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SUBJECT: **OVERFLIGHT OF CONFLICT ZONES**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This circular list the areas outside the national territory subject to overflight restrictions or penetration prohibitions issued by the French authorities. It applies to air services operated by carriers holding an operating license issued by France, whether they are contractual carriers and / or operating carriers. It applies in particular to services performed through a wet lease or a codeshare agreement. It also applies to any flight made with an aircraft registered in France.

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

2.1. Exceptional waivers may be granted upon motivated request to the competent authority.

2.2. These restrictions or prohibitions apply without prejudice to emergency measures that the pilot in command may take in case of absolute necessity.

3. LIST OF CONCERNED AREAS

3.1. Ukraine – Russia – Belarus

From 27/06/2024 and until further notice, following the military invasion of Ukraine by the Russian federation which poses a high risk to civilian flights operating at all altitudes and at all flight levels, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested:

- Not to enter FIR LVIV (UKLV), FIR KYIV (UKBV), FIR DNIPROPETROVSK (UKDV), FIR SIMFEROPOL (UKFV), FIR ODESA (UKOV) and FIR MINSK (UMMV);
- Not to enter within 200 nm of the Ukrainian border into the FIR MOSCOW (UUWV) and ROSTOV-NA-DONU (URRV) and
- Exercise extreme caution when conducting flights beyond 200 Nm of the Ukrainian borders in FIR MOSCOW (UUWV) and FIR ROSTOV-NA-DONU (URRV).

3.2. Iraq

From 28/08/2025 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested:

- Not to penetrate into the airspace of Iraq (ORBB FIR (BAGDAD)), except for routes M860 (between GADSI and NINVA), M688, L602 (between TASMI and ALPET) and L718 (between ALPET and KABAN) on which a flight level above or equal to FL320 is requested to be maintained at all times.
- To maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320 on the following direct trajectories:

• Northbound: TASMI – L602 – ALPET – L718 – DEBNI DCT SEVKU – L718 - KABAN
• Northbound: TASMI – L602 – GADSI – M860 - SEPTU DCT VUSEB - M860 – NINVA
• Southbound: RATVO – M688 – KEDIM DCT SISIN - M688 – SIDAD

3.3. Libya

From 29/10/2026 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Libya (HLLL FIR (TRIPOLI)) except of:

- The two-way routes segments M999 (Zarzaitine-Sebha) and G655 (Sebha-Garin), on which a flight level above or equal to FL320 is requested to be maintained at all times.
- The route R778 (Ditar-Kufra-Tonba), on which a flight level above or equal to FL320 is requested to be maintained at all times.

The air operator must carry out a robust risk assessment to ensure that the flight can be conducted under satisfactory safety and security conditions before entering in Libyan airspace.

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3.4. Syria

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Syria (OSTT FIR (DAMASCUS)).

3.5. Afghanistan

From 28/09/2023 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 FL320 in the airspace of Afghanistan (OAKX FIR (KABUL).

3.6. Pakistan

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)).

3.7. Yemen

From 04/11/2021 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate into the airspace of Yemen (OYSC FIR (SANA'A)), except for routes located in the maritime part of FIR OYSC (SANAA), east of route B400 included on which a flight level above or equal to FL320 is requested to be maintained at all times.

3.8. Sudan

From 14/12/2023 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate in the part of the KHARTOUM FIR (HSSS) located over Sudan territory and not to identify Sudan aerodromes as alternate when planning flight operations.

3.9. South Sudan

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 part of the KHARTOUM FIR (HSSS) above South Sudan.

3.10. Somalia

From 14/12/2023 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 (FIR MOGADISHU (HCSM) except in the maritime part of FIR MOGADISHU (HCSM) located North of parallel 113000N where flights are authorized while exercising at all-time great caution below an altitude of 5000 ft.

3.11. Mali

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 FL320 in the part of the Niamey FIR (DRRR) located above the Malian territory.

3.12. North Korea

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested to exercise particular caution during flight operations in the airspace of North Korea (ZKKP FIR (PYONGYANG)), especially its maritime part.

3.13. Saudi Arabia

From 29/09/2023 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested:

- to exercise great caution in the southwest of JEDDAH FIR (OEJD) where the aerodromes of Abha (OEAB), Jazan (OEGN), Nejran (OENG), Sharurah (OESH), Wadi Al Dawasir (OEWD), Al Bahah (OEBA) and Bisha (OEBH) are located, in which ESCAT (Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic) may be activated by NOTAM from the Saudi authorities.
- to monitor the appropriate ATC frequencies and to comply strictly with the instructions given by the Saudi authorities providing air traffic services.

3.14. Iran

From 09/04/2020 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested not to penetrate in the part of the TEHRAN FIR (OIIX) located west of the 54th meridian and to ensure that their aircraft maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320 in the part of the TEHRAN FIR (OIIX) located east of the 54th meridian.

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3.15. Ethiopia

From 14/12/2023 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 FL320 in the airspace of Ethiopia (FIR ADDIS ABABA (HAAA)) corresponding to the TMA (terminal manoeuvring area) of MEKELE aerodrome as well as in the portion of airspace defined by the points: 135914.7N - 0362048.9E, 130042.8N
- 0365122.9E, ETOBU (132132N - 0373433E), TILUD (134116N 0375950E), EVITO (142911N 0382424E), the boundary between the ADDIS ABABA (HAAA) and ASMARA (HHAA) flight information regions and the boundary between the ADDIS ABABA (HAAA) and KHARTOUM (HSSX) flight information regions;
- to exercise great caution when overflying within the rest of ADDIS ABABA FIR (HAAA) below FL320.

3.16. Moldova

From 27/06/2024 and until further notice, pilots in command of aircraft performing air services mentioned in paragraph 1.1 are requested:

- Not to penetrate in the part of the CHISINAU FIR (LUUU) located over Moldovan territory in the portion of airspace defined by the points 481502N - 0263725E, along the border between Moldova and Ukraine, 452824N - 0281218E, along the border between Moldova and Romania, 453849N - 0281026E, 463506N - 0285540E, 463810N - 0293434E, 470714N - 0291023E, 472351N - 0285959E, 475250N - 0284929E, 481839N - 0274319E, 481439N - 0264935E, along the border between Moldova and Romania, 481502N - 0263725E ;
- Not to identify as alternate, when planning flight operations, aerodromes located in the above overflight prohibited area and
- To comply strictly with the instructions given by the Moldovan authorities providing air traffic services.

3.17. Haiti

From 28/08/2025 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 FL100 in the airspace of Haiti FIR PORT AU PRINCE (MTEG) and not to serve Port au Prince aerodrome (MTPP).

3.18. Myanmar

From 29/01/2026 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 Myanmar FIR YANGON (VYYF) and
- to identify only Yangon Airport (VYYY) as an alternate aerodrome when planning flights.

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