



## NOTICE TO ALL OPERATORS

### SUPPLIES OF JET A1 / AVTUR with AL48/FSII

In line with other distributors of Jet A1, our supplier, Total UK, have ceased supply of Jet A1 with the icing inhibitor (FSII), known as AL48, in pre-mixed form.

With immediate effect therefore all future supplies of Jet A1 from the London Heliport will not have the AL48/FSII pre-mixed.

All operators are advised to check their individual aircraft flight manuals to confirm whether or not they require the AL48/FSII additive in their Jet A1 before taking any further uplifts from the heliport.

Heliport staff will not be permitted to administer any type of AL48/FSII icing inhibitor additive on behalf of the customer. The responsibility for this will remain with aircrew/ operators.

We understand the importance of AL48/FSII for safe operation of some aircraft operating without fuel tank heating systems which may work at altitudes where the formation of ice could occur. However we have been advised by Total UK that industry bodies have found that AL48/FSII in pre-blended fuels can cause filter monitors on supplier fixed storage and mobile aircraft refuelling equipment to deteriorate, "reducing their effectiveness and life-span", which in turn could cause "operational issues with aircraft such as fuel interruption and engine damage".

Please accept my apologies for the short notice given of withdrawal of supplies containing the additive. A recent delivery at the London Heliport of new supplies of Jet A1 without the additive has preceded any correspondence from our supplier giving us final notice of the date of withdrawal of supplies containing the pre-mixed AL48/FSII additive. An urgent notice to our customers to inform you was therefore imperative.

The highlighted section of this notice will be shown to all pilots before any fuel is supplied to your aircraft in order to ensure that aircrew do not unknowingly take supplies of fuel from the London Heliport under the mistaken impression that we continue to supply Jet A1 with AL48/FSII pre-mixed.

Should the situation regarding availability of pre-mixed fuel system icing inhibitor in Jet A1 change in the future I shall notify you immediately.

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