



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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Department for Transport Security Advice to Air Operators

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and Operators who Fly Internationally
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Department for Transport, in co-operation with the CAA and the National Air Traffic Service provides security guidance to UK operators flying internationally.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Safety Notice (SN) is to remind or alert UK aircraft operators to the international security threat and risk information available from the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 1.3 This SN supersedes SN-2014/009.

2 Action to be Taken

- 2.1 Any aircraft operators intending to fly internationally, particularly to countries in the Middle East, Africa or Asia, should consider contacting the DfT for security advice.

3 Background

- 3.1 The DfT is the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Appropriate Authority for Civil Aviation, including security, and as such advises UK carriers on security risks overseas, principally on terrorism. The scope of this advice and the way it is arrived at and disseminated has been reviewed in the light of the loss of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 over Ukraine in July 2014, to ensure consistent coverage of the range of threats to civil aircraft, including improvised explosive devices placed on board and surface-to-air missiles.

- 3.2 As part of the international response to the loss of the Malaysian airliner over Ukraine, ICAO has established a [website](#) from which links are available to relevant information from any participating State source to support the assessment of risks over conflict zones.
- 3.3 All UK NOTAMs relating to conflict zone issues will be made available on the AIS Website (<https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/NOTAM/>). This is the only truly 24-hour dynamic service available in the UK for information on NOTAMs that is regulated by the UK CAA. A list of current Airspace warnings is available in the UK AIP (<https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/AIP/>) under Part 2 / Section 1.1. General Rules/ 1.45 Current Airspace Warnings. It is possible that other States' advice may differ from that provided by the UK. UK NOTAMs concerning conflict zones represent the best advice available from UK Government sources in support of airline risk assessments. UK civil air operators planning to operate in airspace covered by DfT NOTAMs or AIP entries are strongly encouraged to contact DfT in advanced of operating to ensure they have the latest available information to inform the air carriers own risk assessment. If operators are concerned about advice from other States that conflicts with, or does not align with, that issued by the UK they should contact the DfT Global Risk and Response team (details provided in para 3.4).
- 3.4 The DfT offers guidance to industry on these threats across the world and operators should, in their operational planning processes, now consider contacting the Department if they intend flights to, or over, areas of concern. The contact details are as follows:

Contact	Number / Email	Time
DfT Global Risk and Response	0207 082 6639 GlobalRiskResponse.Team@dft.gov.uk	0900-1700 Monday - Friday
DfT Transport Security Operations Centre (<i>ask for Aviation Security Duty Officer</i>)	0207 944 3111 / 3777 TSOC@dft.gov.uk	at all other times

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance because of this communication should be addressed to the Department for Transport.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Safety Notice will remain in force until further notice.