

Good afternoon,

Regarding feedback from our dispatchers for the TDA 597 exercise:

Dispatcher 1:

"My impression working departures out of MAS, BRU and FRA was that the operational impact was Nil. With the warning area turned on FPS didn't default to a route that the Route Validator would reject. It would plan flights right up to the Alert area but never planned to violate that area. Overall I thought that Cobra ran smoothly compared to some of the other areas that we work with daily."

Dispatcher 2:

"I didn't notice any significant issues or impact during the exercises. None of my crews reported any issues."

As for from myself:

Safety – From our perspective, we were very proactive in notifying our dispatchers prior to each day that TDA 597 was active. We built an avoid area that could be activated by the dispatch group during the active times to ensure that they did not flight plan thru the area. Also, there was the added protection of the NOP portal / EuroControl rejecting the flight plan if filed thru the area during the active times.

Operational Impacts – very minimal operational impact for our flights due to the valid time.

Airspace Management – No complaints. I really appreciated the "meeting" that went over how the exercise was to be handled. That really help to make everything clear.

Air Traffic Management – No issues

Any other observations – As much advanced notice as possible of any exercises like this is much appreciated. Thank you.

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