

**Subject: Airspace of Egypt Sinai Peninsula****Status:**

Active

**Issued date:**

26/11/2019

**Valid until:**

30/04/2020

**Revision:**

This CZIB is revised to extend the validity period of CZIB-2017-09R3, and to amend reference publications.

**Referenced publication(s):**

- United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1 issued 31 January 2019 (see Appendix 1).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration KICZ A0010/19 issued 30 March 2019 & FAA Background Notice issued 30 March (see Appendix 2).
- Ireland NOTAM B1015/19 issued 01 October 2019 (see Appendix 3).

**Affected Airspace:**

Egypt airspace, Cairo Flight Information Region (FIR HECC), Sinai Peninsula.

**Applicability:**

Applies to operators

**Description:**

The Agency draws the attention of the aviation community to the above referenced information, copies of which are attached to this CZIB. This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. Due to the hazardous situation, it is assessed that the risk of operation and overflight below FL250 is HIGH.

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**Recommendation(s):**

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](#) [2] (password protected version).

**Affected Countries:**

**Egypt**

## Appendix 1

Source: United Kingdom [AIP ENR 1.1](#)  
[United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service](#)

Hazardous Situation in Egypt

Potential risk to aviation overflying Egyptian airspace in Northern Sinai

Governate within the area bounded by 311400N 0322200E - 294000N 0324000E - 293000N 0345400E - 312000N 0341200E - 311400N 0322200E (Cairo FIR, Sinai Peninsula) at less than 25,000 ft above ground level (agl) from dedicated anti-aviation weaponry.

Operators are strongly advised to avoid operating at less than 25,000 ft agl in this airspace.

Contact UK Department for Transport +44 (0)207-944 4426 or +44 (0)207-944 5999 out of hours.

## Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration [NOTAM KICZ A0010/19](#)

A0010/19 (Issued for KICZ)

SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADVISORY FOR EGYPT SINAI PENINSULA.

THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A BELOW SHOULD AVOID FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN OR OVER THE SINAI PENINSULA IN THE CAIRO FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) (HECC) AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LATERAL LIMITS:

311855N 0321900E TO 294443N 0322815E TO 281650N 0331928E TO 272900N 0341900E

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TO 292920N 0345500E THEN ALONG THE EGYPT/ISRAEL BORDER TO 311800N 0341300E TO 311855N 0321900E.

A. APPLICABILITY. THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS; ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA, EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER; AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. PLANNING. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A PLANNING TO FLY INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE ABOVE-NAMED AREA MUST REVIEW CURRENT SECURITY/THREAT INFORMATION AND NOTAMS; COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FAA REGULATIONS, OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS, AND LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION, INCLUDING UPDATING B450; AND PROVIDE AT LEAST 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF PLANNED FLIGHTS TO THE FAA AT AEO-CITWATCH@FAA.GOV WITH SPECIFIC FLIGHT DETAILS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

C. OPERATIONS. EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION DURING FLIGHT OPERATIONS DUE TO THE RISK FROM POTENTIAL EXTREMIST/MILITANT ATTACKS INVOLVING ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS, INCLUDING MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS), ANTI-TANK MISSILES, SMALL-ARMS FIRE, AND INDIRECT FIRE FROM MORTARS AND ROCKETS TARGETING AIRCRAFT AND SINAI AIRPORTS. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A MUST REPORT SAFETY AND/OR SECURITY INCIDENTS TO THE FAA AT +1 202-267-3333 OR 1 202-267-3203.

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS ADVISORY WILL BE RE-EVALUATED BY 30 MARCH 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR\\_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US\\_RESTRICTIONS/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/us_restrictions/).

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FAA Background Information Regarding U.S. Civil Aviation - [Egypt Sinai Peninsula](#)

FAA Background Information Regarding U.S. Civil Aviation – Egypt Sinai Peninsula in the Cairo (HECC) Flight Information Region (FIR) Due to ongoing fighting between military forces

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and extremist/militant elements and the continuing extremist threat to civil aviation, the FAA assesses there is continued risk to U.S. civil aviation operating into, out of, within, or over the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula in the Cairo Flight Information Region (FIR) (HECC), within the lateral limits described in NOTAM A0010/19, at altitudes below FL260. International civil air routes transiting the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula in the Cairo FIR (HECC) at altitudes below FL 260 and aircraft operating to and from Sinai airports are at risk from extremist/militant attacks involving small arms; indirect-fire weapons, such as mortars and rockets; anti-tank missiles; and anti-aircraft capable weapons, including man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS). Some MANPADS present a risk up to a maximum altitude of 25,000 feet above ground level (AGL). The Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham in the Sinai (ISIS-Sinai), which is an Egypt-based affiliate of ISIS, continues to conduct attacks in the Sinai Peninsula, some of which have demonstrated their capability and intent to target civil aviation. Throughout 2018, ISIS-Sinai targeted Egyptian security forces and police check-points in the Sinai. In December 2017, ISIS-Sinai used an antitank missile to destroy a military helicopter associated with VIP movement at Al' Arish. The attack at Al' Arish potentially demonstrated the group's ability to target sensitive activities. While predominately operating in the northern portion of the peninsula, ISIS-Sinai has previously demonstrated the capability to project threats into the southern Sinai. In February 2017, ISIS-Sinai militants in southern Sinai fired rockets across the border toward Eilat, Israel. In October 2015, ISIS claimed responsibility for the improvised explosive device (IED) attack destroying a Russian passenger aircraft enroute to St. Petersburg, Russia shortly after departing Sharm el-Sheikh (HESH) in the southern Sinai. The group claimed the IED was placed aboard the aircraft prior to departing HESH, raising concerns about potential insider threats at the airport. In June 2015, ISIS-Sinai fired rockets towards El Gora Airport (HEGR), located in northern Sinai. Regarding aircraft in flight, in January 2014, ISIS-Sinai fired small arms at an Egyptian military aircraft and used MANPADS to shoot down an Egyptian military helicopter flying at low altitude. Although MANPADS have not been used to target civil aircraft in the Sinai, extremists/militants could potentially do so at any time with little or no warning. The FAA will continue to monitor risks to U.S. civil aviation operations in the Cairo FIR (HECC) and will adjust its advisory for U.S. civil aviation operations as warranted. Posted: 30 Mar 2019

### Appendix 3

Source: Ireland [NOTAM B1015/19](#)

B1015/19

FLIGHT IN EGYPT AIRSPACE, CAIRO FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR HECC), SINAI PENINSULA. THE IRISH AVIATION AUTHORITY HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY THE

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MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TOURISM AND SPORT UNDER SECTION 7 (1) (B) OF THE IRISH AVIATION ACT 1993, TO ISSUE A DIRECTION TO IRISH AOC CARRIERS THAT IRISH AOC AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT FLY BELOW 26000FT IN EGYPT AIRSPACE, CAIRO FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR HECC), SINAI PENINSULA. THE IRISH AVIATION AUTHORITY, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLES 4,7 AND 25 OF THE IRISH AVIATION AUTHORITY (OPERATIONS) ORDER (S.I. NO.61 OF 2006), (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ORDER), HEREBY DIRECTS THAT ALL IRISH AOC AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT FLY BELOW 26000FT IN EGYPT'S AIRSPACE CAIRO FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR HECC), SINAI PENINSULA.

01 OCT 17:39 2019 UNTIL 01 DEC 17:00 2019 ESTIMATED.

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