

Changes to In-flight Contingency Procedures for Oceanic Airspace

INTRODUCTION

The ICAO changes to the In-Flight Contingencies for Oceanic Airspace come into effect 05 November 2020. Full details can be found in [20SAB08 – Special Procedures for In-Flight Contingencies in Oceanic Airspace](#). Attached here is an Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA-I) Operations Bulletin identifying special procedures for non-weather in-flight contingencies.

ATTACHMENTS

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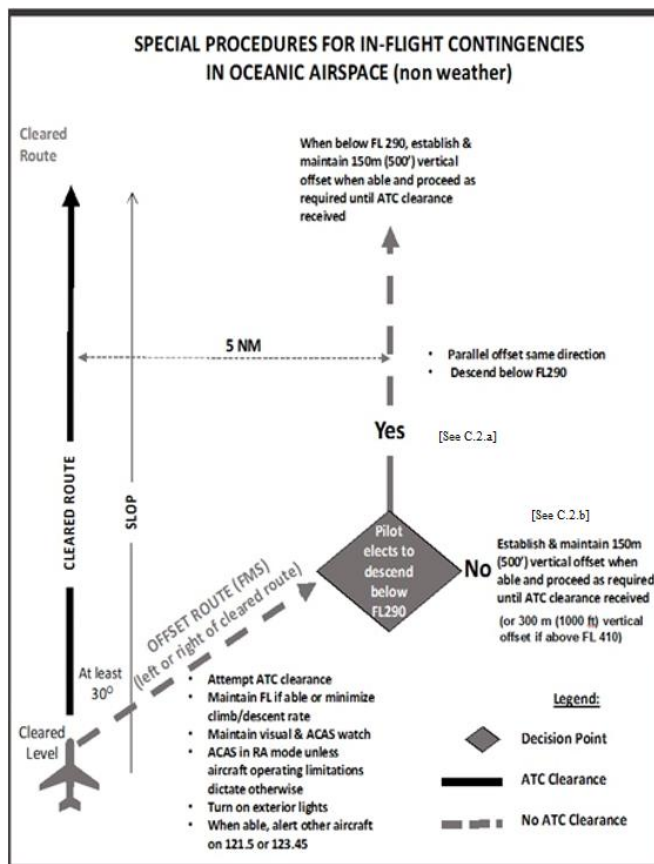
Effective November 5, 2020, the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) new in-flight contingency procedures become the new standard within FAA-administered and NAV CANADA-administered oceanic Flight Information Regions (FIR). Although all possible contingencies cannot be covered, some of the more frequent cases for use of these procedures are:

- Inability to comply with assigned clearance due to meteorological conditions (i.e. weather deviation),
- En route diversion across prevailing traffic flow (e.g. medical diversion),
- Loss or reduction of required navigation capability in airspace requiring specific accuracy,
- Pressurization failure

ALPA recommends flight crews consult and be familiar with all company policies and procedures related to in-flight contingency procedures when in oceanic airspace.

Additionally, for specific FAA or NAV CANADA guidance, pilots should consider reviewing:

- [FAA Oceanic Contingency Website](#)
- [AIP Canada Contingency and Emergency Procedures \(ENR 7.4\)](#)



Altitude Offset When Denied Clearance to Deviate 9.3 km (5.0 NM) or More

Originally Cleared Track or Route Center Line	Deviations ≥ 9.3 km (5 NM)	Level Change
EAST (000° - 179° magnetic)	LEFT	DESCEND 90 m (300 ft)
	RIGHT	CLIMB 90 m (300 ft)
WEST (180° - 359° magnetic)	LEFT	CLIMB 90 m (300 ft)
	RIGHT	DESCEND 90 m (300 ft)

For further non-regulatory amplifying information, pilots may consult:

- [IFALPA Oceanic Safety Bulletin](#)
- [OpsGroup Oceanic Contingency Article](#)

If you have any questions, please contact ALPA's Engineering & Air Safety Department at 800-424-2470 or EAS@alpa.org.



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