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Information regarding the mandatory implementation of PBN privileges for instrument rated holders of a Swiss pilot licence

As you are holding an instrument rating (IR A or IR H), we would like to acquaint you with the new EASA requirements.

In addition to the current existing Instrument Rating (IR) prerequisites, in the near future further training and checking requirements and associated privileges will be introduced for instrument rated pilots in order to be authorised to fly **Performance Based Navigation (PBN)** in all phases of flight including approaches. The necessary legal basis was established in the Amendment related to **pilot training, testing and periodic checking for performance-based navigation (EU) 2016/539** of the Aircrew Regulation CR (EU)1178/2011 which entered into force on 8 April 2016.

As from 25th of August 2017, the FOCA will start to endorse licences of instrument rated pilots with PBN privileges once the conditions as outlined in (EU) 2016/539 and according the info letter published on the FOCA website are fulfilled.

From 26th of August 2018, PBN operations including RNP Approaches may only be flown by pilots holding an instrument rating and PBN privileges in accordance with CR (EU) 2016/539.

The 25th of August 2020 is intended to be the last day when an instrument rating without PBN privileges can be used to fly under IFR. After this date every instrument rating has to include PBN privileges.

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Information regarding the implementation procedure of PBN privileges for instrument rated Swiss pilot licence holders can be found on the FOCA website www.bazl.admin.ch/pbn.

Yours sincerely

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