



Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

CZIB No.: 2017-08R1

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Subject: Airspace of Afghanistan

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 2014-26R1 dated 16 October 2015.

Reference Publications(s):

- United Kingdom NOTAM AIP ENR 1.1 issued 08 October 2015 (see Appendix 1 of this CZIB).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration KICZ A0031/17 issued 24 December (see Appendix 2).
- AIC France Circular A06/18 issued 08 February 2018 (see Appendix 3).
- Germany NOTAM B0371/18 issued 13 March 2018 (see Appendix 4).

Affected Airspace:

Afghanistan airspace, Kabul Flight Information Region (FIR OAKX).

Applicability:

This CZIB applies to operators.

Description:

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 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 23 October 2018.

Contact(s):

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Appendix 1

Source: United Kingdom NOTAM AIP ENR 1.1

[United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service](#)

Risk to aircraft overflying OAKB/Kabul FIR at less than 25,000 feet.

Hazardous Situation in Afghanistan

Potential risk to aviation overflying Kabul FIR at less than 25,000 ft above ground level (agl) from dedicated anti-aviation weaponry.

Operators are advised to take this potential risk into account in their risk assessments and routing decisions.

Contact UK Department for Transport +44 (0)207-944 4426
or +44 (0)207-944 5999 out of hours.

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Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration [KICZ NOTAM A0031/17](#)

KICZ A0031/17 - SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADVISORY FOR AFGHANISTAN THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF AFGHANISTAN SHOULD OPERATE ONLY ON ESTABLISHED AIR ROUTES AND AT ALTITUDES AT OR ABOVE FL330 TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. HIGH ELEVATION TERRAIN IN PARTS OF AFGHANISTAN MAY CREATE THE POTENTIAL FOR SOME OF THE THREATS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH C TO BE ENCOUNTERED AT OR ABOVE FL330 IN THOSE AREAS.

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. PLANNING. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A PLANNING TO FLY INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE ABOVE-NAMED AREA MUST REVIEW CURRENT SECURITY/THREAT INFORMATION AND NOTAMS AND COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FAA REGULATIONS, OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS, AND LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION, INCLUDING UPDATING B450.

C. OPERATIONS. EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION DURING FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND AVOID OPERATING AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL 330 TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE DUE TO ONGOING MILITARY OPERATIONS AND EXTREMIST/MILITANT ACTIVITY. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN PRESENTS AN INCREASED CONCERN FOR U.S. CIVIL AVIATION INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY FOR AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AND AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT LOW ALTITUDES, INCLUDING DURING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PHASES OF FLIGHT. THERE IS A RISK OF ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. CIVIL AVIATION IN AFGHANISTAN. AIRPORTS/AIRFIELDS IN AFGHANISTAN MAY BE TARGETS OF DIRECT ASSAULT AND/OR INDIRECT FIRE AND ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO INSIDER THREATS. AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT AIRPORTS/AIRFIELDS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY INDIRECT ROCKET OR MORTAR FIRE FROM EXTREMIST/MILITANT ATTACKS. AIRCRAFT ARE AT RISK OF ENCOUNTERING ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND SHOULDER-FIRED MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS), PARTICULARLY AT LOWER ALTITUDES. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A MUST REPORT SAFETY AND/OR SECURITY INCIDENTS TO THE FAA AT +1 202-267-3333 or 1-844-412-1794. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS ADVISORY WILL BE RE-EVALUATED BY 24 DEC 2018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US_RESTRICTIONS/SFC – FL329](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/us_restrictions/sfc-fl329);

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Appendix 3

Source: [AIC France Circular A06/18](#)

Maintain FL240 or higher in Afghanistan airspace.

From 17/01/2015 and until further notice, French carriers are requested to ensure that their aircraft maintain at all times a flight level equal to or above FL240 in the airspace of Afghanistan (OAKX FIR (KABUL)).

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Appendix 4

Source: [Germany NOTAM B0371/18](#)

Avoid landings in Afghanistan. This Notam has added previous advice to maintain FL330 or higher in the FIR.

B0371/18 (Issued for EDGG EDWW EDMM) - SECURITY... AFGHANISTAN ...
POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION - FIR KABUL (OAKX)

POTENTIAL RISK TO AVIATION OVERFLYING THIS AREA BELOW FL330
AND OF BEING SUBJECT TO COLLATERAL DAMAGE DUE TO ATTACKS ON
NON-CIVILIAN TARGETS DURING LANDING, TAXIING, PARKING AND
DEPARTURE AT ALL AIRPORTS WITHIN FIR KABUL (OAKX).

OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE POTENTIAL RISK INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR
RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ROUTEING DECISIONS.

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.

13 MAR 09:35 2018 UNTIL 12 JUN 23:59 2018 ESTIMATED.

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