SAFETY ALERT 12 /2015

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SUBJECT:
Egypt Sinai Peninsula Airspace within the Cairo (HECC) Flight Information Region (FIR)

REFERENCE PUBLICATION:
NOTAMs of the competent Flight Information Region (FIR)
FDC 5/9155 (A0011/15)

CATEGORY:
Attention and recommendation

APPLICABILITY:
UAE AOC/POC Holders

Description:

There is a significant risk to aviation overflying the Sinai Peninsula in the Cairo Flight Information Region (FIR) (HECC) at altitudes below FL260, due to ongoing violence, unrest, security operations and the risk to safety from small-arms, rocket-propelled grenades, indirect fire from mortars, anti-aircraft fire and shoulder-fired, to include Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS). Some of these have the capability to target aircraft at high altitudes and/or upon approach and departure.

Recommendations:

The GCAA recommends all AOC/POC Holders to exercise extreme caution during flight operations flying into, out of, within or over the Sinai Peninsula in the Cairo Flight Information Region (FIR) (HECC) at altitudes below FL260 within the following lateral limits:

311855N 0321900E TO 294443N 0322815E TO 281650N 0331928E TO 272900N 0345500E then along the eastern land border of Egypt TO 311800N 0341300E TO 311855N 0321900E

The GCAA further recommends all AOC/POC Holders while planning their routing decisions to perform their risk assessments taking any available information into account and to monitor all relevant information, including NOTAMs, current security/threat.

The GCAA urges AOC/POC Holders to share any additional relevant information arising during accomplishing their risk assessments and to report Safety and/or security incidents.

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