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All aircraft flying into, departing from or transiting Europe within the General Air Traffic (GAT) Civil system must file an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) flight plan with the Integrated Initial Flight Plan Processing System (IFPS) managed by the EUROCONTROL Central Flow Management Unit (CFMU). This system is the sole source for the distribution of the IFR/GAT portions of flight plan information to Air Traffic Control (ATC) within participating European Countries collectively known as the IFPS Zone (IFPZ). Flight plans entering, overflying or departing g the IFPZ must be addressed to only the following IFPS Units:

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Additional information may be obtained from Aeronautical Information Publications (AIP) and/or Aeronautical Information Circulars (AIC) issued by individual countries, through commercial flight planners, or by contacting EUROCONTROL, rue de la Fusee, 96, B-1130, Brussels, Belgium.


In addition, aircrews are responsible for ensuring that the ICAO flight filed is in accordance with the current Strategic Routing Scheme (SRS) as published in each national Aeronautical Information Publication. The ICAO Flight Plan may be filed at any time but must be filed at least 3 hours prior to flight. In those cases where a diplomatic clearance route is specified and it differs from the SRS route, the SRS route will be processed. However, this does not relieve the flight crew of diplomatic clearance requirements. Filing the flight plan well in advance allows time to resolve discrepancies between the two requirements.

NOTE-
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