

I-4 Global Coverage

Impact of satellite re-positioning

1 Introduction of global Inmarsat-4 coverage

Inmarsat has now contracted International Launch Services (ILS) to place a third Inmarsat-4 (I-4) satellite in orbit early next year, currently expected in March / April 2008. A successful launch will bring to fruition Inmarsat's commitment to offer global coverage for our new generation of mobile voice and broadband services.

Once the satellite has been tested and enters service, we will be taking the opportunity to further enhance the quality of our services by optimising the coverage area of the expanded constellation of three Inmarsat-4 spacecraft. We will do this by moving them to new in-orbit locations and creating three new satellite regions.

We wanted to provide our partners with details of these plans well in advance, so we can together work through any queries you may have in good time before the re-positioning occurs. Although, we refer to the changes as "re-positioning", you may also have heard our initial plans described as "re-clocking". These relate to the same plans.

Moreover, we emphasise that our existing and evolved services will remain unaffected, except for some special arrangements we are assessing for coverage in the Atlantic Ocean Region West.

The immediate benefit for our customers and end-users, particularly of BGAN, will be a significant improvement in equipment performance throughout the key markets and geographies we serve, as well as a further increase in the total landmass covered by the I-4 satellites.

Specifically, the more focused satellite footprint over North and South America will help stimulate demand across the region, while also ensuring that Inmarsat can operate within the regulatory framework required by the United States through our new Satellite Access Station (SAS) in Hawaii.

Indeed, we expect that the introduction of global I-4 satellite coverage will lead to an overall expansion of the market for our services worldwide.

2 What will re-positioning involve?

In seeking to optimise the satellite coverage area, there will unfortunately be a loss of coverage for a limited group of end-users, in two small geographical areas, during the separate estimated five and three-week periods it will take to move two of the I-4 spacecraft. We are still seeking any opportunity to mitigate the inconvenience this planned outage will cause.

The schedule of planned activity is as follows:

October 2008: I-4 F3 (98W) enters commercial service.

November 2008: re-positioning of I-4 F2 (AOR-W to 25E) over five weeks - 1st outage.

December 2008: re-positioning of I-4 F1 (IOR to 143.5E) over three weeks - 2nd outage.

January 2009: global I-4 coverage begins.

3 Why the partial loss of coverage?

When moving a spacecraft, we need to avoid harmful interference to other satellite systems by turning off the power to the satellite's communications payload. This means the satellite cannot carry Inmarsat traffic until the transmission beams are switched back on when it arrives at its new in-orbit location.

In optimising the locations of the satellites to provide enhanced services and coverage areas, we have carefully planned the movement of the spacecraft to cause the minimum impact to customers and end-users.

However, some disruption is unavoidable due to the need to position two I-4 satellites within sight of the new Inmarsat-operated Satellite Access Station (SAS) in Hawaii, which was necessary to comply with US regulatory requirements and was located there to avoid interference with other satellite systems operating across mainland North America.

4 Which Inmarsat services are affected?

- **BGAN, FleetBroadband and SwiftBroadband**

- Our broadband services will undergo a loss of coverage, in a limited area, within the two regions affected by the re-positioning of both I-4 satellites, for a five-week period in November and a three-week period in December 2008.

See Appendix Map 1: Impact on broadband services, showing loss of coverage

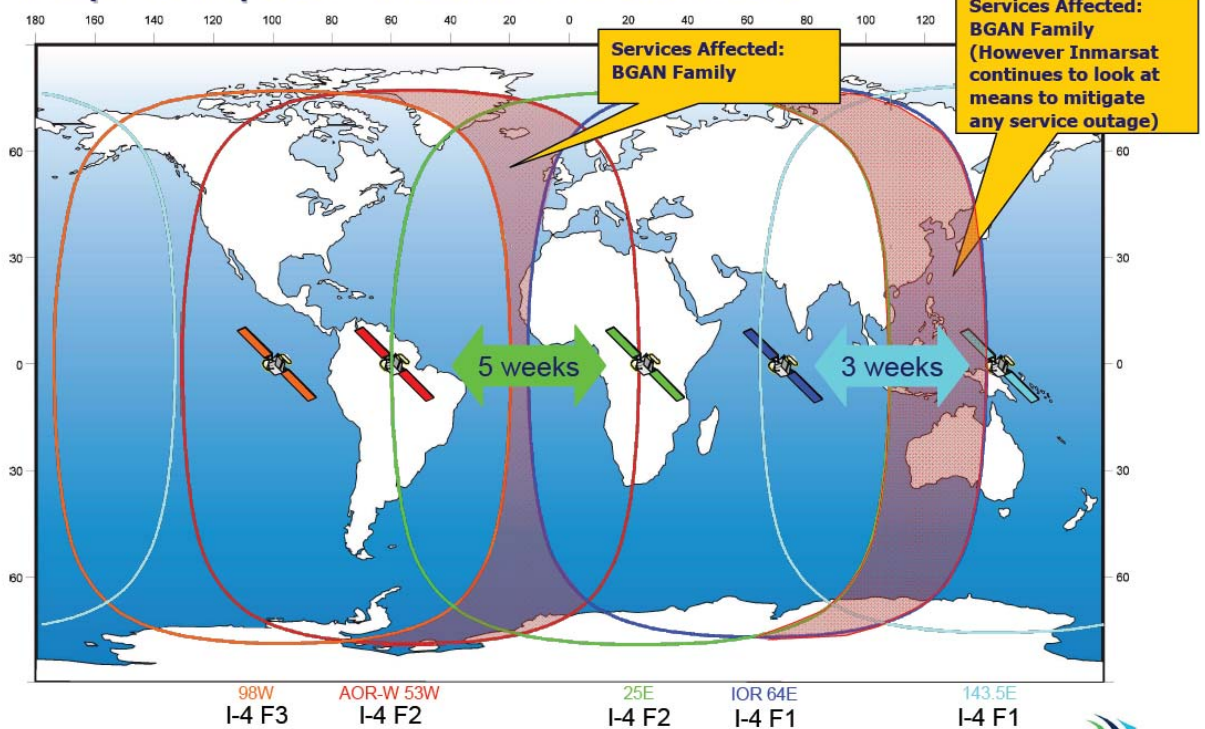
See Appendix Map 2: Impact on satellite phone services, showing possible loss of coverage

5 What does it mean for channel partners and end-users?

We suggest that now is the right time to begin communicating the coming changes to your channel and end-users. Here are the main messages we want you to share with them:

- Inmarsat is creating three new satellite regions to offer global I-4 satellite coverage.
- Users of our broadband services and new satellite phone services will benefit from the extended coverage.
- BGAN users will enjoy improved equipment performance and an enhanced user-experience worldwide.
- Service and solutions providers will see increased sales opportunities for Inmarsat services resulting from global I-4 coverage.
- Transition to the new regions will be take place without any breaks in service for all but a few users.
- Users of Inmarsat-3 global and spot beam services are not affected, except for the single case of coverage provided over the AOR-W region as previously described.
- Maritime and aeronautical safety services, including the IMO contingency requirements, are not affected. New plans and procedures will, however, be implemented to reflect changes to satellite locations across the Inmarsat satellite fleet.
- BGAN users will need to re-point their antennas at the new satellite locations.
- BGAN users will need to download a new version of BGAN LaunchPad, to be provided by Inmarsat.
- End-users should contact their Inmarsat Service Provider if they are affected by any loss of coverage during the transition.
- None of these changes will occur until November 2008 and will have been completed by the end of December 2008.

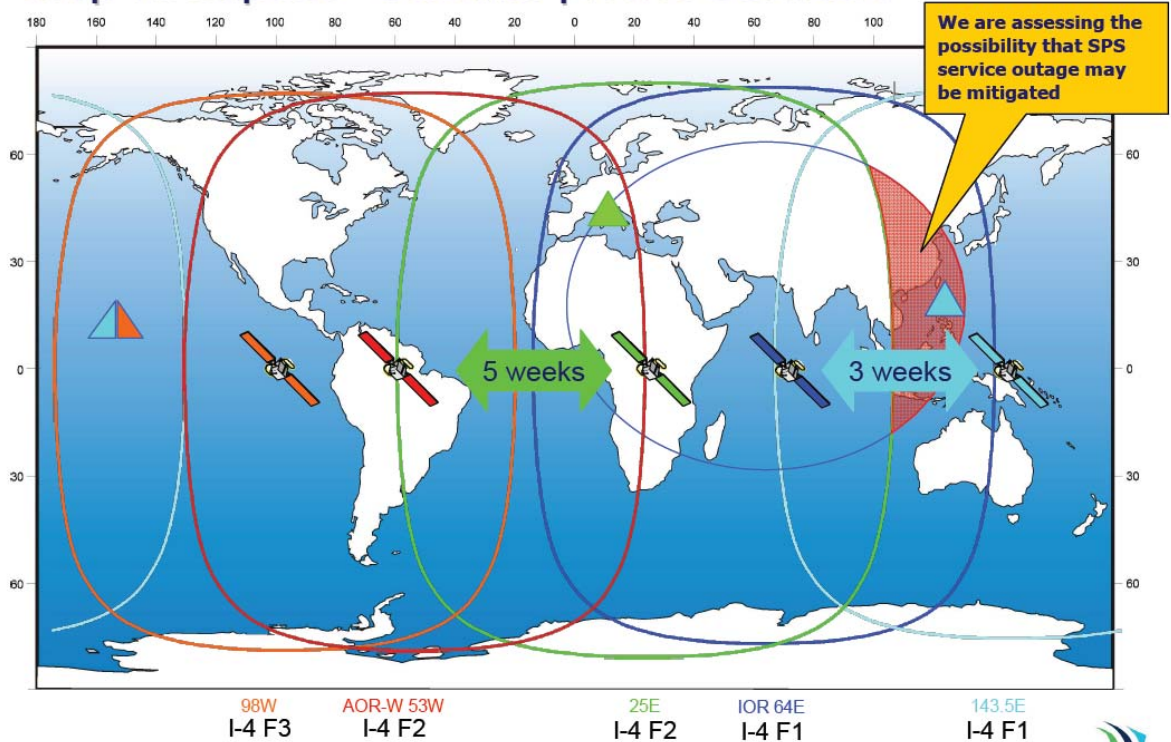
Map 1: Impact - broadband services



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Map 2: Impact - satellite phone services



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Map 3: I-4 coverage after re-positioning

