

SUBJECT : OVERFLIGHT OF CONFLICT ZONES

This AIC cancels and supersedes AIC France A 02/21

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This circular lists the areas outside the national territory subject to overflight restrictions or penetration prohibitions issued by the French authorities. It applies to air services operated by carriers holding an operating license issued by France, whether they are contractual carriers and / or operating carriers. It applies in particular to services performed through a wet lease or a codeshare agreement. It also applies to any flight made with an aircraft registered in France.

2 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Exceptional waivers may be granted upon motivated request to the competent authority.

2.2 These restrictions or prohibitions apply without prejudice to emergency measures that the pilot in command may take in case of absolute necessity.

3 LIST OF CONCERNED AREAS

3.1 Ukraine

From 22/10/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into UKDV (DNIPROPETROVS'K) and UKFV (SIMFEROPOL) FIRs, except for routes segments M860 KUGOS - DIGAM, L851 KUGOS - ADINA, M854 SUMOL - RASIL, M856 RAKUR - DIGAM, M435 LAROM - RASIL and M861 RAKUR - BIRMA which are available for flight planning according to conditions published in Ukraine aeronautical information, and for which it is advisable to refer to the most current recommendations published by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

3.2 Iraq

From 20/05/2021 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Iraq (ORBB FIR (BAGDAD)), except for routes UM860, UM688 and UL602 (between TASMI and ALPET) on which a flight level above or equal to FL320 is requested to be maintained at all times.

After obtaining the agreement of the organizations providing air traffic control services, it is authorized, while always maintaining a flight level above or equal to FL320, to fly direct:

- northbound between points TASMI and SEPTU and between points SEPTU and ROXOP (trajectory TASMI DCT SEPTU DCT ROXOP UM860 NINVA),
- southbound between points RATVO and SISIN (trajectory RATVO DCT SISIN UM688 SIDAD).

3.3 Libya

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Libya (HLLL FIR (TRIPOLI)).

3.4 Syria

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Syria (OSTT FIR (DAMASCUS)).

3.5 Afghanistan

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL260 in the airspace of Afghanistan (OAKX FIR (KABUL)).

3.6 Pakistan

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL260 in the airspace of Pakistan (OPLR FIR (LAHORE) and OPKR FIR (KARACHI)).

3.7 Yemen

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Yemen (OYSC FIR (SANA'A)).

3.8 Sudan

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL 260 in the part of the KHARTOUM FIR (HSSS) located west of the 27th meridian and south of the 13th parallel above Sudan's territory.

3.9 South Sudan

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL260 in the part of the KHARTOUM FIR (HSSS) above South Sudan.

3.10 Somalia

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL260 in the airspace of Somalia (HCSM FIR (MOGADISHU)).

3.11 Mali

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320 in the part of the Niamey FIR (DRRR) located above the Malian territory.

3.12 North Korea

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to exercise particular caution during flight operations in the airspace of North Korea (ZKKP FIR (PYONGYANG)), especially its maritime part.

3.13 Saudi Arabia

From 20/05/2021 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested:

- To exercise caution during flight operations in the airspace of Saudi Arabia (FIR JEDDAH (OEJD)) and follow instructions given by the Saudi authorities providing air traffic services, particularly in the southwest of JEDDAH FIR (OEJD) in which ESCAT (Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic) may be activated by NOTAM from the Saudi authorities ;
- Not to operate any flights to Abha (OEAB), Jazan (OEGN), Nejran (OENG), Sharurah (OESH), Wadi Al Dawasir (OEWD), Al Bahah (OEBA) and Bisha (OEBH) aerodromes located in the southwest of JEDDAH FIR (OEJD) in which ESCAT (Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic) may be activated by NOTAM from the Saudi authorities. Such aerodromes shall not be identified as alternate aerodromes when planning flight operations.

3.14 Iran

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate in the part of the TEHRAN FIR (OIIX) located west of the 54th meridian and to ensure that their aircraft maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320 in the part of the TEHRAN FIR (OIIX) located east of the 54th meridian.