

# IVAO Special Operations Department

External Circular N1  
18 April, 2019



*Special Operations Department*  
International Virtual Aviation Organisation



## SUBJECT

**On sceneries for HQ-SOD approved SO events**

## APPLICABILITY

All parties involved in organising HQ-SOD approved SO events

## STATUS

Advisory information

## ISSUE DATE

18 April, 2019

## EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

19 April, 2019 00:00Z

## SUPERSEDES

None

## CIRCULAR TEXT

IVAO Special Operations Department recognises a shift in flight simulator software usage across the globe that has taken place in recent years. A number of sources, including "Navigraph FlightSim Community Survey 2018" and HQ-SOD own internal statistical tools, indicate a substantial change in composition of three mostly used flight simulator platforms, they are "Prepar3d version 4", "X-Plane version 11", and "FSX".

It came to the attention of IVAO Special Operations Department that a substantial number of organisers of SO events do not provide SO event-specific sceneries for all three aforementioned most popular flight simulator platforms for their SO events; thus denying a substantial number of IVAO members an opportunity to take part in these events and/or experience of comparable immersion.

IVAO Special Operations Department would like to draw attention of SO event organisers that HQ-SOD approved SO events are major international network-wide venues; these events attract a considerable number of IVAO members with different flight simulator platform preferences.

IVAO Special Operations Department considers it imperative that SO event-specific sceneries, if provided at all (i.e. SO event plot requires custom scenery, such as SAR objects, A-G targeting areas, and so on), they should be provided for at least all three aforementioned most widely used flight simulator platforms on IVAO.

IVAO Special Operations Department would like to ask SO event organisers to consider interests of users of the three aforementioned most used flight simulator platforms and make all reasonable efforts in this regard, such as obtaining knowledge and technical means of developing SO event-specific sceneries for these three platforms and/or seeking assistance from other IVAO members to aid them in achieving this objective.

Further, when including links for airfield sceneries (the sceneries that are not developed by SO event organisers), links for at least all three aforementioned platforms should be provided too, if available.

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