 6.1. Should any doubt or diverging views arise regarding the interpretation of any provision of the present letter of agreement or in case of dispute regarding its application, the parties shall endeavour to reach a solution acceptable to all of them.
- 6.2. Should no agreement be reached, the dispute shall be submitted to COMOPS AIR&SPACE Division A3 for settlement.

7. Validity.

This LoA becomes effective on **20 March 2025** and is subject to a 5-year revision.

Brussels,

<p>18/03/2025</p> <p>X </p> <hr/> <p>Signed by: Arnaud Henuzet (Signature)</p> <hr/> <p>Arnaud HENUZET Colonel Head of Operations A3 COMOPS AIR&SPACE Belgian Air Force</p>			
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Annex A: Procedures

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A.1 General

- A.1.1 The rules and procedures laid down in this LoA are applicable when TRA South A (TRA South Alpha) is activated for military use. Detailed information on TRA South A can be found within the AIP BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG.
- A.1.2 During activities of Belgian Air Cadets at Bertrix, the Belgian Air Cadet Squadron Flight Director of Bertrix is the primary coordinator with ATCC.
- A.1.3 Outside activity of Belgian Air Cadets, EBSH TOWER, on behalf of the Saint-Hubert runway office becomes the primary coordinator with ATCC.

A.2 Points of contact

- A.2.1 Belgian Air Cadets Bertrix Flight Director:
 - o Flight Director EBBX: 0471/03.17.05 (Primary contact)
 - o BAC Briefing Room EBBX: 02/44 26382
 - o Radio frequency: 130.130 MHz "BAC Bertrix Radio"
- A.2.2 Saint-Hubert:
 - o EBSH Tower: 061/61.00.10
 - o Back-up: CNVV Runway office: 061/61.12.68
 - o Radio frequency: 122.180 MHz "Saint-Hubert Radio"
- A.2.3 ATCC:
 - o ATCC Supervisor Civil Tf line 02/443.82.04
 - o ATCC Supervisor Military Tf line Bemilcom: 9-6321-38204
 - o Airspace Management Cell (AMC): 02/442 23 65 or 02/206 29 82

A.3 GAA limits

- A.3.1 See AIP BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG ENR 5.5.
- A.3.2 Activation of GA Saint-Hubert, GA La Roche and GA Malmedy is as described in AIP ENR 5.5 and will be announced by NOTAM, subject to exceptional military activity as decided by COMOPSAIR&SPACE A3.2. Activation timings may be until SS or end of Military Flying Window, whichever comes first. After end of Military Flying Window, the Low Flying Area Golf structure becomes applicable as per AIP.
- A.3.3 COMOPSAIR&SPACE A3.2. will inform the organisations concerned in case of exceptional military activity where GAA will not be activated, as soon practical. However, it remains the responsibility of the users to verify the activation of the concerned areas (NOTAMs).
- A.3.4 Belgian Air Cadets Flight Director Bertrix and/or Saint-Hubert runway office must ensure all glider pilots are informed and familiar with the limits of the activated GAA (see AIP ENR 5.5). All non-military aircraft need to be in contact with Saint-Hubert Radio except for Belgian Air Cadets, who need to be in contact with Bertrix Radio.
- A.3.5 For GA Saint-Hubert; any conflicting areas announced by NOTAM, except TSA25C and TSA26B, are excluded for glider use during activation. In case of simultaneous activation of Glider Area Saint-Hubert and TSA25C or TSA26B, both areas are usable at the same time. Pilots operating within TSA25C or TSA26B shall be aware of Class G airspace activation up to FL 065.
- A.3.6 For GA La Roche and Malmedy, any conflicting areas announced by NOTAM are excluded for glider use during activation.
- A.3.7 ATCC Supervisor can with a minimum pre-note of 3 hours, de-activate the GAA. It is the responsibility of the Belgian Air Cadets Flight Director Bertrix / Saint-Hubert runway office to recall the gliders and advice the ATCC Supervisor when the airspace is vacated.
- A.3.8 Activation of the GAA can be checked with Steenokkerzeel ATCC or in case of early closure of Steenokkerzeel ATCC with Brussels FIC.

Annex B: Special regulations for paragliding

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Revised:

B.1 General

B.1.1 All regulations stipulated in Annex A also apply to paragliders.

B.2 Procedures

B.2.1 The access to the GAA for FBVL/BVVF ASBL shall be limited to pilots that:

- (1) are members of the FBVL / BVVF and have signed the GAA charter.
- (2) hold the brevet "Pilot XC GAA"
- (3) are equipped with a Live tracking device: Xcontest Live, Flymaster Live or equivalent.
- (4) are equipped with an Android / iOS device containing EBSH-Tower app, in order to receive specific messages related to GAA activation
- (5) are equipped with a VHF radio receiver covering 122.180 – 119.005 frequencies.