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Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

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Subject: Airspace of Somalia

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Active

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- 31/01/2024 - The recommendations were amended in order to ensure consistency with the description part. No additional changes were introduced.
- 1/10/2023 - The validity of the CZIB was extended until 30 April 2024. No additional changes were introduced.
- 20/07/2023 - German AIC 12/23 issued on 13 July 2023 superseding AIC 09/23.
- 23/05/2023 - German AIC 07/23 issued on 18 May 2023 superseding AIC 05/23. Canada AIC 13/23 issued on 18 May 2023 replacing AIC 3/23.
- 28/04/2023 - The validity of the CZIB was extended until 31 October 2023. Minimum FL250 was changed to FL260 for consistency purposes.

Referenced publication(s):

- United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1 issued 15 July 2021 (see Appendix 1)
- United States Federal Aviation Administration SFAR 107 issued 13 December 2017 and NOTAM KICZ A0028/19 issued 11 December 2019 (see Appendix 2)
- AIC France Circular A 24/22 issued 24 November 2022 (see Appendix 3)
- German AIC 12/23 issued on 13 July 2023 (see Appendix 4)
- Transport Canada AIC 13/23 issued 18 May 2023 (see Appendix 5)

Affected Airspace:

Somalia airspace, below Flight Level (FL) 260.

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Applicability:

Applies to operators

Description:

This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. Due to the hazardous situation, with the presence of terrorist organisations with confirmed anti-aviation weaponry, possibly MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems) and ongoing military operations, it is assessed that the risk of operation and overflight below FL 260 is HIGH.

Recommendation(s):

EASA recommends air operators not to conduct flights over Somalia at or 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 authorities, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones. 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:

Somalia

Appendix 1

Source: United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1

United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service

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Hazardous Situation in Somalia

Potential risk to aviation overflying Somalia (Mogadishu FIR - HCSM) at less than 25,000 FT above ground level (AGL) from dedicated anti-aircraft weaponry.

Operators are advised to avoid operating at less than 25,000 FT AGL in Somalia (Mogadishu FIR - HCSM).

Contact UK Department for Transport +44 (0)207-944 6322 or +44 (0)207-944 5999 out of hours.

Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration SFAR 107

This action extends the expiration date for the Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) that prohibits certain flights in the territory and airspace of Somalia at altitudes below flight level (FL) 260 by all: United States (U.S.) air carriers; U.S. commercial operators; persons exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, except when such persons are operating U.S.- registered aircraft for a foreign air carrier; and operators of U.S.-registered civil aircraft, except where the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier.

The FAA is taking this action because it has determined that there continues to be an unacceptable risk to U.S. civil aviation operating in the territory and airspace of Somalia at altitudes below FL260 resulting from terrorist and militant activity. The FAA also republishes, with minor revisions, the approval process and exemption information for this SFAR.

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration NOTAM KICZ A0028/19

KICZ A0028/19 - SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLIGHT PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FLIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF SOMALIA.

14 CFR 91.1613 SPECIAL FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATION (SFAR) NO. 107 PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FLIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF SOMALIA WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON 11 DEC 2019 AND WAS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:

HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US_RESTRICTIONS/. SFC - 259, 11 DEC 13:00 2019 UNTIL 07 JAN 23:59 2023. CREATED: 11 DEC 12:57 2019

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Appendix 3

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 Somalia (HCSM FIR (MOGADISHU)).

Appendix 4

Source: German AIC 12/23 issued on 13 July 2023

SECURITY - HAZARDOUS SITUATION IN SOMALIA

Civil German air operators are recommended not to enter FIR MOGADISHU (HCSM) below FL260. Potential risk from anti-aviation weaponry, military operations and armed conflicts.

Excluded from this recommendation is airway UR401 between waypoints SUHIL and AXINA.

Appendix 5

Source: Canada AIC 13/23 issued on 18 May 2023

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SECURITY – HAZARDOUS SITUATION IN SOMALIA. Canadian Air Operators and owners of aircraft registered in Canada are recommended to maintain a flight level equal to or above FL260 within FIR Mogadishu (HCSM). Potential risk from anti-aviation weaponry and military operations.

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