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# Restricted Icing

## Why we need it!



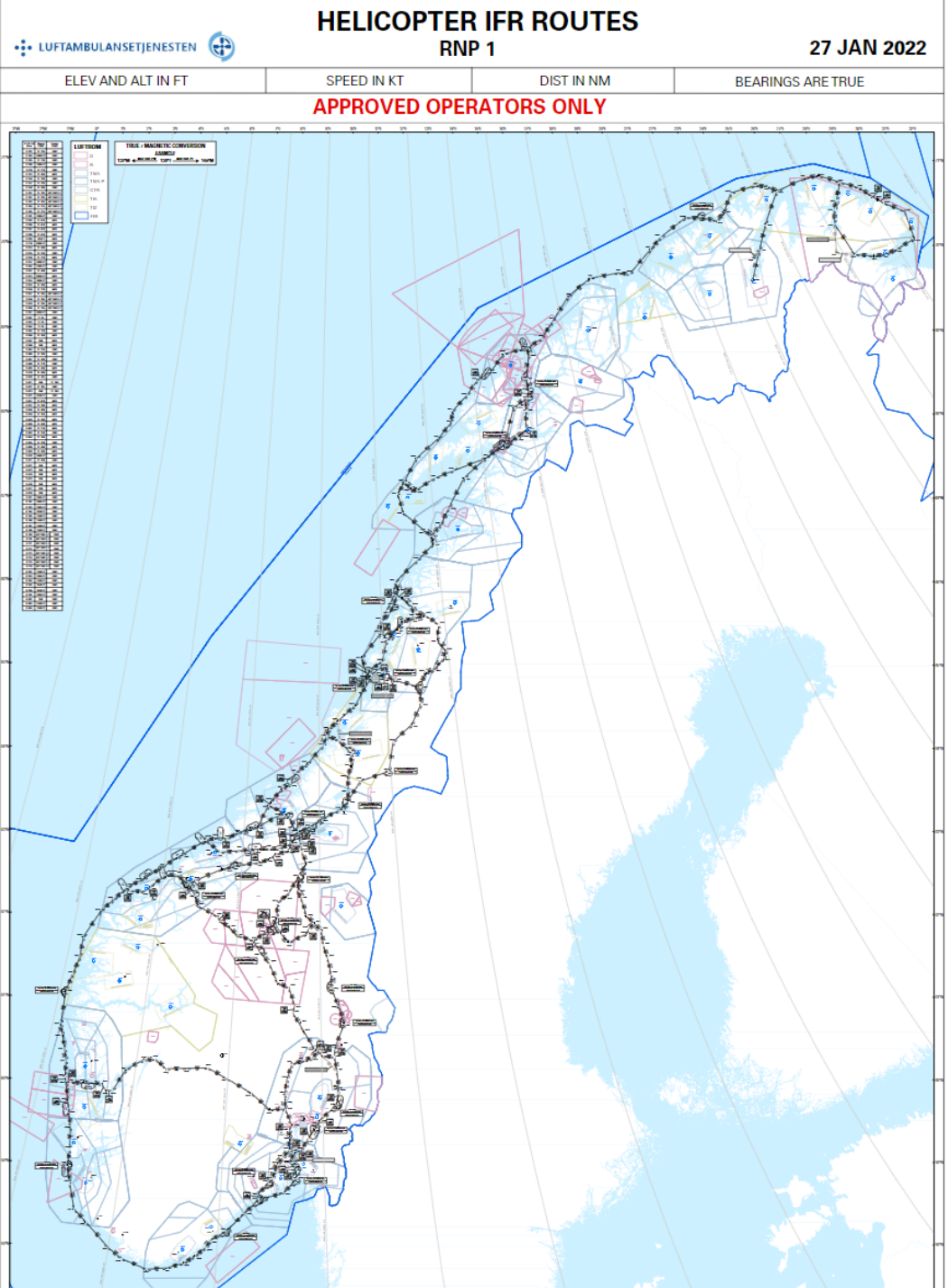


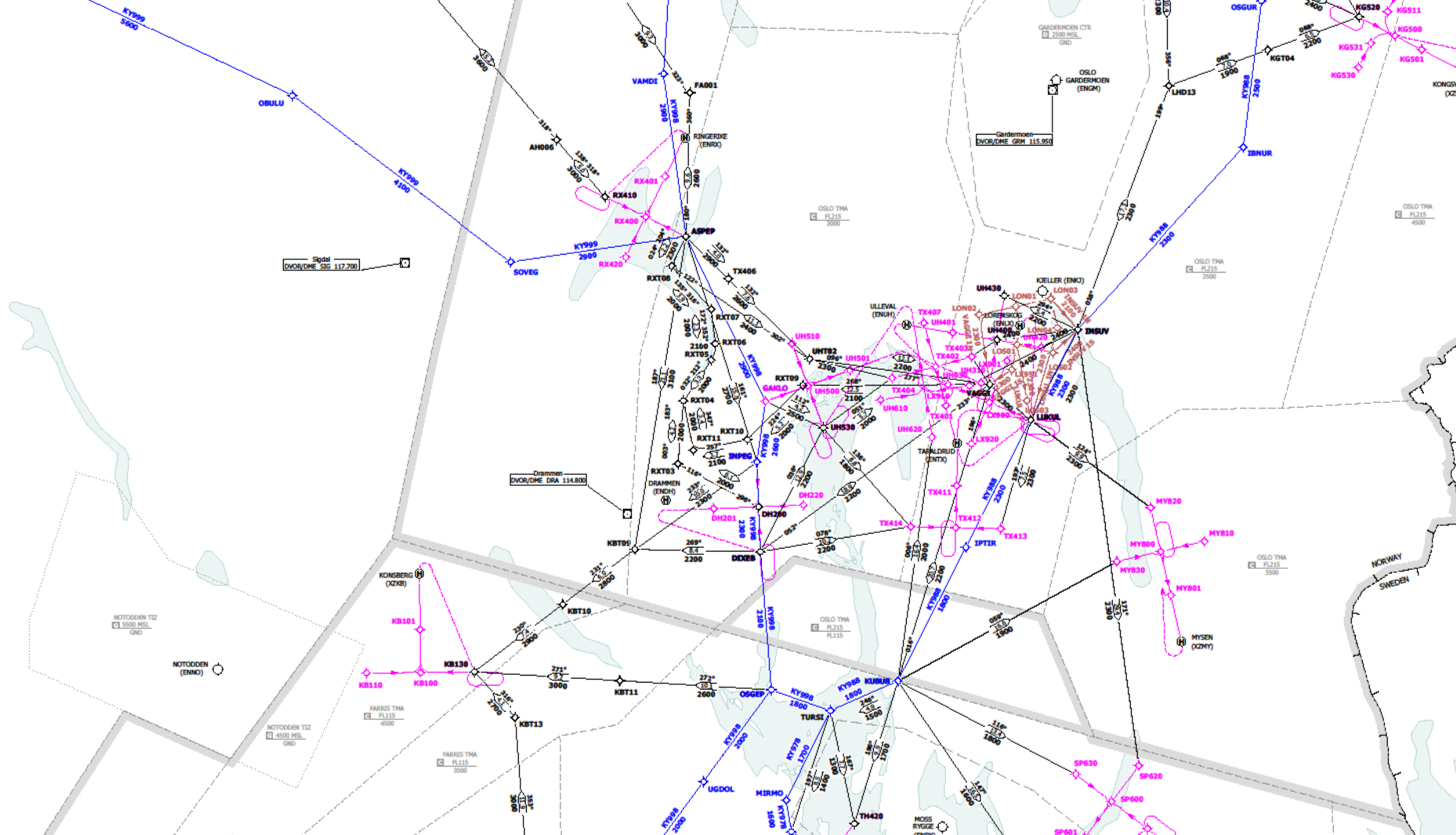
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# Thank you EASA!

For making All Weather Ops regulations for helicopters







# Fog project

In parts of Norway and Denmark the fall and early winter weather is typically wide spread fog and low visibillity. This gives the following challenges:

1. Can not depart due to low visibillity
2. Can not fly IFR due to lack of alternate
3. Can not land at base or hospital because we can not see at missed approach point



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Lørenskog, Norway

Copter RNP 001°

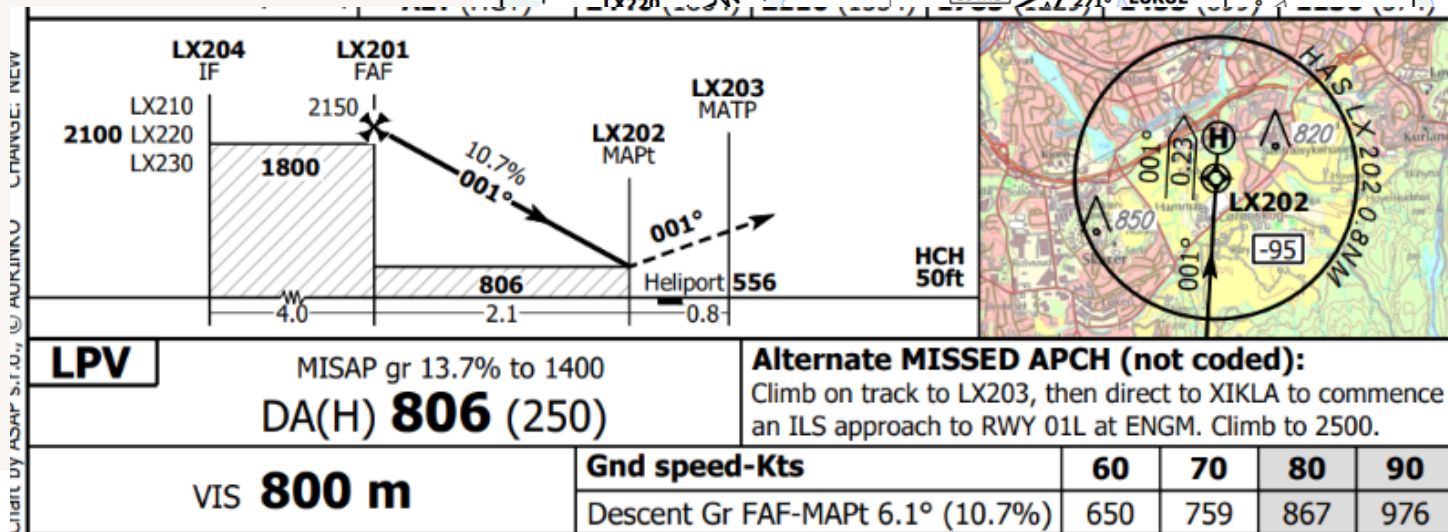
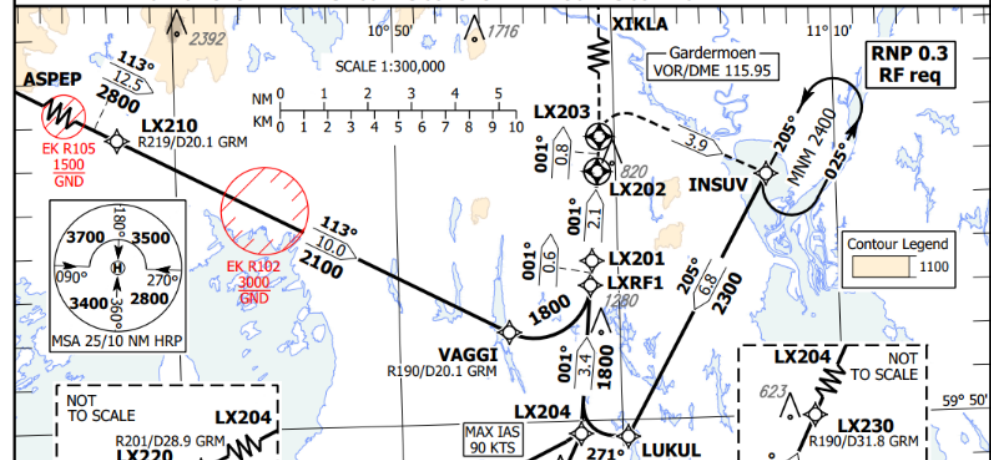
Oslo Approach West <b>120.450</b>	Oslo Approach East <b>118.470</b>	Kjeller Traffic <b>119.100</b>	EGNOS (PRELIMINARY) <b>CH 40000 E36A</b>	RNAV APPR designation <b>ENLX GPS 001</b>
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Final Apch Crs <b>001°</b>	Minimum Alt <b>LX201</b> <b>1800</b> (1244)	DA(H) LPV <b>LX202</b> <b>806</b> (250)	Heliport Elev 556 ft VAR 4°E	QNH: HEMS WX
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**MISSED APCH:** Climb on track to fly over LX203, turn RIGHT direct to INSUV and hold (MHA 2400).

**CONTINGENCY PROC:** Climb to 2400 and turn RIGHT 060° to request ATC vectors.

NOTE: 1. Final approach MAX IAS 70 KTS. 2. RNP 0.3 3. From ASPEP/LX210: RF required.  
4. Arrival via LUKUL: MAX IAS 100 KTS at LUKUL - MAX 90 KTS at LX204.



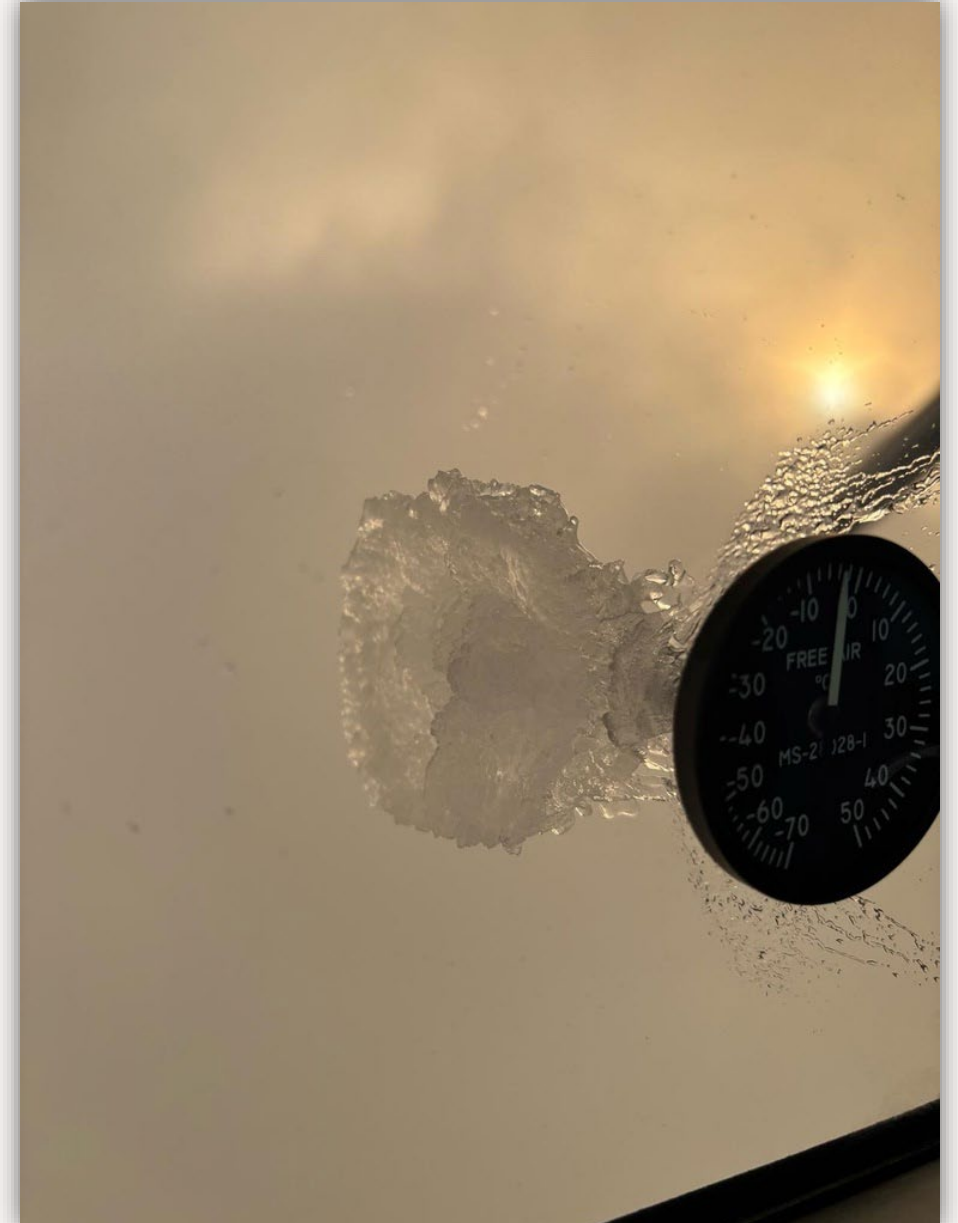




# IFR in the “toolbox”

Since 2009 **IFR flight time** has increased from **6,9% to 13%**

**IMC flight time** from **1,1% in 2009** to **more than 10%**

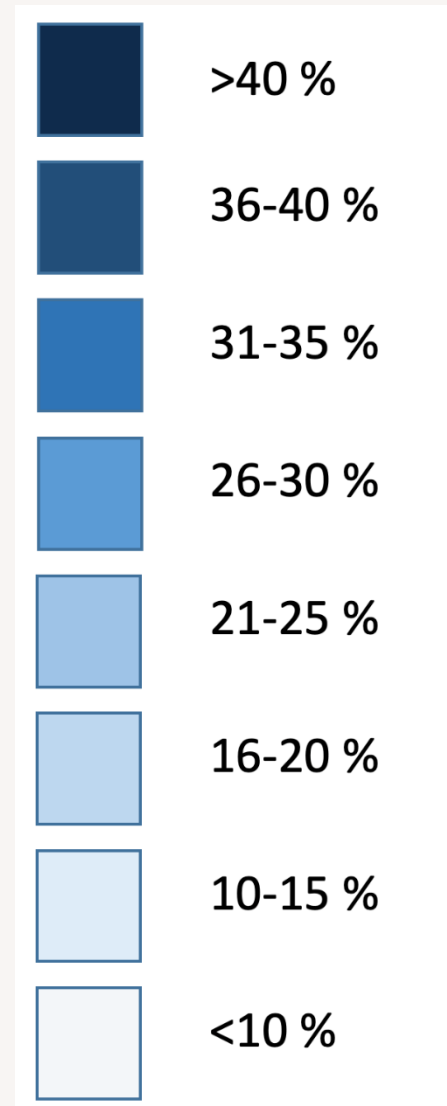




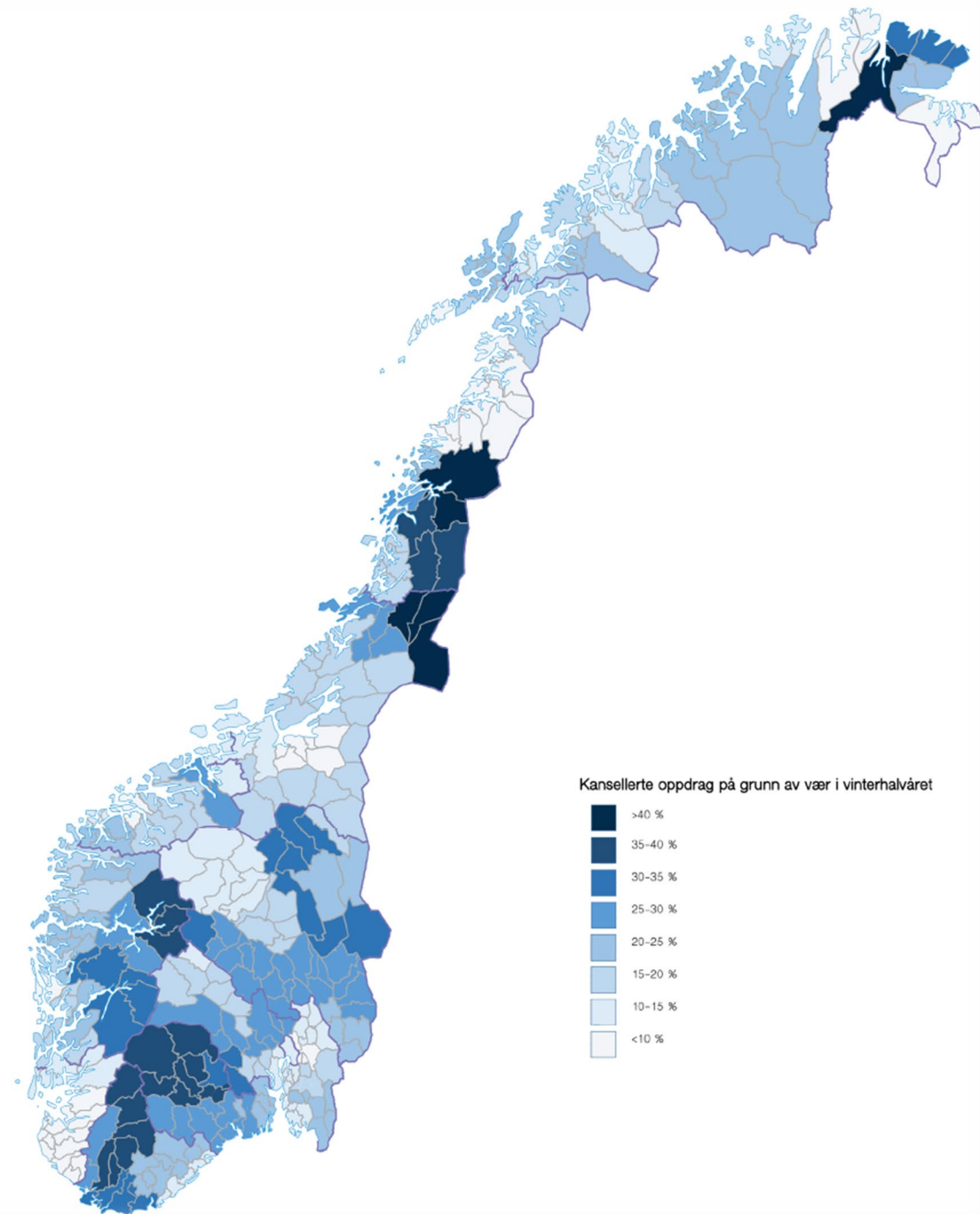




# Norway; 6 winter months



# CNL due WX Winter





# We need 3 things



1. Optimized icing forecasting
2. A safe way of operating our current fleet in winter conditions – even IFR.
3. A HEMS aircraft with Full Ice Protection







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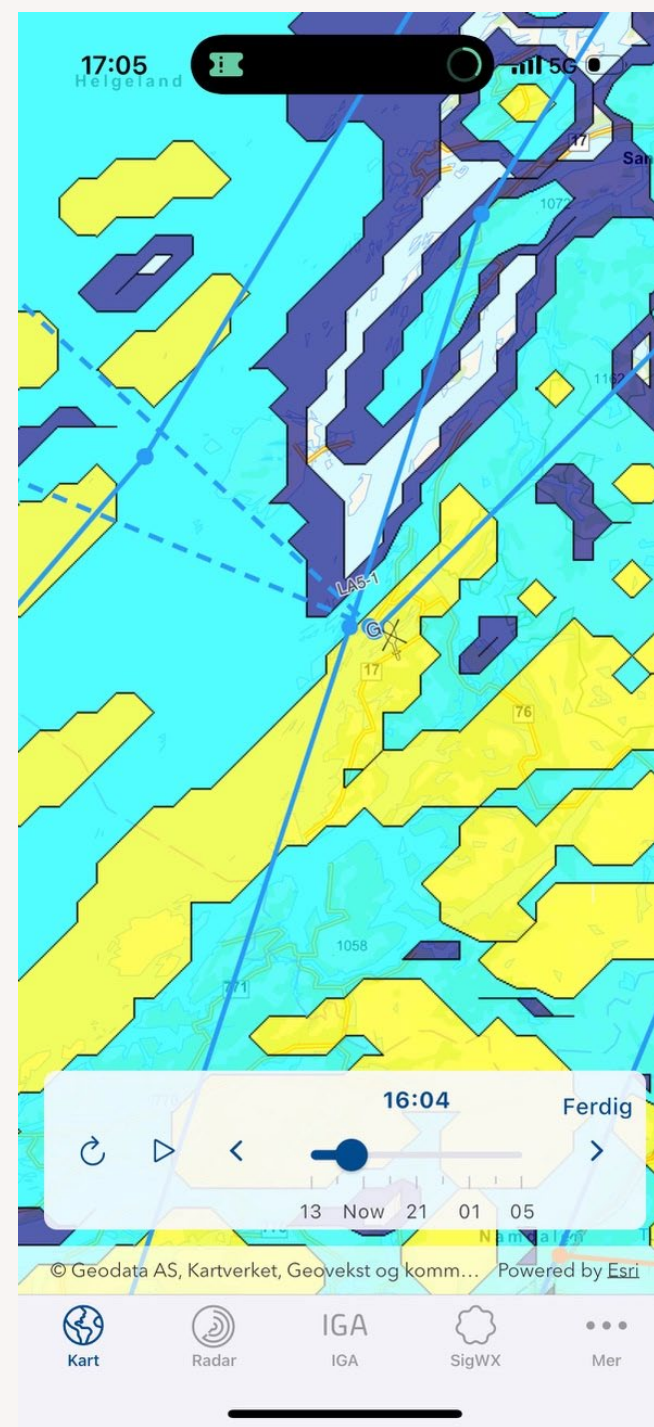
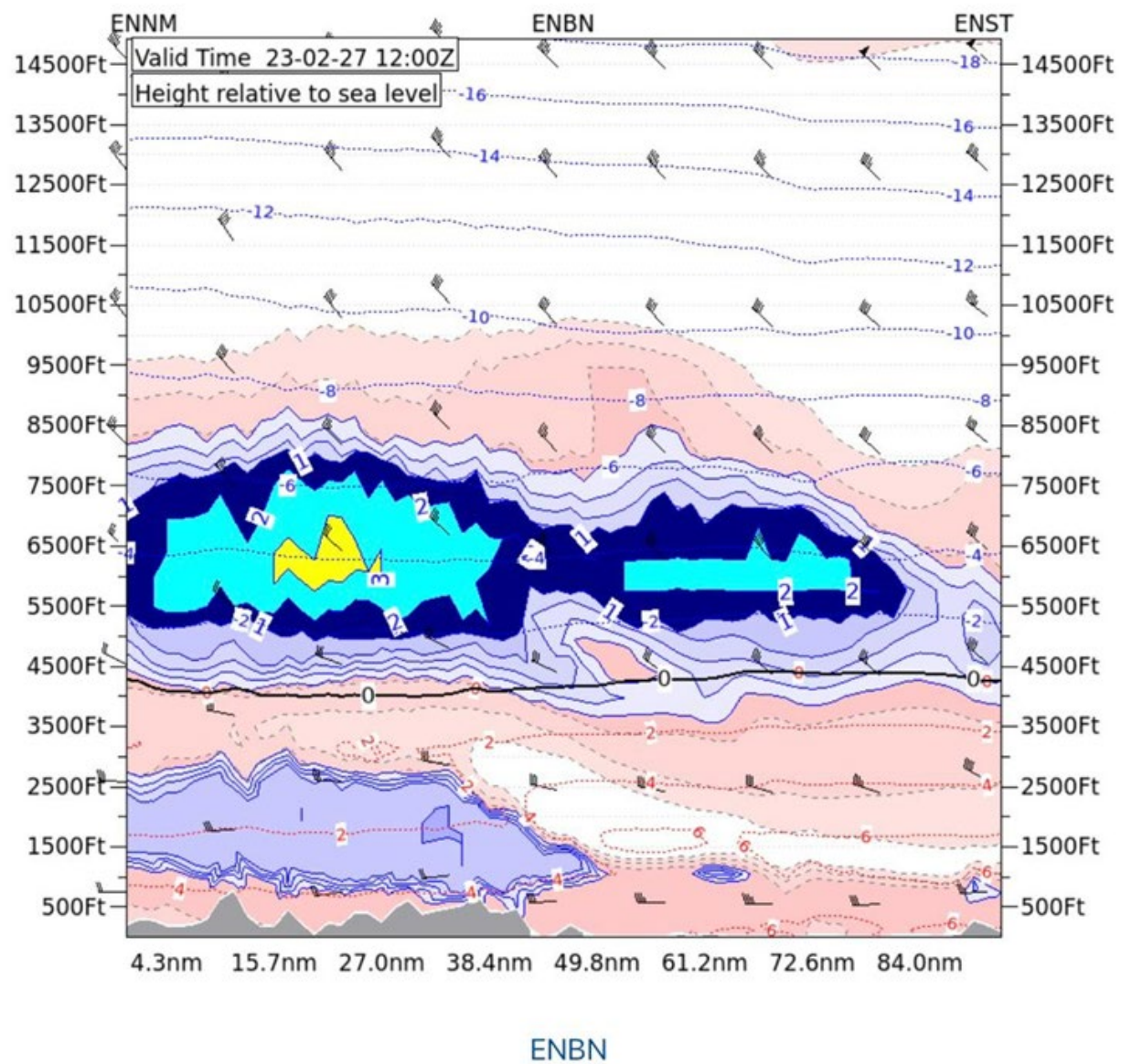




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# The Flight Manuals

## 2.5.2 Prohibited environmental conditions

The following are prohibited:

- flight into known icing conditions. In the case that icing conditions are encountered unexpectedly, the icing conditions shall be vacated immediately.

## ICING LIMITATIONS

Flight into known icing conditions is prohibited.

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Flight into known icing conditions is prohibited.

Flight into freezing rain and freezing fog is prohibited.





Icing...





# History repeats it selv...

## HELICOPTER FLIGHT IN ICING CONDITIONS - OPERATIONAL ASPECTS

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### Abstract

Helicopter flight in icing conditions has developed as a necessary requirement for all weather Instrument Flight systems. This has forced operators to develop their own operational procedures and has made them capable of dealing with the icing problem.

problem among North Sea pilots. This does not mean that icing is not taken seriously. It just means that North Sea of 1).

process.

nt matter so all stay out of icing

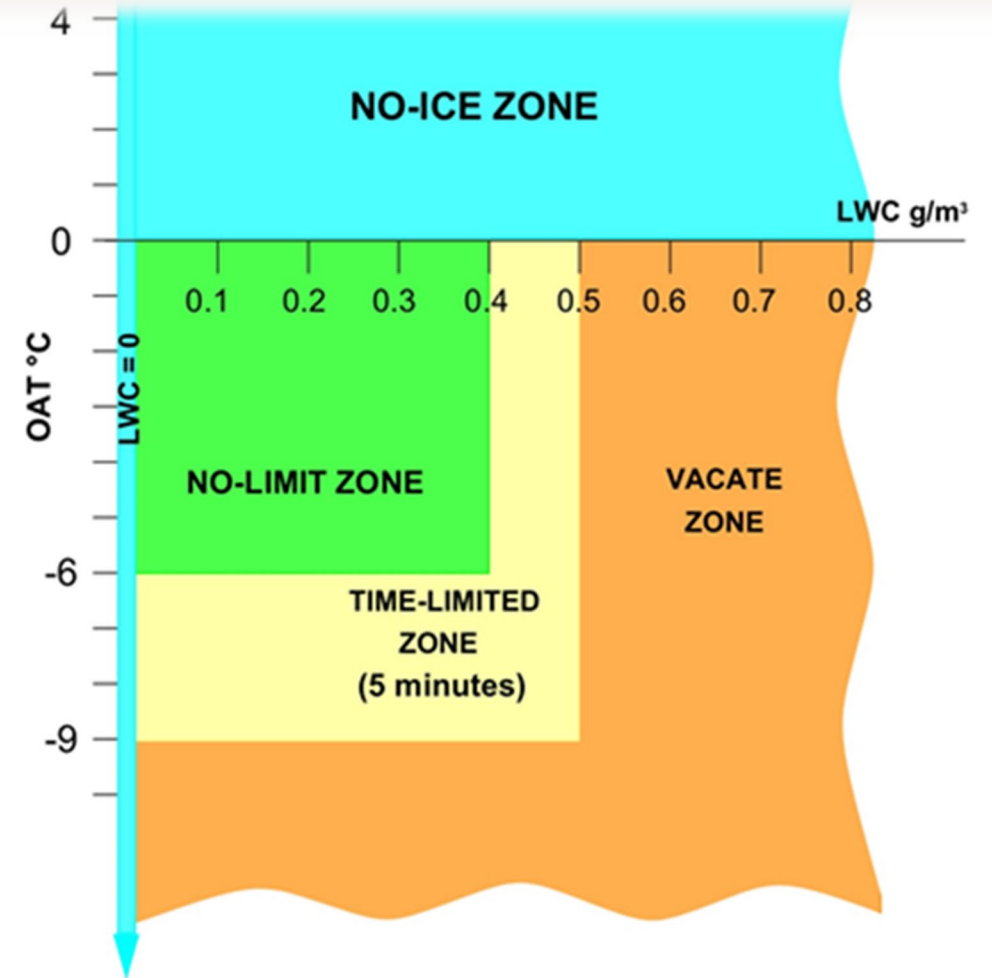
in Europe the offshore helicopter flying have led to development and certification of helicopters for flight in icing conditions, both with cold blades and with heated blades.

After nearly 30 years of offshore helicopter flying in day and night all weather operations in a hostile area, stretching from the North Sea over the Norwegian and

conditions. That was possible in closely controlled military operations where they rarely flew real IFR flying, or canceled flying in bad weather.

When starting flying in the North Sea the nature of flying changed completely, with standard instrument departures, company developed offshore NDB/radar approaches.

# “Restricted Icing Envelope”:





# Why not the real thing?

There are helicopters available that can handle the icing...

We know, but...



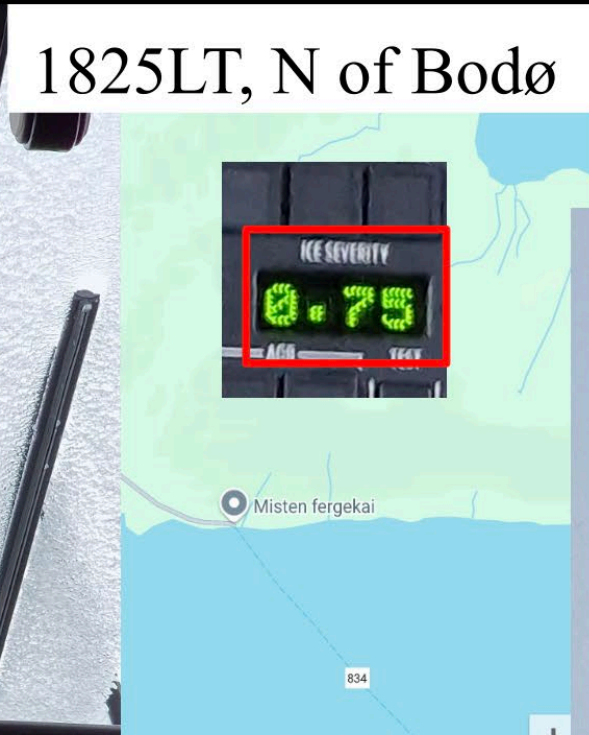




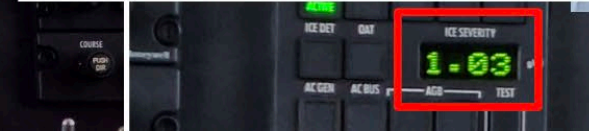
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# When can Restricted Icing be usefull?





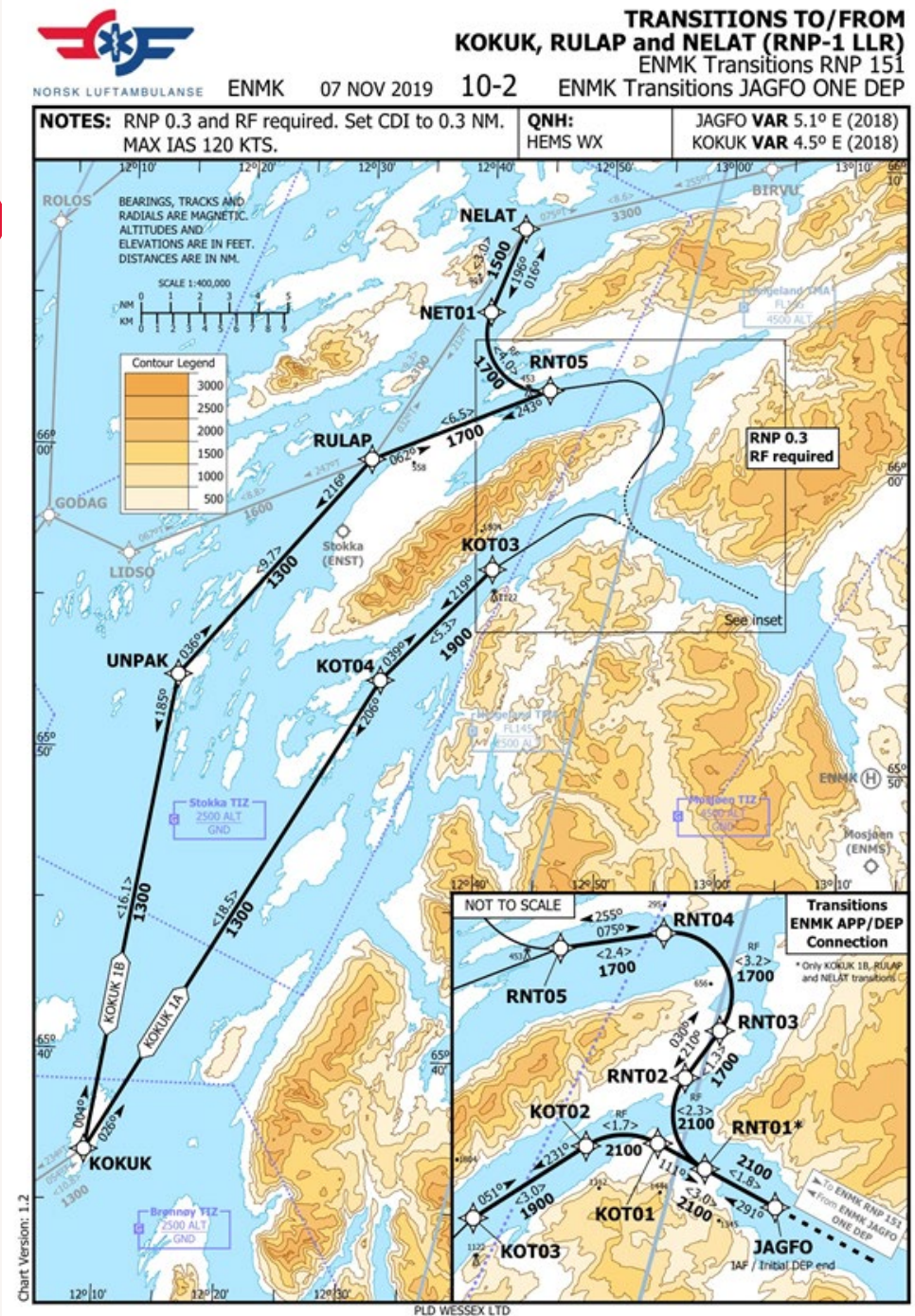
# Departure and return in fog

Many parts of Europe has challenges related to fog (fall and winter)



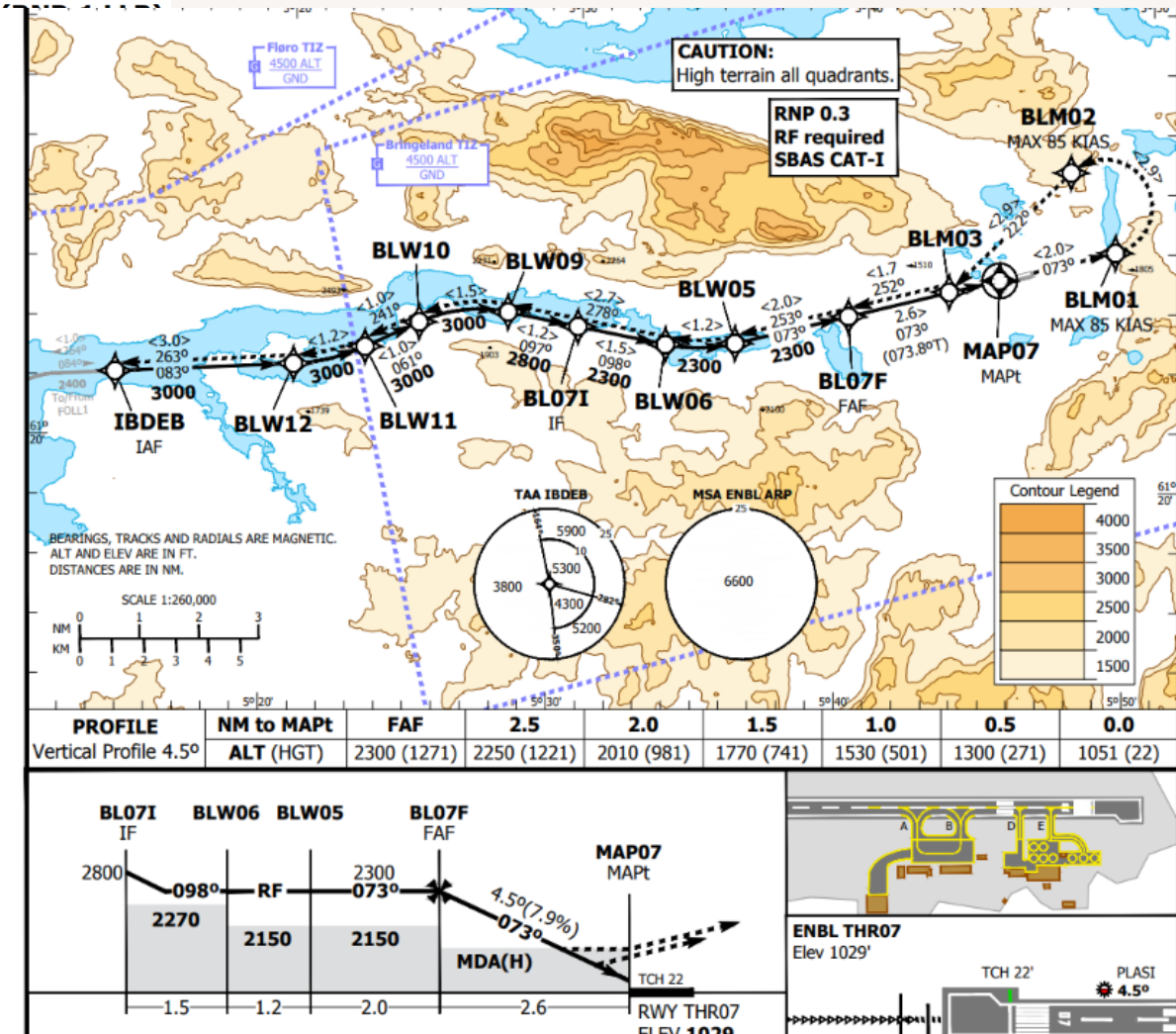
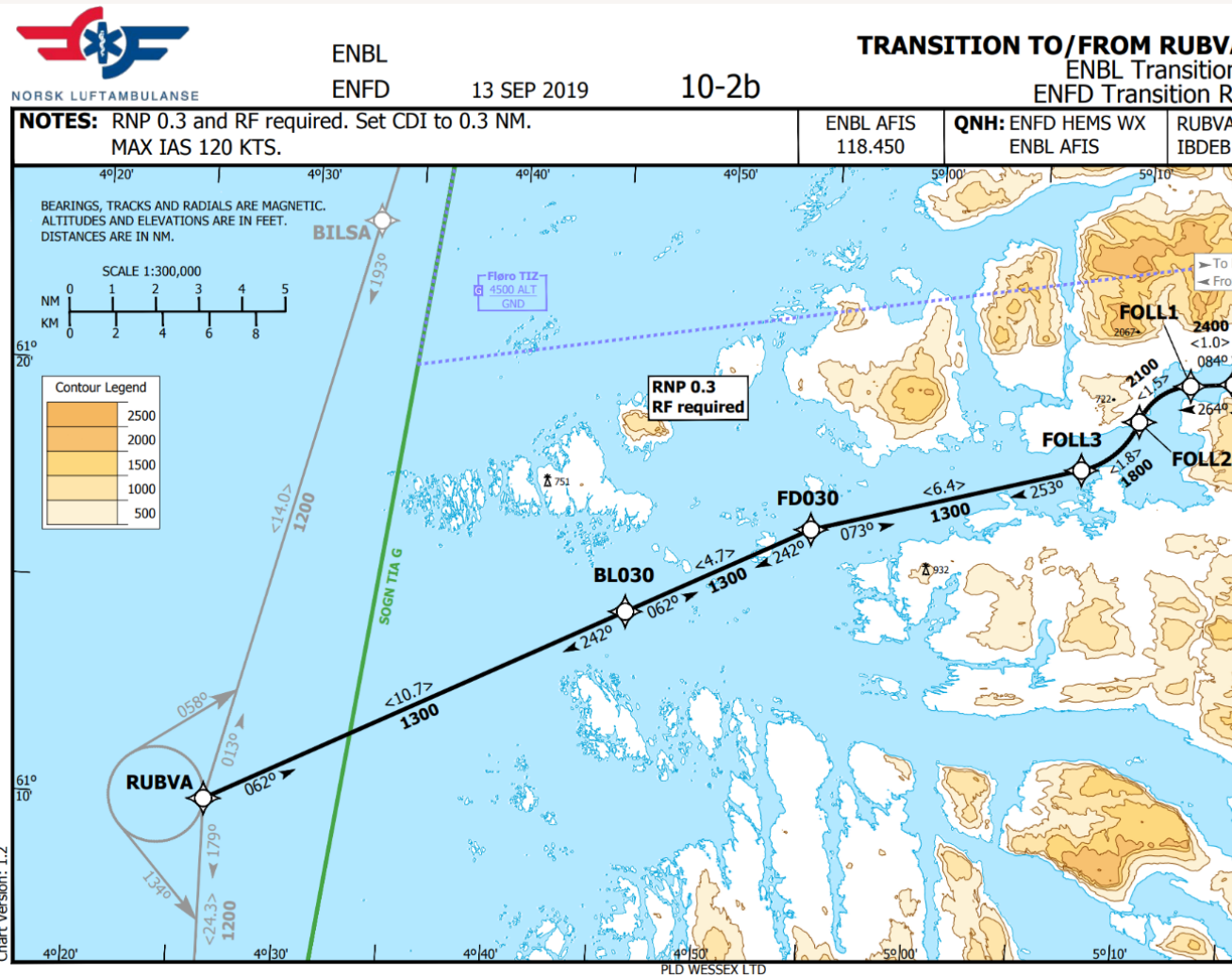
# Routing inland from co

Low level routing at 1200 feet over  
"warm" sea.  
Climb to 2-3000 feet to get to towns  
or hospitals inland.





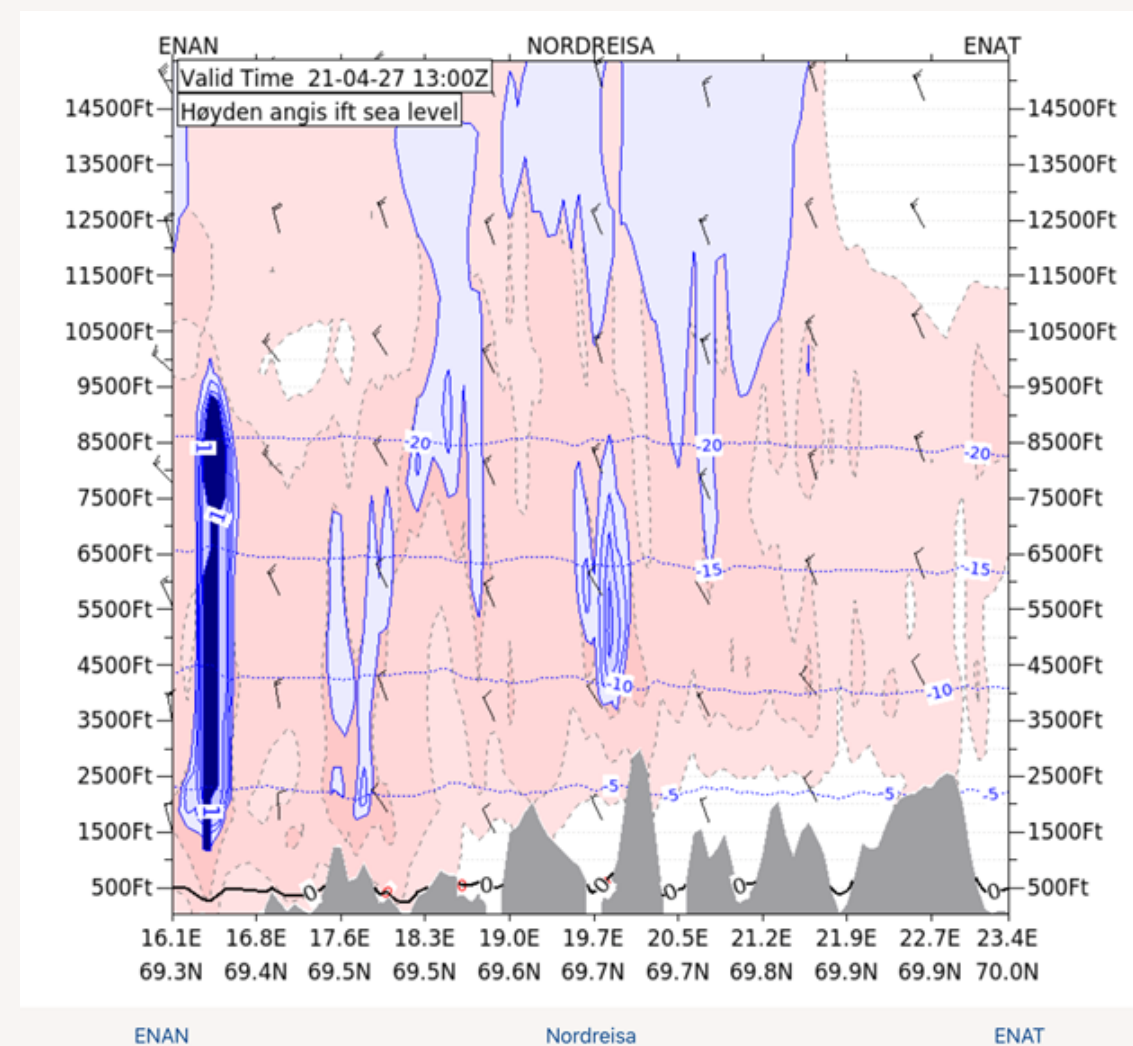






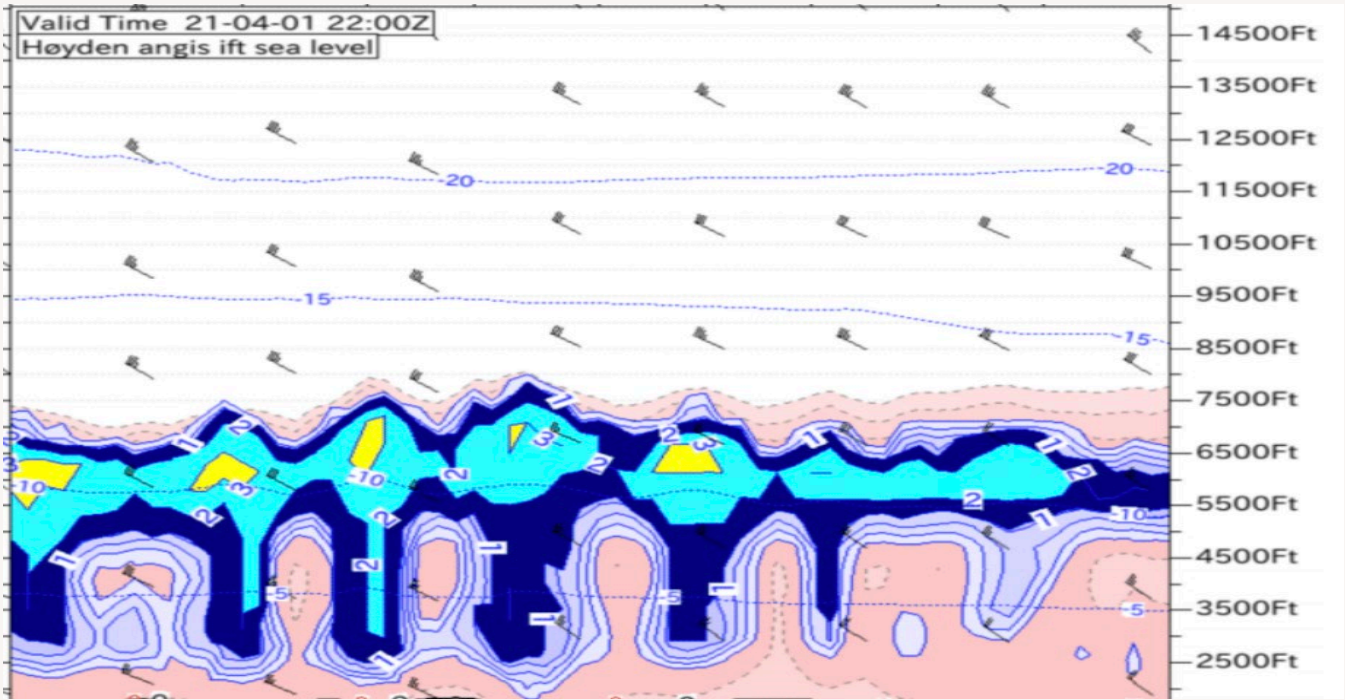
# “Under” a snow shower

- Snow quickly brings WX below night HEMS minima.
- A snow shower is by definition a CB, but these are small and friendly ☺
- Most liquid water has become snow low in these clouds, but there is still a chance of ice





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# Is there a viable solution in a reasonable timeframe?



- Build on what was done for off-shore, and all the experience that our pilots have from that.
- Some operators - like us - have 20 years IFR experience from on-shore HEMS using PinS and RNP 0,3 in all phases.
- Aim for limitations that are useable for the pilot:
  - Forecast according to limitations
  - Limit OAT (-5/6?)
  - (LWC if it is usable for the pilot)
  - Max ice accretion on airframe?
  - A safe contingency plan must be part of pre flight planning!





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# Where can we go from here?

If the industry sees this as an opportunity to both improve flight safety, and its contribution to society, we have a chance to be ahead of the development.

For us to succeed we have to work together as a whole and draw on each others competencies.

- EASA must be willing to look at this as was done when the off-shore industry approached JAA
- We as operators must provide our needs and experience. And ensure that the result is something that can safely be implemented.
- The OEMs are key to make this safe, and this time we can avoid that the operators make their own solutions like the off-shore industry did in the 70s and 80s.
- When we discuss weather we need to include the expertise... We use Professor Eirik Mikal Samuelsen at the Norwegian Meteorological Institute as advisor, and can provide him in these discussions.
- Personally I think that the short to mid term solution might be to review the special conditions developed for off-shore and make them safe and useful for us!



# Why do we need Restricted Icing certification/clearance on-shore?

When the Limited Icing criteria for off-shore was developed it was because 30 years of experience in the North Sea had shown that operations at OATs warmer than -5°C could be performed safely with cold blades. Operators wanted standardized guidance for an operation that had developed over years, and was performed in icing conditions with aircraft where the FLM stated «flight in icing conditions prohibited». A «culture» had developed where different pilots and operators had different definitions to what this limitation in the FLM meant.

On-shore operations were not considered because IFR operation was very limited. With GPS and the development of PinS procedures that has changed, and we now have a chance to build on the positive experiences from off-shore to avoid that different standards develop. We can define the envelope, and the requirements to operate within it.

That will improve safety both by reducing VFR in marginal WX, and assuring that the IFR ops are safe!