



Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

CZIB No.: 2017-04R3

Issued: 15 October 2018

Subject: Airspace of Iraq

Revision / Cancellation:

This CZIB is revised to extend the validity period, and to amend reference publications. The original issue of this CZIB replaced and cancelled EASA SIB 2014-24R2 dated 23 December 2015.

Reference Publications(s):

- United Kingdom NOTAM V0024/17 issued 06 December 2017 (see Appendix 1 of this CZIB).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration KICZ NOTAM A0025/17 issued 09 December 2017 (see Appendix 2).
- AIC France Circular 15/18 issued 10 May 2018 (see Appendix 3).
- Germany NOTAM B1386/18 issued 05 October 2018 (see Appendix 4).
- South African Civil Aviation Authority NOTAM A2520/18 issued 24 June 2018 (see Appendix 5).

Affected Airspace:

Iraq airspace, all altitudes.

Applicability:

This CZIB applies to operators.

Description:

This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. Due to the hazardous security situation, with the presence of terrorist organisations and ongoing high intensity military operations, there is a risk of both intentional targeting and misidentification of civil aircraft.

Due to the presence of various weaponry including MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems), it is advised to be cautious with the risk associated to civil aviation. The risk to operations at all altitudes is assessed to be HIGH, except for airways UM688 and UM860. The highest airspace risk is estimated to be along the entire Iraq/Syrian border.

Additionally, the Agency draws the attention of the aviation community to the above referenced information, copies of which are attached to this CZIB.

Recommendation(s):

Operators should take this information and any other relevant information into account in their own risk assessments, alongside any available guidance or directions from their national authority

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as appropriate. Latest operational information on 'Closures and warnings' issued by means of ICAO State Letters, NOTAMs, AICs/AIPs, EASA CZIB may be found in the [Network Manager NOP Portal](#) (password protected version).

Validity:

This CZIB is valid until 15 April 2019.

Contact(s):

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Appendix 1

Source: [United Kingdom Notam V0024/17](#)
[United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service](#)

V0024/17 (Issued for EGTG EGPX EGGX) - GENERAL RULES, AMEND TXT
FOR HAZARDOUS SITUATION IN IRAQ.

POTENTIAL RISK FROM DEDICATED ANTI-AVIATION WEAPONRY IN IRAQ.
OPERATORS ARE ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE
OF IRAQ (INCLUDING THE BAGHDAD FIR). WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
ROUTING ON AIRWAYS UL602 TO ALPET, UM860 AND UM688 WHEN OPERATING
ABOVE 25000FT AGL.

OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION INTO ACCOUNT IN
THEIR OWN RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ROUTING DECISIONS.

CONTACT UK DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (+44) (0)20 7944 4426 OR
(+44) (0)207 944 5999 OUT OF HOURS.

AMEND COLUMN 6 DATE TO READ 05 DEC 17 UK AIP ENR 1.1.

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Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration [KICZ NOTAM A0025/17](#)

KICZ A0025/17 - SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLIGHT PROHIBITION FOR IRAQ
BAGHDAD (ORBB) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE POTENTIAL FOR FIGHTING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF IRAQ AND ONGOING CONCERNS ABOUT THE EXTREMIST/MILITANT THREAT TO U.S. CIVIL AVIATION, ALL FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) AT ALTITUDES BELOW FLIGHT LEVEL 260 (FL260) BY THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) ARE PROHIBITED. THIS NOTAM IS AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED UNDER 49 USC 40113(A) AND 46105(C).

A. APPLICABILITY. THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS; ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA, EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER; AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. PERMITTED OPERATIONS. THIS NOTAM DOES NOT PROHIBIT PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) FROM CONDUCTING FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE BAGHDAD FIR (ORBB) AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 IN EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
(1) THE OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED EITHER BY ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FAA OR BY A DEVIATION, EXEMPTION, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE FAA ADMINISTRATOR (OPERATORS MUST CALL THE FAA WASHINGTON OPERATIONS CENTER AT 202-267-3333 TO INITIATE COORDINATION FOR FAA AUTHORIZATION OF OPERATIONS); OR
(2) FLIGHTS DEPARTING FROM COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO IRAQ MAY OPERATE AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT A CLIMB TO OR ABOVE FL260, IF THE CLIMB PERFORMANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT PERMIT IT TO ATTAIN FL260 PRIOR TO ENTERING THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY, THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ. OPERATORS ARE REMINDED TO ADHERE TO ALL APPLICABLE NOTAMS PUBLISHED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ WHILE OPERATING IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR.

C. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND OF AN AIRCRAFT MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY.

SFC - FL259, 09 DEC 16:00 2017 UNTIL PERM. CREATED: 09 DEC 16:06 2017

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Appendix 3

Source: [AIC France Circular 15/18](#)

From 08/02/2018 and until further notice, French carriers are requested not to authorize their aircraft to penetrate into the airspace of Iraq (ORBB FIR (BAGHDAD)), except for routes UM860, UM688 and UL602 (between TASMI and ALPET) on which French air carriers are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320.

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Appendix 4

Source: Germany NOTAM B1386/18

B1386/18 NOTAMN

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E) SECURITY IRAQ POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION FIR BAGHDAD (ORBB)

CONTENT:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ADVISES CIVIL GERMAN AIR OPERATORS NOT TO PLAN AND CONDUCT FLIGHTS WITHIN FIR BAGHDAD (ORBB) BELOW FL260 INCLUDING LANDING, TAXIING, PARKING AND TAKE OFF AT ALL AIRPORTS DUE TO POTENTIAL RISK TO AVIATION FROM DEDICATED ANTI-AVIATION AND GROUND-TO-GROUND WEAPONRY AND ONGOING MILITARY OPERATIONS.

EMERGENCY SITUATION: IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY.)

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Appendix 5

Source: South African Civil Aviation Authority [NOTAM A2520/18](#)

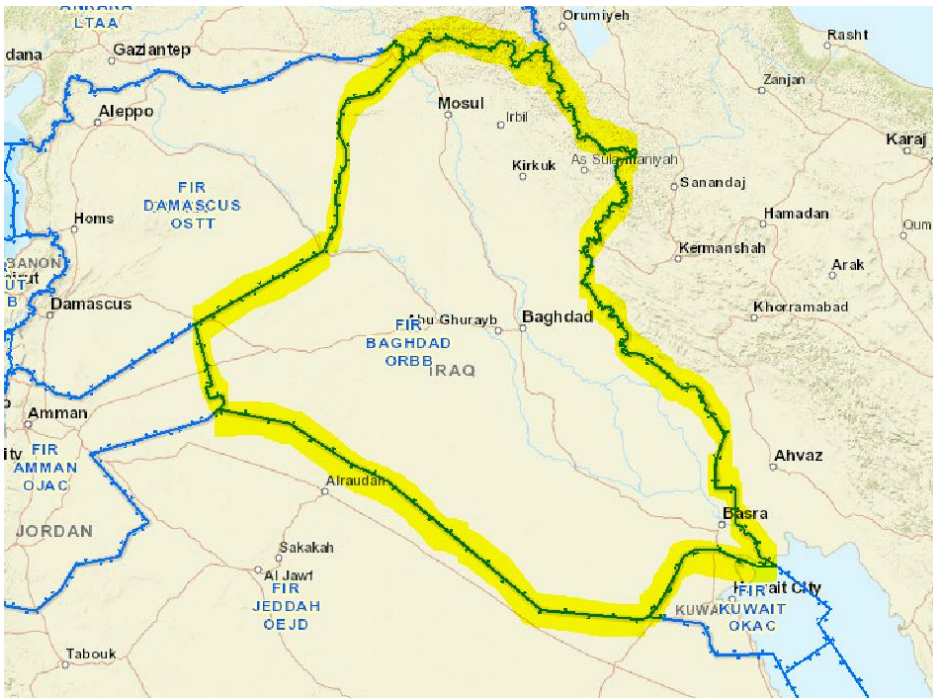
A2520/18 (Issued for FAJA FAJO FACA) - FLT TO AND FM IRAQ
POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION - IRAQ AIRSPACE.
DUE TO THE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE ARMED
CONFLICT IN IRAQ. ALL FLT OPS IN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF
IRAQ AT OR BLW FL300 BY THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A,
BELOW ARE STRONGLY ADVISED AGAINST UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED.
(1) OVERFLIGHTS OF IRAQ ABOVE FL200 BUT AT OR BLW FL300
(2) OPS AT OR BLW FL300 BY FLT DEP FM THE COUNTRIES ADJ TO IRAQ
WHOSE CLIMB PER WILL NOT PERMIT OPS ABV FL300 PRIOR TO ENTERING
IRAQI AIRSPACE
(3) FLT ORIGINATING FM OR DESTINED TO AREAS OUTSIDE OF IRAQ TO OR
FM ERBIL INTL AP (ORER) OR SULAYMANIYAH INT AP (ORSU) WI THE
TERRITORY OF IRAQ NORTH OF 34 DEG 30 MIN NORTH LAT.
APPLICABILITY: THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO ALL SOUTH AFRICAN AIR CARRIERS
AND COMMERCIAL OPR, ALL OPR/PERSONS EXER THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AOC
ISSUED BY THE SACAA (SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY),
EXC SUCH OPR/PERSONS OPR SOUTH AFRICAN REGISTERED ACFT FOR A
FOREIGN AIR CARRIER. THIS ADVISORY ON OPS IN THE AIRSPACE SPECIFIED
IN THIS NOTAM AND THE ASSOCIATED JUSTIFICATION WILL BE RE-EVALUATED
AS THE SITUATION REQUIRES.
24 JUN 04:37 2018 UNTIL PERM. CREATED: 24 JUN 04:37 2018

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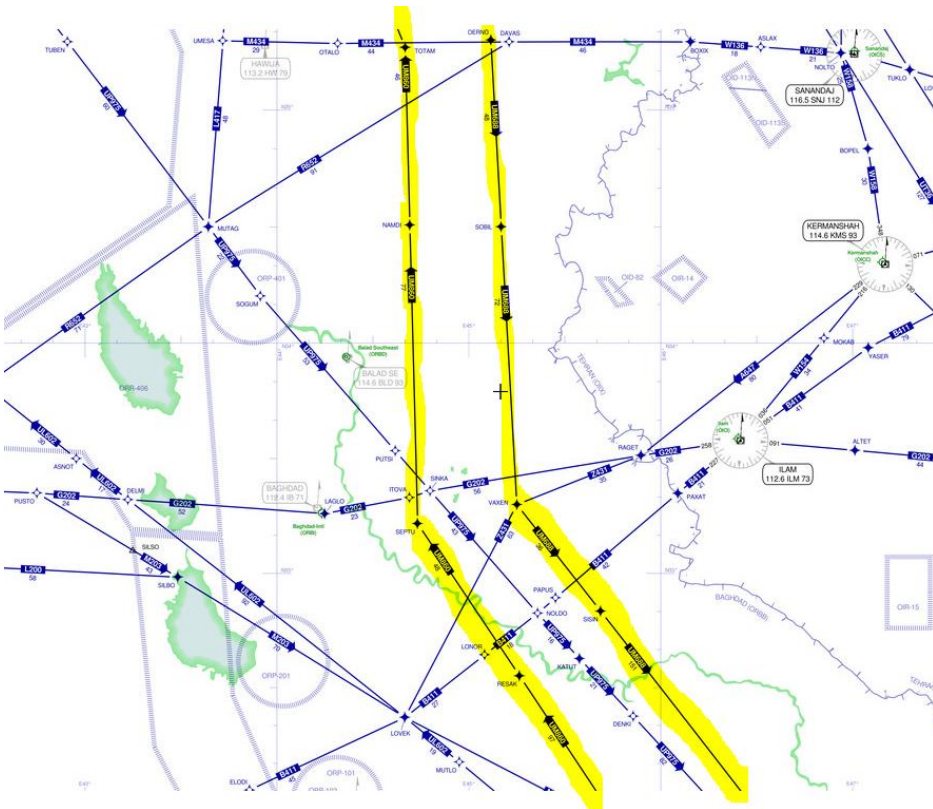


Appendix 6

Geographical Area: Iraq



Airways UM688 /UM860 (for illustration only):



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