



## **SAFETY ALERT 11/2015**

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**SUBJECT:**

SUBMISSION OF A FLIGHT PLAN (FLP)

**REFERENCE PUBLICATION:**

CAR PART III CHAPTER 2

CAR PART VIII SUBPART 4

UAE AIP ENR 1.10

UAE AIP ENR 1.11

ICAO Doc 4444 Chapter 4, Chapter 11, Chapter 16 and Appendix 2

ICAO Doc 7030/5 Regional Supplementary Procedures

**CATEGORY:**

Attention and Recommendation

**APPLICABILITY:**

Aircraft Operators and ANSP's

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The GCAA has observed a negative trend toward compliance with CAR PART III – Chapter 2 – Section 2.20 related to Submission of Flight Plan. The purpose of this Safety Alert is to remind Aircraft Operators and Air Navigation Service Providers to ensure that a flight plan is submitted prior to operations in and through the UAE Flight Information Region (FIR).

**REQUIREMENT:**

Aircraft Operators are reminded to comply with the following applicable requirements when intending to operate in and through the UAE FIR:

- A. CAR PART III – Chapter 2.20.2 which establishes the requirements when a Flight Plan is required:

*A flight plan shall be submitted prior to operating:*

*(a) any flight or portion thereof to be provided with air traffic control service;*

*(b) any IFR flight within advisory airspace;*

*(c) any flight within or into designated areas, or along designated routes, when so required by the appropriate ATS authority to facilitate the provision of flight information, alerting and search and rescue services.*



(d) any flight within or into designated areas, or along designated routes, when so required by the appropriate ATS authority to facilitate co-ordination with appropriate military units or with ATS units in adjacent States in order to avoid the possible need for interception for the purpose of identification;

(e) any flights across international borders;

(f) any VFR flight in Class E airspace within the Emirates FIR.

- B. CAR PART III – Chapter 2.20.3 that establishes the requirements when a Flight Plan must be submitted:

Unless otherwise prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority, a flight plan for a flight to be provided with air traffic control service or air traffic advisory service shall be submitted at least 60 minutes before departure, or if submitted during flight, at a time which would ensure its receipt by the appropriate air traffic services unit at least ten minutes before the aircraft is estimated to reach;

(a) the intended point of entry into a control area or advisory area; or

(b) the point of crossing an airway or advisory route.

- C. AIP ENR 1.10 and ENR 1.11 which establish the requirements on how and to whom a Flight Plan must be submitted:

Aircraft Operators are reminded that the ATS may refuse an aircraft to operate in and through the UAE FIR until such time a Flight Plan is submitted.

For arriving traffic and under exceptional circumstances, a Flight Plan may be submitted via RADIO with ATC however operators may expect delays in such instances.

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