



Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

CZIB No.: 2018-03R1

Issued: 26 October 2018

Subject: Airspace of South Sudan

Revision / Cancellation:

This CZIB is revised to extend the validity period, and to amend reference publications. The original issue of this CZIB replaced and cancelled EASA SIB 2014-35 dated 30 December 2014.

Reference Publications(s):

- United Kingdom AIP ENR 1.1 issued 12 March 2018 (see Appendix 1 of this CZIB).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration NOTAM KICZ A0014/18 issued 08 August 2018 (see Appendix 2).
- AIC France Circular 15/18 issued 10 May 2018 (see Appendix 3).
- Germany NOTAM B1327/18 issued 01 October 2018 (see Appendix 4).

Affected Airspace:

South Sudan airspace, below Flight Level (FL) 250.

Applicability:

This CZIB applies to operators.

Description:

Ongoing armed conflict in South Sudan between the government and rebel forces is taking place, with consequent risk to flight operations safety deriving from possible use of small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades, anti-aircraft fire, and shoulder-fired MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems).

Due to the ongoing conflict in the region, the airspace is assessed to pose a HIGH risk to operations at altitudes below FL 250.

The Agency draws the attention of the aviation community to the above referenced information, copies of which are attached to this CZIB.

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](#) (password protected version).

This is information only. Recommendations are not mandatory.



Validity:

This CZIB is valid until 26 April 2019.

Contact(s):

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Appendix 1

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

Hazardous Situation within or over the territory and airspace of South Sudan

Potential risk to aviation overflying this area at less than 25,000 ft above ground level (agl) from dedicated anti-aviation weaponry.

Operators are strongly advised to take this potential risk into account in their risk assessments and routing decisions.

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

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Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration [KICZ NOTAM A0014/18](#)

A0014/18 NOTAM

SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADVISORY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN OR OVER THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF SOUTH SUDAN AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 DUE TO THE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION CREATED BY POLITICAL INSTABILITY AND FRAGILE SECURITY IN SOUTH SUDAN.

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. PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) WHO INTEND TO FLY INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE ABOVE-NAMED AREA MUST REVIEW CURRENT SECURITY/THREAT INFORMATION AND NOTAMS; ENSURE THEIR OPERATIONS SPECIFICATION, MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATION, OR LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION B450 IS CURRENT; AND, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF FLIGHTS, WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS, TO ASH-AXE-CITE-WATCH@FAA.GOV AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO TAKEOFF.

C. OPERATIONS. EXERCISE CAUTION DURING FLIGHT OPERATIONS DUE TO THE POTENTIAL RISK FROM SMALL-ARMS FIRE, ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, AND SHOULDER-FIRED MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS). AIRSPACE DECONFLICTION REMAINS A POTENTIAL CONCERN DUE TO NUMEROUS THREATS TO SHOOT DOWN AIRCRAFT BY MULTIPLE PARTIES IN SOUTH SUDAN. THE RISK TO U.S. CIVIL AVIATION IS PRIMARILY WHILE ON THE GROUND AND AT LOW ALTITUDES DURING APPROACH AND DEPARTURE PHASES OF FLIGHT. THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) 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 8 AUG 2019. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US_RESTRICTIONS SFC-FL259](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/us_restrictions_sfc-fl259)

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Appendix 3

Source: [AIC France Circular 15/18](#)

From 27/03/2015 and until further notice, French carriers are requested to ensure that their aircraft maintain at all times a flight level equal to or above FL240 in the airspace of Sudan and South Sudan (HSSS FIR (KHARTUM)).

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Appendix 4

Source: [Germany NOTAM B1327/18](#)

B1327/18 (issued for EDMM EDGG EDWW)

SECURITY SOUTH SUDAN POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION FIR KHARTOUM (HSSS): POTENTIAL RISK TO AVIATION WITHIN THE POLITICAL BORDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN OVERFLYING FIR KHARTOUM (HSSS) BELOW FL260 INCLUDING LANDING, TAXIING, PARKING AND TAKE OFF AT ALL AIRPORTS FROM DEDICATED ANTI-AVIATION AND GROUND-TO-GROUND WEAPONRY.

CIVIL GERMAN AIR OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE POTENTIAL RISK INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ROUTING DECISIONS.
EMERGENCY SITUATION: IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY.

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