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Referenced publication(s):

- AIC France Circular A 24/22 issued 24 November 2022 (see Appendix 1)
- German AIC 12/23 issued on 13 July 2023 (see Appendix 2)
- UK issued AIP Amendment 08/22 (effective date 11 August 2022) (see Appendix 3)

Affected Airspace:

Pakistan airspace, Karachi Flight Information Region (FIR OPKR) and Lahore FIR (OPLR).

Applicability:

Applies to operators

Description:

Due to the current security situation in Pakistan with the presence of violent non-state actor groups with confirmed anti-aviation weaponry, possibly MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems), there is a continued possible threat to civil aviation resulting in a HIGH risk to operation at altitudes below FL 260.

Additionally, Kashmir region remains the site of territorial dispute with sporadic military operations posing a potential inadvertent risk to civil aviation due to a potential risk for misidentification in case of military escalation, particularly in the FIR Lahore (OPLR).

Recommendation(s):

EASA advises air operators not to conduct flights over FIR Karachi (OPKR) and FIR Lahore (OPLR) below FL 260.

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).

Affected Countries:

Pakistan

Appendix 1

Source: [AIC France 24/22 issued 24 November 2022](#)

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)).

Appendix 2

Source: [German AIC 12/23 issued on 13 July 2023](#)

SECURITY - HAZARDOUS SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

Civil German air operators are advised to take potential risk into account in their risk assessment and routing decisions within FIR KARACHI (OPKR) and FIR LAHORE (OPLR) below FL260.

Potential risk from anti-aviation weaponry and possible terrorist attacks at all airports.

Appendix 3

Source: [United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1 Section 1.4](#)

Security - Hazardous Situation in Pakistan

UK registered air operators are advised to take potential risk into account in their risk assessment and routing decisions in FIR KARACHI (OPKR) and FIR LAHORE (OPLR) below 25,000 FT above ground level (AGL). Potential risk from anti-aircraft weaponry. Contact UK Department for Transport +44 (0)207-082 6639 or +44 (0)207-944 5999 out of hours.