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ISRAEL - EASA CONFLICT ZONE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Gentili Colleghi,

a seguito degli eventi bellici in corso dal 7 ottobre nella FIR israeliana di Tel Aviv (LLLL) EASA ha pubblicato un Conflict Zone Information Bulletin dedicato.

L'Agenzia sta monitorando da vicino l'evoluzione degli accadimenti e ritiene che l'Autorità Aeronautica di Israele stia gestendo attivamente i rischi per l'aviazione civile attraverso la pubblicazione di NOTAMs dedicati.

In considerazione dell'elevata instabilità degli eventi EASA continuerà a monitorare attentamente gli sviluppi e invita tutti gli Operatori a fare altrettanto, attraverso una corretta valutazione del rischio e con l'elaborazione di contingency plans dedicati.

Di seguito il documento.

Buona lettura

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Dear Colleagues,

following the war events underway since 7 October in the Israeli FIR in Tel Aviv (LLLL), EASA has published a dedicated Conflict Zone Information Bulletin.

The European Agency is closely monitoring the evolution of events and believes that the Israel Aviation Authority is actively managing the risks for civil aviation through the publication of dedicated NOTAMs.

Due to the unstable situation EASA will continue to carefully monitor developments and invites all Operators to do the same, with a risk assessment and appropriate contingency planning. Here below the full EASA bulletin.

Enjoy the reading

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Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

CZIB No.: 2023-03

Subject: Airspace of Israel

Status:

Active

Issued date:

08/10/2023

Valid until:

31/10/2023

31/10/2023, unless reviewed earlier.

Referenced publication(s):

Aeronautical Publications issued by the Israeli Aviation Authorities and by the Aviation Authorities of the State of Operator.

Affected Airspace:

FIR TEL AVIV (LLLL)

Applicability:

Applies to operators

Air operators:

- subject to the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012, planning to conduct operations in the affected airspace (EASA operators).
- third Country Operators authorised by EASA, when conducting operations under their TCO authorisation to, from and within the EU (TCO operators).

Description:

This CZIB is issued based on information currently available to EASA and the European Commission in order to share information which is considered necessary to ensure the safety of flights over zones of interest.

The Agency noted significant developments on 7 and 8 October 2023 when Palestinian armed groups launched rockets from Gaza, as well as several weaponized drones towards southern Israel, and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) started airstrikes and artillery fire on armed forces in Gaza.

In addition, on 8 October 2023 the Hezbollah launched a rocket barrage from Lebanon's South Governorate into Israel's North District. In response, the IDF conducted a set of artillery strikes and military drone airstrikes on several Hezbollah positions inside South Governorate on the Lebanese-Israeli border.

The recent heightened levels of armed clashes between the IDF and Palestinian armed groups in Gaza are closely monitored by EASA and the European Commission.

The fact that Israel has issued and is maintaining NOTAMs regarding its airspace and its main airports demonstrates that the Civil Aviation Authority of the state of Israel is actively managing the risk to civil aviation. At present, there are no indications that these mitigation measures are not efficient or inadequate. It is therefore considered that risks against civil aviation are for the time being effectively managed by the Israeli State authorities.

CAA Israel informs that EILAT-RAMON INTL airport (LLER-ETM) is available, both as preferable alternate airport and as a possible destination within Israel, outside the present zone of conflict.

Due to the unstable situation, EASA will continue to closely monitor the situation, with a view to assess whether there is an increase or decrease of the risk for EU aircraft operators as a result of the evolution of the threat.



Recommendation(s):

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications issued by Israeli State authorities, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones.

They should ensure that a robust risk assessment is in place together with a high level of contingency planning for their operations and be ready for short notice instructions from the Israeli authorities.

Affected Countries:

Israel