



DG DIRECTIVE 05-2016

Issued: 23 May 2016

SUBJECT:

OPERATING BAN OF AIRCRAFT TYPE IL18 WITHIN THE EMIRATES (UAE) FIR

APPLICABILITY:

FOREIGN AIR OPERATORS FLYING FROM/TO UAE

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS DIRECTIVE:

21st June 2016

PURPOSE:

This DG DIRECTIVE is issued to:

- cancel Information Bulletins (IBs) 07-004 and 07-200;
- remind stakeholders to comply with the restricted UAE FIRs of aircraft type, foreign air operator or states of the operator as regularly communicated by the GCAA; and
- inform stakeholders that all models/variants of Ilyushin-18 (IL-18) aircraft type will be subject to an operating ban within the Emirates FIR.

BACKGROUND:

The GCAA recently conducted an evaluation of safety threats the IL-18 poses to aviation safety in the UAE. The results of the evaluation indicate that IL-18 fails to meet international safety standards after the identification of recurrent and systemic safety concerns with that aircraft type; most probably due to the ageing fleet (IL-18 was in production from 1957 to 1969 with an estimated age between 47-59).

REQUIREMENTS:

Pursuant to Chapter 2 Article 4(5) of the UAE Federal Act No. 20 of (1991) establishing the Civil Aviation Law, the GCAA may impose restrictions on foreign air operators to resolve safety issues.

Consequently, with due consideration to the safety record of IL-18 worldwide, the following requirement shall apply:

With effect from 21st June 2016, a foreign air operator (i.e. conducting commercial or non-commercial activities) shall not operate a model or variant of IL-18 within Emirates FIR unless permitted by the GCAA.



Additionally, this DG DIRECTIVE:

- cancels IB 07-2004 dated February 2004 that promulgated an operating ban within Emirates FIR of IL-1 for passenger carriage;
- cancels IB 08-2010 dated January 2009 that promulgated an operating ban within Emirates FIR for some airline and aircraft type;
- requires each concerned stakeholders to be in compliance with the latest revisions of UAE ban list as communicated by the GCAA.

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