JOINT WAIVER AGREEMENT
North America Region Division
United Kingdom and Ireland Multi Country Division

SUBJ: IVAO Air Traffic Control: Gander and Shanwick Joint Oceanic Control Agreement

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1-1. PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER
This agreement is to allow members who receive an oceanic training approval, placed on the roster, and received differences training to control as Gander and/or Shanwick OCC positions covering both FIR’s simultaneously in accordance with documentation and agreements set out by both the North America Region Division (XA) and the United Kingdom and Ireland Multi Country Division (XU).

1-2. AUDIENCE
This order applies to all ATC users wishing to control Gander and Shanwick OCC positions.

1-3. WHERE TO FIND THIS ORDER
XA Division website; XU Division website.

1-4. WHAT THIS ORDER CANCELS
No present cancelation of previous order and this order remains active alongside the equivalent documentation provided and maintained by XU Air Traffic Control Operations Staff.

1-5. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES
No present changes.

1-6. DISTRIBUTION
This order is intended for use by those members of the XA Division as well as members of the XU Division interested in controlling either Gander or Shanwick as a combined sector or during events and authorized times, as separate sectors.

1-7. TERMINOLOGY

FAA – Federal Aviation Administration (USA)
JAA – Joint Aviation Authorities of Europe
GCA – Guest Controller Approval
OCC – Oceanic Control Center (Centre, UK)
ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization
FIR – Flight Information Region
TCA – Terminal Control Area
XA – North America Region Division
XU – United Kingdom and Ireland Multi Country Division
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2-1. INTENDED PURPOSE

This agreement allows XA Division members to control only at the following facilities located within the jurisdiction of the XA Division sector of the Gander OCC sector and the XU Division sector of the Shanwick OCC, including a combined position covering both.

These callsigns are all published on the occ.ivao.aero website and will have a prefix of either CZQX or EGGX. Only approved callsigns on the official OCC website are authorized.

This agreement does not allow XA Division members without a GCA from the XU Division to control anywhere else within the jurisdiction of the XU Division whatsoever as well as XU division members to control in the jurisdiction of the XA division without an XA GCA. Any other position not mentioned in this section 2-1 will require a GCA per XA or XU Division policies respectively.

2-2. PROCEDURES

Members of each division wishing to control Gander, Shanwick, or combined OCC of the two will be required to undergo oceanic training set out per the occ.ivao.aero syllabus administered by XU and XA ATC Operations Departments. The training will be given by designated Oceanic instructors set out by the XA ATC Operations Coordinator on the XA side and the XU ATC Operations Coordinator on the XU side.

Those members who have been trained on other oceanic areas such as New York or Oakland will require to undergo North Atlantic (Gander/Shanwick) Differences Training set out in the syllabus described in the above paragraph in section 2-2. Two rosters will be maintained, one for the XA Website showing those who are certified for each of the three oceanic positions, and one on the occ.ivao.aero showing those certified for the North Atlantic (Gander/Shanwick) position.

At the time of this agreement going into effect, all of those currently on the roster from the previous EGGX training will be automatically allowed to control Gander without undergoing any further initial certification training.

2-3. JURISDICTION

This agreement will return Gander OCC to the jurisdiction of the XA Division. Shanwick OCC will remain in the jurisdiction of the XU Division. This agreement’s conditions will still be met to ensure a joint oceanic agreement and control despite the defined jurisdictions.

2-4. GANDER STAFF POSITIONS

This agreement will allow the XA Division to assign a staff member (or members) to administer the Gander sector. The staff positions responsible will be the CH and ACH who will coordinate
closely with the ATC Operations Department. If the position is left vacant, the ATC Operations will assume full responsibility of the Gander sector.

2-5. RATING RESTRICTIONS

The minimum rating to undergo Oceanic training in either the XA or XU divisions is “ADC” (Aerodrome Controller)

2-6. CANCELLATION OF THIS WAIVER

This is a 12-month rolling agreement where the terms are not subject to change unless otherwise agreed by the ATC Operations Departments of both divisions. Should either division wish to terminate this agreement, it must be made via email to the ATC Operations Department of the other division copying both Division Headquarters (DIR, ADIR). Notice of termination must be made within 6 months in order for negotiations between the divisions to take place to ensure the best interest of futureproofing of the success of the FIR’s.