



SAFETY DECISION 2017-04

Issue 03

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SUBJECT:

AIRSPACE PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION

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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 issue 03 of Safety Decision is published to withdraw and replace Issue 02 and allow normal routing to Erbil.

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) at flight level below FL260.
- b) Notwithstanding a), Operations in the Baghdad FIR (ORBB) at flight level below FL260 may be allowed for flights to and from Baghdad (ORBI), Najaf (ORNI), Basra (ORMM), Erbil (ORER) and Sulaymaniyah (ORSU) airports in strict compliance with Aeronautical Information issued by the State of Iraq concerning its FIR and airports. However, such flights shall be conducted in a manner to reduce, as much as practical, flight time below FL260.



c) Operators operating to Iraqi Airspace shall:

- 1) continuously monitor the security and safety of operations along the mentioned routes/airways and airports;
- 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 flights using the Erbil and Sulaymaniyah southern corridor routes, are flown as follows:
 - i. Inbound to Erbil or Sulaymaniyah: (Kuwait FIR) TASMI UL602 ALPET UM860 TOTAM DCT RER (ORER) or DCT SUL (ORSU).
 - ii. Outbound from Erbil or Sulaymaniyah: (ORER) RER or (ORSU) 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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