Safety Notice

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 (DfT), in co-operation with the CAA and the National Air Traffic Service (NATS), 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 DfT.

1.3   This SN supersedes SN-2017/001.

2   Action to be Taken

2.1   Any aircraft operators intending to fly internationally, particularly over or near active conflict zones, should consider contacting the DfT for security advice.

3   Background

3.1   The DfT is the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Appropriate Authority for Civil Aviation, including security, and as such advises UK carriers on security risks overseas. The scope of this advice and the way it is arrived at and disseminated was reviewed following the loss of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in July 2014, following the loss of Ukrainian Airlines Flight PS752 in 2020, and again in 2023, to ensure consistent coverage of the full range of risks facing civil aviation.

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3.2   As part of the international response to these incidents, ICAO established a **website** which hosts links to relevant information, including ICAO's best practice guidance for managing airspace risks: Doc 10084 – Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near 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. Where the DfT have issued longer term airspace warnings (i.e. older than 90 days), operators can find them 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. **We strongly encourage operators regularly check both sites, to ensure that they have the latest information available.**

3.4   It is possible that other States' advice may differ from that provided by the UK. UK advice 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 the DfT in advance of operating to ensure they have the latest available information to inform their 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 3.5).

3.5   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 (*ask for Aviation Security Duty Officer*)	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.