SAFETY ALERT 10/2015

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SUBJECT:
Flight within Accra Flight Information Region (FIR) over the sovereign territories of Benin and Togo and over the high seas as specified in ASECNA AIP supplement 51/A/15GO effective 25th June 2015

REFERENCE PUBLICATION
ICAO Letter AN 13/4.11- 15/57 dated 3rd July 2015
ASECNA AIP Supplement 51/A/15GO effective 25th June 2015
EASA SIB No 2015-12 dated 3rd July 2015

CATEGORY
Attention and recommendation

APPLICABILITY:
All UAE AOC/POC Holders

PURPOSE:
There may be a possible existence of serious risks to the safety of civil aircraft following the recent publication by the Agency for Air Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on behalf of Benin and Togo, of Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Supplement 51/A/15GO effective from 25 June 2015, informing a change in airspace arrangements within the Accra FIR. The published information thus create an uncertainty as which Air Traffic Service Unit is providing the air traffic services. This Safety Alert is issued to draw the attention of operators, planning flights in the affected airspace to the situation as described above.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Due to the unsafe situation where more than one ATS provider may be controlling flight within the same airspace, consideration should be given to avoid and circumnavigate that portion of the Accra FIR over the sovereign territories of Benin and Togo, and over the high seas as specified in the above-mentioned AIP Supplement.

2. Operators to ensure that relevant personnel including flight crew are aware of the above referenced publication.
3. Operators to continue monitoring the safety situation in the Accra FIR and share with the GCAA relevant information arising, while performing safety assessments.

4. Operators are reminded to report Safety incidents occurring in this region via ROSI.

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