



EAMS SYSTEM SECURITY UPGRADE [AFPEX]

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Following on from the communications in May we are writing to you as a user of the NATS AFPEX service to update you on progress and to provide further details. As you will recall, NATS will shortly be performing an upgrade to the AFPEX system that will require you to take action by 3rd September (2021).

The upgrade is designed to improve both the security in the software and the protocols used to exchange information. NATS is keen to complete this piece of work as smoothly as possible, so we are asking that you complete preparations in advance of the transition. NATS is now in the final stages of its test and assurance processes and is planning to introduce the change shortly. The upgrade itself will take place overnight to minimise disruption. There will be a short interruption to the service while data is held and transferred to the new system. As part of the transition we will be checking that normal services are restored which will mean that, for most users, changes will be in place by the following morning.

We will provide guidance and the necessary files on the [myAFPEX Microsite](#). Should you need to, please contact us AFPEXUpgrade@nats.co.uk and we will endeavour to assist.

The guidance includes the following:

- 1) How to download the new required files
- 2) How to prepare your environment with the correct software versions required
- 3) How to install the CADAS-ATS terminal
- 4) How to log in using the website.

This guidance will allow you to make the necessary changes in advance of the transition and *this will not impact your ability to continue to use the current system until the transition takes place. Once transition is achieved, the current version will no longer be available.*

For commercial users, payment terms will remain the same. Please note that there will be some changes to the [existing service offering](#) as part of this upgrade, for example, the JAVA version required.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please email AFPEXUpgrade@nats.co.uk