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Flight Information Publications -Removal From Public Sale

STATUS UPDATE for Air Charting Forum

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► Purpose

- Explain status of comment period for removal of Flight Information Publications from public sale

► Overview

- Review of issues
- Status of comments
- Outline way ahead

► Proposed Action: Remove NGA's Aeronautical Products from Public Access

- Target Date: 1 October 2005
- Authority: D/NGA on 24 June 2004
 - Investigate merit, feasibility and impact
 - Report back with recommendation
- Original Focus: Entire suite of the NGA aeronautical publications and products

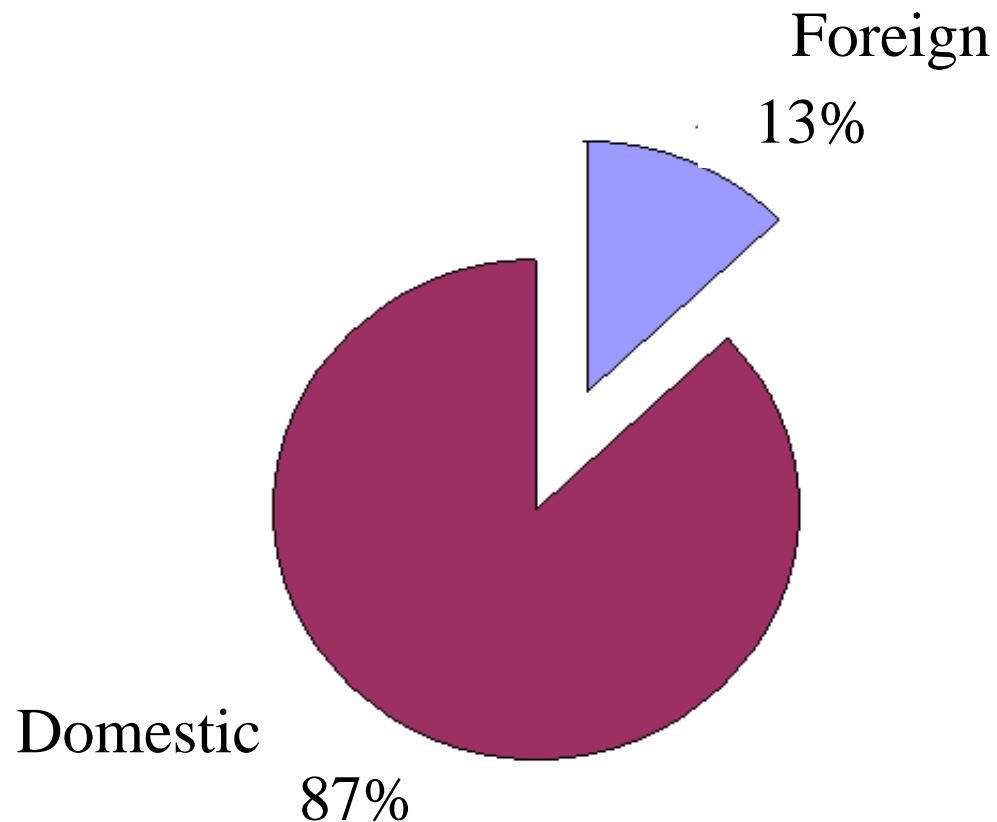
► Rationale

- Protect the integrity of critical navigation data
- Avoid copyright and royalty disputes
- Avoid competition with commercial interests
- Limit access to air facility and navigation data by those with intent to harm

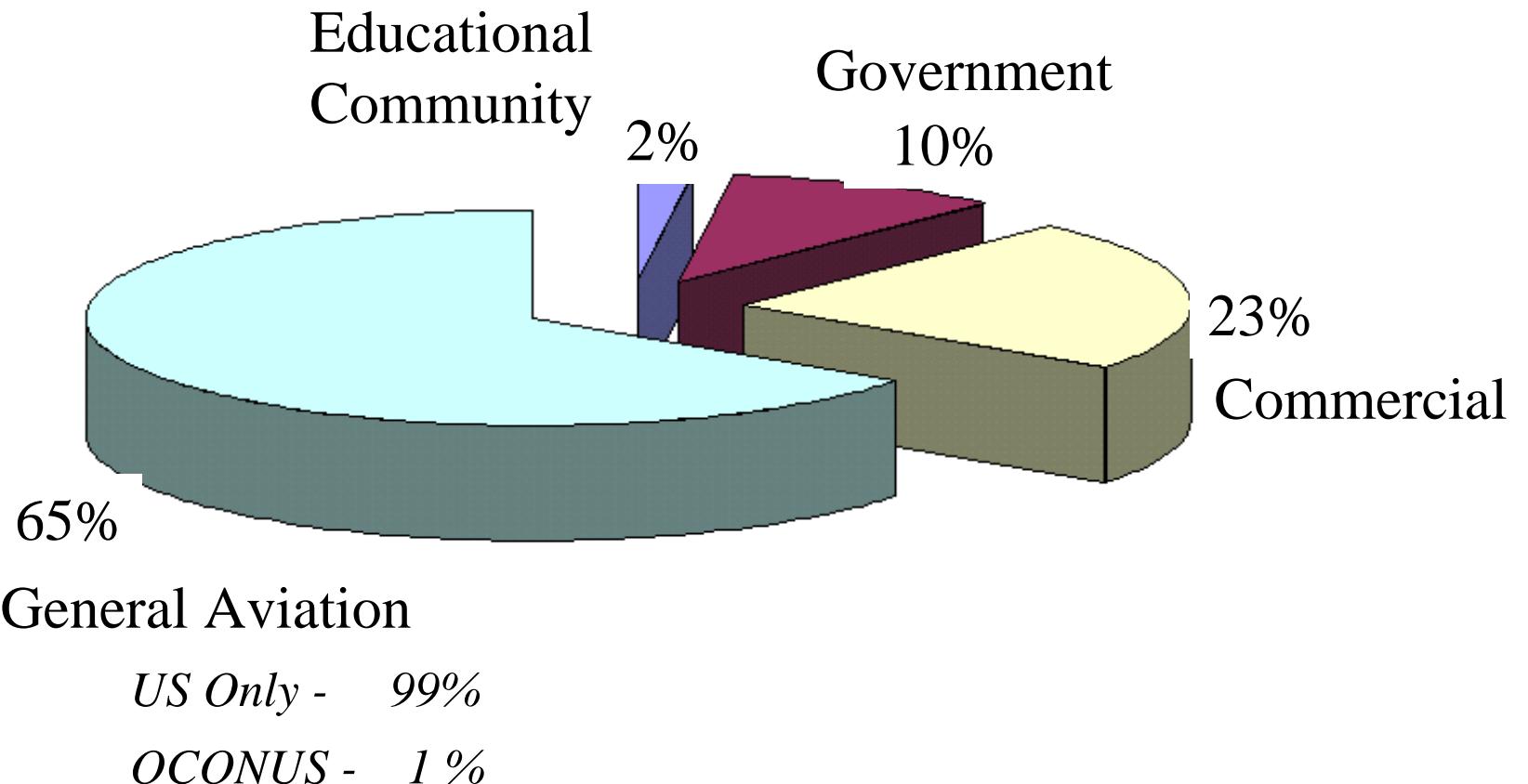
► Notifications

- Office of Military Support/NGA notified military community
- Briefed at various interagency aviation working groups
- Federal Register public notice in mid-Nov 04
 - Amended in Dec 04 to invite public comment
 - Comment period through 30 June 05
- FAA – Sent own notification to sales agents

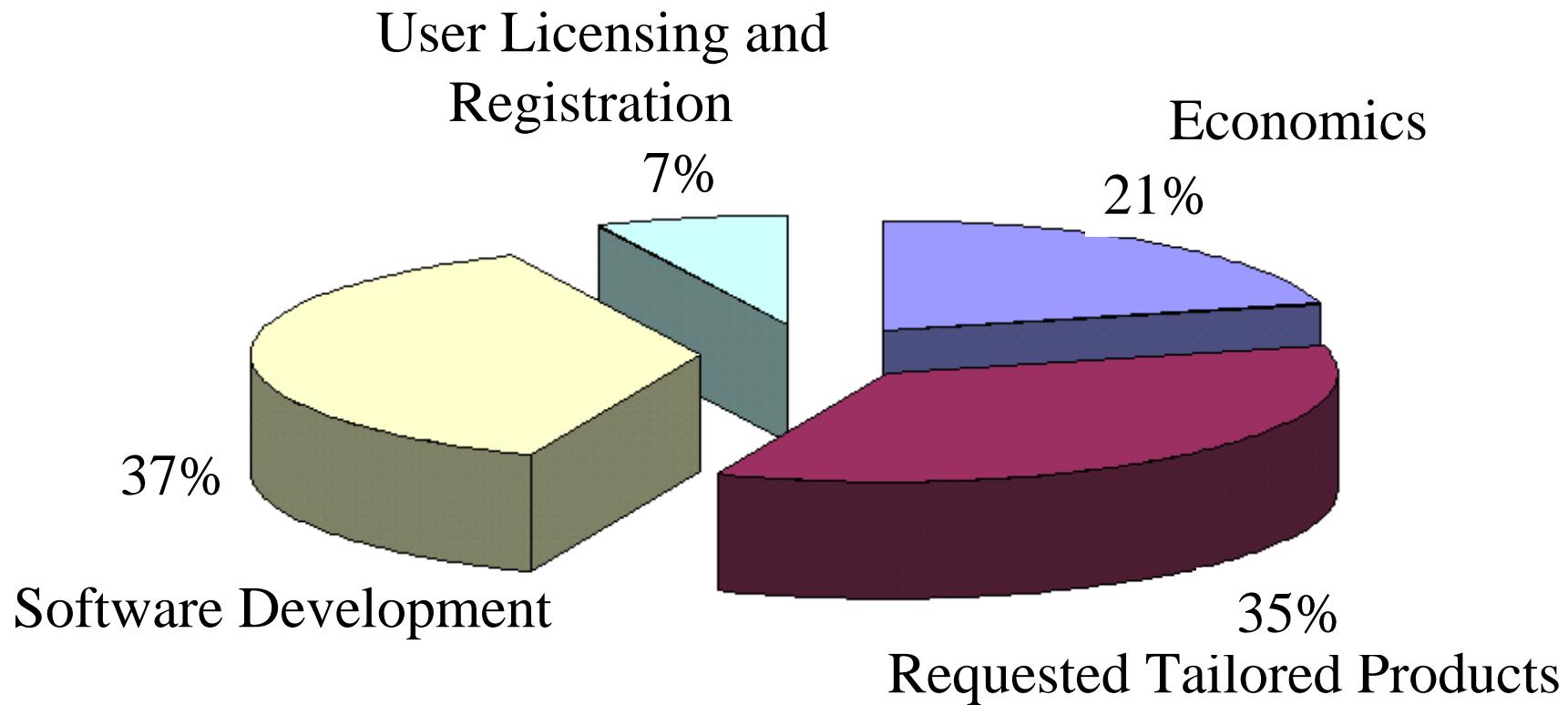
► Source of Complaints



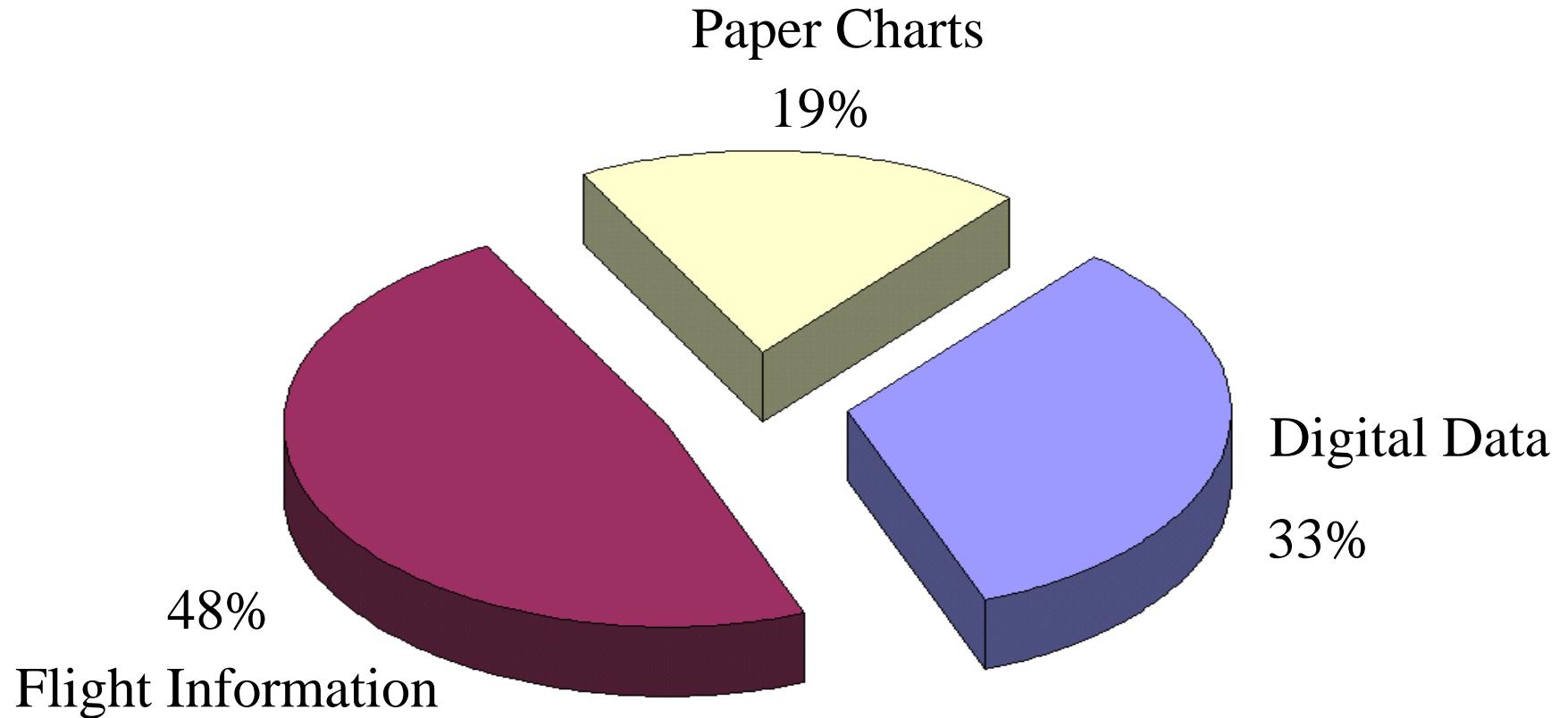
► Inquiry by User Category



► Primary Public Issues



► Products of Concern



► Public Sale Comments Significant Concerns

- **Issue:** Commercial airlines require Terminal Instrument Procedures of joint use OCONUS DoD bases for use as alternate landing sites -- currently rely on NGA web products (North Atlantic)
- **Answer:** Available Commercially

► Public Sale Comments Significant Concerns

- **Issue:** Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) & commercial contract air carriers need continued access to FLIP and DAFIF
- **Answer:** CRAF is a DoD mission -- command that oversees CRAF activities can continue to provide access to data

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- **Issue:** Libraries and universities widely use NAVPLAN charts and are concerned about alternate quality, cost, and coverage
- **Answer:** Keep NAVPLAN Charts available via sales agents

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- **Issue:** Commercial software developers have based nav / flight plan / weather applications on DAFIF
- **Answer:** Communications ongoing to assist FAA to achieve that aspect of “Flight Plan 2005-2009”

► Way Ahead - Communication Plan

- Letters to airlines
- Letters to government agencies
- Independent review
- Meetings with FAA
- Briefs to interested parties
- Timing of removal
 - Better communication of aeronautical info
 - Safety of Flight

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