

# Temporary Suspension of RNAV STARs at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (KATL)

ALPA – Int has issued the following Safety Alert concerning the use of RNAV STARs at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (KATL)

## **Background:**

In an FAA/Industry effort to continue the transition to the Next Generation Air Transportation System with the use of performance-based procedures, RNAV Standard Terminal Arrival Routes (STARs) to Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport were developed and planned for implementation on October 31. However, certain Flight Management Systems (FMS) databases do not contain all of the necessary runway transitions for the revised ATL RNAV STARs. Furthermore, some of the RNAV STARs are missing instructions for landing in a second direction (such as East).

Until these problems can be corrected, FAA and industry officials have collectively decided to utilise the conventional STAR procedures beginning November 1. The RNAV procedures should resume near the end of November.

## **Recommendations:**

Pilots should take note of the following:

1. **Clearance and Procedure** – Make certain you are using the correct procedure in your FMS database, and corresponding arrival chart, for the clearance issued. Resolve any conflicts with ATC promptly and ask for vectors if the problem cannot be resolved.
2. **ATC Workload** – Neither you nor the ATC controller you're talking to has any control over the cause of the various aspects of this problem. Cooperation will mean the most expedient handling of all aircraft, and thus the maximum possible level of safety for all.



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