



Maritime &
Coastguard
Agency

UK ARCC TEMPORARY OPERATING INSTRUCTION

Date 30/09/21

TOI-012-21 | Migrant – RED/AMBER End-of-Day Sweep Tasking

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1. **Applicability.** All UKARCC Operations Staff (AOC and below)
 2. **Validity** With Immediate Effect

Background

Chief Coastguard directed policy (25 Aug 2021) stipulated that for Migrant Weather Crossing Assessment days of RED that Fixed Wing aircraft will be provided, on scene to support Dover CG, and that on AMBER Days, an aircraft will be held at readiness at Lydd/Southend. In both cases the timings agreed between 2EXCEL and CG were from 0930 until end of day's migrant activity. This 0930 start time allows for any F/W aircraft tasked overnight (Op Deveran/EOS) to return to Doncaster for crew change to meet daylight Dover Straits incidents.

The primary function of the Fixed Wing assets is to inform and support Maritime Operations build a Recognised Maritime Picture (RMP). Ideally this RMP should match the Migrant Tracker (listing all the vessels that we believe are crossing). Inevitably, by the end of a busy day, there will be a number of vessels that have been recorded on this Migrant Tracker but have been unaccounted for.

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Procedure

Dover Ops (or a supporting station on their behalf) will request the End-of-Day Search following the conclusion of the Red/Amber Day tasking, or possibly earlier if activity has reduced sufficiently, or that all vessels have been accounted for and therefore a search is not necessary.

They will provide the search areas to be swept, which will be in accordance with one or more, or possibly all, of the TDA-defined areas.

ARCC will support this tasking (given that any unaccounted-for vessel will have already been declared as a Distress Incident).

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