

## 7 TRANSFER OF CONTROL

- 7.1 Transfer of control should be effected, whenever practicable, so as to enable the uninterrupted provision of the Radar surveillance service.
- 7.2 Where SSR is used and the display of position indications with associated labels is provided for, transfer of control of aircraft between adjacent control positions or between adjacent ATC units may be effected without prior coordination, provided that:
- updated flight plan information on the aircraft about to be transferred, including the discrete assigned SSR code or, with respect to Mode S, the aircraft identification, is provided to the accepting controller prior to transfer;
  - the Radar surveillance system coverage provided to the accepting controller is such that the aircraft concerned is presented on the situation display before the transfer is effected and is identified on, but preferably before, receipt of the initial call;
  - when the controllers are not physically adjacent, two-way direct speech facilities, which permit communications to be established instantaneously, are available between them at all times;
- Note.— “Instantaneous” refers to communications which effectively provide for immediate access between controllers.*
- the transfer point or points and all other conditions of application, such as direction of flight, specified levels, transfer of communication points, and especially an agreed minimum separation between aircraft, including that applicable to succeeding aircraft on the same route, about to be transferred as observed on the situation display, have been made the subject of specific instructions (for intra-unit transfer) or of a specific letter of agreement between two adjacent ATC units;
  - the instructions or letter of agreement specify explicitly that the application of this type of transfer of control may be terminated at any time by the accepting controller, normally with an agreed advance notice;
  - the accepting controller is informed of any level, speed or vectoring instructions given to the aircraft prior to its transfer and which modify its anticipated flight progress at the point of transfer.
- 7.3 The minimum agreed separation between aircraft about to be transferred and the advance notice will be determined taking into account all relevant technical, operational and other circumstances. If circumstances arise in which these agreed conditions can no longer be satisfied, controllers will revert to the procedure in 5.4.4 until the situation is resolved.

## 8 SPEED CONTROL

### 8.1 GENERAL

- 8.1.1 Subject to consideration of aircraft performance limitations, a controller may, in order to facilitate sequencing or to reduce the need for vectoring, request aircraft to adjust their speed in a specified manner. Flight crews should be given adequate notice of planned speed control.
- Note 1.— Application of speed control over a long period of time may affect aircraft fuel reserves.*