



European Union Aviation Safety Agency

CZIB No.: 2024-02 R2

Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

Subject: Airspace of Israel

Status:

Active

Issue date:

09/10/2024

Valid until:

30/11/2024

30/11/2024, unless reviewed earlier.

Revision:

Revision 2 issued 31 October 2024. The validity has been extended until 30 November 2024.

Referenced publication(s):

Aeronautical Publications issued by Israel and by the State of Operator.

Affected Airspace:

FIR TEL AVIV (LLLL), all altitudes.

Applicability:

Applies to operators

Air operators:

- subject to the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012, planning to conduct operations in the affected airspace (EASA operators).
- third Country Operators authorised by EASA, when conducting operations under their TCO authorisation to, from and within the EU (TCO operators).

Description:

This CZIB is issued based on information currently available to EASA and the European Commission to share necessary information for ensuring the safety of flights over zones of interest.

The current conflict between Hezbollah and Israel involves rockets, missiles and drones launches from Lebanon with Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire, including systematic activation of air-defence systems.

Hezbollah's possession of all-altitude capable cruise and ballistic missiles, along with the deployment of air assets operating at various altitudes, increases the risk of misidentification and miscalculation.

Additionally, missiles and military-grade weaponised drones launched by Hezbollah allies create additional concerns for the safety of airspace in the region.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the State of Israel has demonstrated its ability to efficiently manage the risks to civil aviation in its airspace to date. However, it is considered that the current intensity of the conflict and high level of tensions with Iran pose risks to civil aviation requiring adequate mitigation measures to be implemented by air operators.

EASA will continue to closely monitor the situation, with a view to assess whether there is an increase or decrease of the risk for EU aircraft operators due to the evolution of the threat and risk situation.

Recommendation(s):

EASA recommends air operators to implement a stringent monitoring process and risk assessment for each flight when intending to operate within the airspace of Israel.

The outcome of the risk assessment process should allow to reasonably determine the level of risk for each flight resulting in a decision:

- 1) to continue the operations subject to the implementation of mitigations or additional contingency measures; or
- 2) not to operate in the entirety or in part of the affected airspace, at any or at specific flight level.

The risk assessment and mitigation measures should ensure that a flight does not commence or continue as planned unless it has been verified by all reasonable means that the airspace can be safely used for the planned operation.

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications concerning the region issued by Israel, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities.

Affected Countries:

Israel