SAFETY ALERT 2016-08
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SUBJECT:
CONFLICTING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) INSTRUCTION WHILE OPERATING IN UKRAINE FIRS

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:
ROSI REPORTS

REASON:
Several events had been reported via ROSI by UAE operators regarding receiving contradicting ATC instructions approaching or entering Ukraine FIRs while en-route to Boryspil International Airport - Kiev, Ukraine in 2016 and 2017. The transmission was on the international emergency frequency 121.5 MHz (“guard”) and from an unknown source.

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to:
 a) alert all UAE operators flying into Ukraine FIRs on the possibility of encountering unauthorized and conflicting ATC instructions; and
 b) recommend operators to take appropriate measures to deal with such type of event.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Recommendation No.1:
As safety risk may arise from unknown or conflicting air traffic instruction in-flight, UAE operators should take appropriate measures to mitigate the adverse impact of such event on their flight. Flights shall at all times be performed in accordance with official information published by the State responsible for the respective FIR (current AIP, AICs and NOTAMs). Appropriate procedures should be developed to advise flight crews on the necessary action(s) to take. ATC Instructions should always be verified on the actual control frequency.

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