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**Referenced publication(s):**

Aeronautical Publications issued by or on behalf of Afghanistan, by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States and by the State of Operator.

**Affected Airspace:**

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

**Applicability:**

Applies to operators

**Description:**

Due to the current security situation in Afghanistan since the withdrawal of western military forces and the Taliban takeover of the country in August 2021, there is a continued possible threat to civil aviation resulting in a HIGH risk to operations at altitudes below FL 320.

Extremist non-state actor groups remain active and might sporadically target aviation facilities in multiple ways, including direct rocket or mortar attacks, indirect fire or suicide bombers.

Additionally, there is an aviation safety concern due to the absence or limited Air Traffic Service (ATS) capacities across the entire country.

**Recommendation(s):**

EASA advises air operators not to conduct flights over FIR Kabul (OAKX) below FL 320.

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications concerning the region issued by or on behalf of Afghanistan and by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States, 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:**

Afghanistan