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Dear valued customer,

On October 8, 2019, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), alongside L3Harris, notified operators that all general/business aviation aircraft will no longer be permitted to use U.S. Domestic Datalink En Route services until further notice. We are working closely with the FAA and L3Harris to better understand what prompted this decision.

The impact to general/business aviation aircraft is only for U.S. Domestic En Route services using Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCCs) in Kansas City (ZKC) and Indianapolis (ZID). These are the only two centers that currently offer En Route CPDLC capability. CPDLC operations outside of the U.S. are not impacted.

The FAA requests that all general/business aviation operators adjust their flight plan filings to remove the En Route filing codes ("E" or "ER") in the Field 18 DAT code of the flight plan. By modifying your entry as instructed, you will continue to receive CPDLC-DCL (i.e. departure clearance) at the 62 enabled airports and Pre-Departure Clearances (PDC) at other airports, if desired. If equipped with VDL Mode 0/A and/or VDL Mode 2, you may continue to file flight plans containing the preference "DAT/1FANS2PDC", or "DAT/1FANSR2PDC". For users who have not adopted En Route CPDLC, there is no impact to your operation.

The FAA and L3Harris have [posted](#) an initial list of aircraft approved for En Route CPDLC operations, which includes a large number of aircraft with Collins data link equipment.

We are working with the FAA and L3Harris to understand the criteria to add aircraft to the approved list.

We will keep you informed as we learn more.

If you have additional questions, please reach out directly to your local Customer Support Engineer (CSE). If you do not know who your local CSE is, please visit our [website](#) for more information. Or you may also contact the Collins Avionics Support Center at +1.319.295.5000 or AvionicsSupport@Collins.com for support.