



## **SAFETY DECISION 2017-04**

**Issue 01**

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### **SUBJECT:**

AIRSPACE PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION

### **REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:**

SAFETY ALERT 2017-05

### **REASON:**

To make civilian air travel safe the GCAA will maintain a list of restrictions on flights operated by UAE operators in potentially hazardous airspace. Airspace may be considered hazardous if it is over an active volcano, near a weapons testing site, or over an active conflict zone.

This Safety Decision is issued to:

- a) cancel and supersede Safety Decision 2016-17 which were issued to prohibit or restrict flights in certain airspaces of Ukraine, Yemen, and Iraq FIR respectively; and
- b) amend the inbound/outbound routing within the Erbil Southern corridor routes in comparison to Safety Decision 2016-17; and
- c) ensure that that ALL airspace prohibitions and restrictions issued to address the significant risk to aviation overflying the airspace, due to ongoing violence, unrest, security operations and the risk to flight safety from weapons used in the conflict are incorporated into one single legal instruments issued by the GCAA.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **REQUIREMENT No 01: AIRSPACE PROHIBITION IN YEMEN**

- a) Operators shall not fly in Sanaa FIR until further notice with the exception of the following routes/airways.
  - 1) B400
  - 2) UB403
  - 3) B404
  - 4) R401
- b) Operators intending to operate along Airways B400, UB403, B404 and R401 shall obtain a specific authorisation from the GCAA. The authorisation requires the following submission:
  - 1) Application letter
  - 2) Details on routing and frequency



- 3) Risk assessment
- 4) Method on how continuous monitoring and assessment on the developments will be conducted to ensure continued safe operations.

**REQUIREMENT No 02: AIRSPACE PROHIBITION IN IRAQ**

- a) Operators shall not operate in the Baghdad FIR (ORBB) and its airports with the exception of flights to and from Baghdad (ORBI), Najaf (ORNI), Basra (ORMM) and Erbil (ORER) airports using the southern corridor and/or northern corridor for Erbil.
- b) Operators flying to or from Iraqi airports others than those above prohibited shall:
  - 1) continuously monitor the security and safety of operations along the mentioned routes/airways;
  - 2) ensure that the provision of Air Traffic Services is applied throughout the flight in compliance with international standards;
  - 3) monitor the NOTAMs pertaining to their flight and specifically into Baghdad FIR;
  - 4) provide the GCAA with bi-weekly safety and security reports until further notice; and
  - 5) ensure that the inbound and outbound within the Erbil southern corridor routes, are flown as follows:
    - i. Inbound to Erbil: (Kuwait FIR) TASMI UL602 ALPET UM860 NAMDI DCT SUL DCT RER (ORER).
    - ii. Outbound from Erbil: (ORER) RER DCT SUL DCT DERNU UM688 SIDAD (Kuwait FIR).

**REQUIREMENT No 03: AIRSPACE PROHIBITION IN UKRAINE**

- a) Operators shall not operate in the SIMFEROPOL (UKFV) and DNEPROPETROVSK (UKDV) FIRs including Crimean area and adjacent areas of the black sea and the sea of AZOV.
- b) Operators flying to or from any other Ukraine FIRs than those prohibited shall:
  - 1) fly alternative routes and evaluate risks as the situation develops;
  - 2) continuously monitor the security and safety of operations along the mentioned routes/airways;
  - 3) ensure that the provision of Air Traffic Services is applied throughout the flight in compliance with international standards;
  - 4) monitor the NOTAMs pertaining to their flight and specifically into Ukraine FIR; and
  - 5) adhere to the instructions issued by Eurocontrol and other relevant Air Navigation Service Providers/National Authorities.

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