

**PROCEDURES AND PHRASEOLOGY FOR SPEED CONTROL****1 Introduction**

1.1 The CAA Phraseology Working Group (PWG) has undertaken recently a review of the phraseology used by controllers when applying speed control to an aircraft at or near the level at which speed changes from Mach Number to indicated airspeed (IAS).

2 Speed Control Procedure and Phraseology

2.1 At levels at or above FL 280, speed adjustments for aircraft in the cruise will be expressed in multiples of 0.01 Mach. At levels below FL 280, speed adjustments will be expressed in multiples of 10 kt based on indicated airspeed (IAS).

2.2 For Aircraft at or above FL 280 that have been cleared to descend to levels below FL 280, speed adjustments may be based on IAS. However, as pilots might not be able to immediately change to IAS, due to variable aircraft system factors, the phraseology to be used by a controller in these circumstances will be:

'Bigjet 101, descend FL XXX, on speed conversion, yyy knots'

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