



## Vendor Relations Regional Reviews

### March 2019

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#### ASIA

#### CHINA

##### General

The first day of the Lunar New Year occurred on Tuesday February 5th initiating the Year of the Pig. The annual "Spring Festival" travel season (also called the "Chunyun Period") is a time of travel in China with extremely high traffic load where millions of Chinese travel via trains, buses, planes and boats to return to their hometowns for the Chinese New Year and use the week-long holiday for travel. Heavy travel during the 2019 Chunyun period began on January 21st and typically lasts until the last week of February.

##### ZBAA/Beijing Capital

Operational Restrictions.

The Chinese government are holding two governmental meetings in March, the National People's Congress (NPC) & Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). As a result flight operations and parking in ZBAA will be very restricted. See notes below.

The clearance of non-participating business jets will be done prior to 16:00Z 27th February (24:00LT 27th February 2019).

Flight Restriction from 1st March to 3rd March and 13th to 17th March. Non-participating business jets who have passengers not involved with NPC & CPPCC are not allowed to park at ZBAA. (Exception for ambulance and emergency rescue flights).

From 16:00Z 27th February to 16:00Z 17th March (0:00 LT 28th February to 0:00LT 18th March 2019), participating business flights will be given priority to control parking demand, meanwhile all flight plans and parking plans will be arranged in strict accordance with the implementation rules for the management of business jets.

From 04:00Z 26th February (12:00LT 26th February), Airport Authority will not accept applications for excessive parking of non-participating flights as well as government flights. In addition the Airport will not guarantee overnight parking stand for non-participating flights and government flight of G650 or Class C aircrafts.

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If operating into ZSZS for either the NPC or CPPC meetings the following must be completed for a China Business flight permit.

1. For Hong Kong and Macau committee members, a sponsor letter will be required which should be issued by central government liaison offices in Hong Kong or Macau and includes detailed flight schedule and committee member passenger lists.
2. For Mainland committee members, registration notice, appointment notice both issued by CPPCC general office and sponsor letter stating detailed flight schedule and passenger list will be required.
3. In principle, operators will not be allowed to depart from, or land into ZBAA during 1-3 Mar and 11-13 Mar for those not attending the two sessions.
4. Add two session in your flight plan request remark item.
5. Contact CAAC surveillance center:  
XU, Siying 13141335330.

Central government liaison offices in Hong: Zhang, Quan 0085261225028;  
Central government liaison office in Macau: Liu, Wentao 15363728701.

6. Non NPC & CPPCC participating aircrafts shall leave ZBAA before 1600z/27Feb.
7. 01-03Mar and 13-17Mar, CAAC will not accept landing/takeoff request for non NPC&CPPCC participating aircrafts, except medical and emergency flights. NPC&CPPCC participating aircrafts shall provide sponsor letters issued by committee and remark TWO SESSIONS in applications. Airport will not accept parking request for non NPC&CPPCC participating aircrafts
8. From 0400z/26Feb to 1600z/27Feb and 04-12Mar, airport will not provide parking more than 24 hours for non-participating aircraft, or overnight parking for G650 or C category aircrafts. Parking for NPC&CPPCC. Participating aircraft will be taken into priority.

## **JAPAN**

### **General**

Japan has adopted new regulations effective 31 Jan 2019 that will institute random alcohol testing of "aircrew" during ramp inspections, similar to EASA. It appears that Japan is implementing the program now and foreign crews could be tested at any time. Unfortunately, similar to EASA there are not a lot of details on what exactly the program will include except for the potential penalties of a positive result.

## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

### **AYIQ/Keita**

Air Niugini has suspended its services to AYIQ this week due to removal and theft of the recently installed solar panels that power the lights of the airport's runway. Both AYIQ/Keita and Bougainville Island's other main airport AYBK/Buka were closed in Dec 2018 due to security concerns, and only reopened in Jan 2019 following commitments by the local authorities to address these issues - but it now appears they have not been very successful.

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## **PHILLIPINES**

### **Jolo Island /Southern Philippines**

On 27 January 2019, two bombs detonated at a Catholic church located in Jolo, the capital of Sulu province. The first blast occurred inside the church during Sunday Mass, while the second occurred minutes later at the main entrance to the church as government forces were responding to the incident. At least 20 people were killed, while 111 others were injured. The Islamic State (IS) later claimed responsibility for the attack. Several Western governments maintain warnings in which they advise against all travel to Sulu province where Jolo Island is located.

## **PACIFIC**

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **YPPH/Perth Intl**

The Australian Defense Force is conducting Exercise “Diamond Seas” and “Ocean Explorer” close to YPEA (just north of Perth) until March 11 2019. Complex exercise airspace has been activated as restricted during this period. All Perth routings should be checked to ensure that they will comply with the military restrictions especially when arriving or departing from the North or West. More in AIP SUP H05/19.

### **YBTL/Townsville Australia**

For the first two weeks of February heavy rains prompted authorities to issue several flash flood warnings in Australia’s northeastern Queensland state. The region was hit with floods were labeled as “once-in-a century” forcing several airports (including YBTL) to close temporarily, inundated hundreds of homes and resulted in widespread power outages. Hundreds of people were forced to evacuate, particularly in Townsville, which was hardest hit by the flooding.

### **YSSY/ Kingsford Smith Intl**

As of February 1, 2019 all Australian Hawker Pacific Fixed Base Operations (located at YSSY, YBBN, YBCS, YPPH and YPDN) officially changed their name to “Jet Aviation” as part of the integration into the global organization Jet Aviation, a General Dynamics Company. All email addresses, building signage, staff uniforms and related documents were rebranded on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Individual staff emails will now be name.surname@jetaviation.com

## **SAMOA**

### **NSFA/Faleolo Intl**

At both major airports in the Samoan islands (NSFA and NSTU) large scale airport construction is underway for the next several months. Taxiways, drainage, and fuel storage will be worked on and both fueling and parking will be affected at both airports. Airport Authorities at NSTU have stated that there will be limited parking through May 2019 and parking at NSFA will be restricted to scheduled commercial operations only.

### **NFNA/Nausori Intl**

Widespread areas of adverse weather is impacting daily flight operations in Fiji, Tuvalu, Tonga and Samoa. The Fiji met office is forecasting several months of wet weather and dangerous flooding ahead. The unusually rainy conditions are expected to continue for the next three months and possible delays and closures at airports in areas of the South Pacific Islands are possible.

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## SOUTH AMERICA

### VENEZUELA

#### General

Amid an escalating political crisis in Venezuela, on February 21st, President Maduro ordered the immediate closure of Venezuelan airspace to general and private aviation until further notice. It looks like this ban applies to overflights too. Scheduled airlines are not affected, though Air France has already said it will cancel flights to Caracas this weekend due to security concerns. The authorities have not published a Notam about this ban, but have cited laws that allow them to restrict the airspace for security reasons - this ban is likely aimed at stopping humanitarian aid from entering the country, and preventing government-opposed political leaders from travelling. The Venezuelan government closed the border with Brazil on February 20th, and they are considering doing the same with Colombia.

## NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

### CANADA

#### General

New requirement for business travelers to enter Canada, which *does* exempt US citizens.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/business.asp> The application link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

#### **Crew entry requirement now in effect.**

Visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an [Electronic Travel Authorization](#) (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. [Exceptions](#) include U.S. citizens, and travelers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including [dual citizens](#), and [Canadian permanent residents](#) cannot apply for an eTA.

CYYZ is requiring business and general aviation aircraft to obtain reservations for all arrivals and departures under their new revised slot program as of February 18, 2019. Operators must complete the online coordination (OCS) application form as soon as possible to avoid delay in obtaining access to the reservation system. All completed forms must be e-mailed to the airport reservation office ARO. The airport requires a minimum of seven days to complete the application process, once issued confirmation of acceptance will be set by email. An application must be completed before obtaining a reservation.

Any questions regarding the application form must be forwarded by email to the ARO.

Airport-based operators can book up to 30 days in advance. However, transient operators will only be allowed to request slots within 72 hours of their flight. The local handler Skycharter is the only one that said it can arrange slots on behalf of operators, and because it is home-based the company can request slots up to 30 days in advance.

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## **MEXICO**

### **General**

The Mexican DGAC has prohibited individuals from carrying the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Phones on board of any aircraft due to the risk of explosions without any advance notice.

Aircraft operators are reminded to always have the proper multiple entry authorization or applying permits along with the mandatory updated aircraft documents on board the plane for the Mexican Authorities are randomly checking such documents at different airports.

Aircraft operators conducting Private Non-Commercial Flights within Mexico should provide a letter on Company Letterhead, with the following information for local Mexican Airport Inspectors.

Trip Date, Company Name, Aircraft Type, Registration Number, Private Non-Commercial Flight, Complete Flight Schedule within Mexico, Name of Primary Passenger (identify if Owner or Representative) and if other passengers are on-board (identify if they are staff, friends, family or other relatives).

This letter should be carried when operating within Mexico under Private Non Revenue Regulations in case local Airport Authorities request it. The same letter should be sent to the local handlers that are assisting the flights within Mexico.

### **General**

Mexico DGAC will be closed on March 18, 2019 due to the holiday celebration of Benito Juarez' Birthday. In addition to DGAC, other Government offices, banks and some businesses will be closed on this day.

### **MMTO/Toluca**

Runway 15/33 closed from 0600-1200UTC on 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24 and 25 March per NOTAM.

### **MMTG/Tuxtla Gutierrez**

Airport is unable to authorize extended operational hours through March 31 per NOTAM.

## **U.S.A**

### **General**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) now bans all Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones from airplanes per the following - <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/dot-bans-all-samsung-galaxy-note7-phones-airplanes>

### **Atlanta Area Airports**

HAI Heli-Expo 2019 will take place on March 4 – 7, 2019 in Atlanta, GA and airports in the area are KATL, KPDK, KFTY, KRYV and KFFC.

### **New Orleans Area Airports**

Mardi Gras will end on March 5, 2019 and airports in the area are KNEW and KMSY.

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## **Palm Beach FL, Area Airports**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Beach International Boat Show will take place on March 28 – 31, 2019 in Palm Beach, FL and airports in the area are KPBI and F45.

## **CARIBBEAN**

### **Bahamas - General**

Bahamas Civil Aviation bans all Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones from aircraft travelling in the Bahamas. Devices may not be transported by passengers or crew on their person, in carry-on baggage, or in checked baggage on flights to, from, or within the commonwealth of the Bahamas and cannot be shipped as air cargo.

### **Cayman Islands - General**

Cayman Islands CAA will be closed on March 28 for the Public Holiday of The Royal Visit of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall. Other closures on this holiday will be banks and some businesses. The Royal Family will not only visit Grand Cayman but Cayman Brac and Little Cayman as well. Please plan accordingly if operating to MWCR, MWCB and MWCL during this time frame. Consult local NOTAMS and the local handlers if needed.

### **TDPD/Dominica**

TDPD Airport operational hours have changed to 1000 – 2359UTC through April 30, 2019 and PPR is required for operations after 2359UTC per NOTAM.

### **TFFF/Martinique**

TFFF Runway 10/28 closed due to work in progress with 30 minutes PPR for runway use on March 1, 12 - 15, 19 – 22 between 0330-1000UTC per NOTAM.

TFFF Airport due to ramp congestion, the SAMAC (Airport Operator) is unable to issue a stand to aircraft weighing more than 7 Tones before its scheduled ETA per NOTAM.

## **RUSSIA**

### **USRR/Surgut**

Daily airport closures for runway repairs continue between the hours of 1000-1200 local (0500Z-0700Z), estimated end date May 19.

### **UUWW/Vnukovo**

We have been advised that the Federal Customs Service of Russia are now requiring operators to declare Aircraft Maintenance Kits being carried on board Aircraft, to the Customs Inspector upon arrival into Vnukovo airport. This is for all international flights performed on Aircraft with foreign registration (excluding Aircraft registered in countries of the Eurasian Economic Union) who stay for more than three hours, or have onward flights in the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union. The handling agents can supply a form on arrival to detail any maintenance equipment being carried.

Currently, it looks like this requirement is only being enforced in Vnukovo (UUWW) Airport. Although this could change with little or no notice.

At this time there is no official documentation detailing this procedure, or any specific form issued for reporting, this information has been provided directly by the Airport.

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## TURKEY, EASTERN EUROPE, AND CENTRAL ASIA

### TURKEY

#### LTFM/LTBA – Istanbul

Istanbul Airports – New Airport full opening / transition from LTBA **delayed a third time.**

The new Istanbul Airport (LTFM) went into operation in October 2018. Initial use was limited to Turkish Airlines, with a full transition from LTBA to LTFM planned for the end of 2018. This transition has now been delayed a third time, until April 5/6 commencing from 0001Z on April 05 0001Z and ending at 2100Z 06 April. AIC 10/19 refers.

As from 06 April 2019 21:00 UTC, LTBA will be closed to scheduled/unscheduled domestic, and international commercial passenger flights, and will only be available for cargo, maintenance/technical, general aviation, air taxi, business flights, for state aircraft and other flights as permitted by DGAA.

The 6 April 0001Z, is now the assigned date for the commencement of the IATA Airport Code Change, with use of new Codes as detailed below.

Istanbul Grand = LTFM / IST  
Istanbul Ataturk = LTBA / ISL

Until 05 April 2019 23:59 UTC, IATA Code “ISL” will be used for Istanbul Airport (LTFM).

As from 06 April 2019 0001Z, IATA Code “ISL” shall be used for Istanbul Atatürk Airport (LTBA) and IATA Code “IST” shall be used for Istanbul Airport (LTFM).

## EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

### EUROPE

#### General

European Industrial Action throughout the summer, many European countries transport infrastructures will be affected by strike action. Please monitor the Eurocontrol CFMU NOP website Network News:

<https://www.public.nm.eurocontrol.int/PUBPORTAL/gateway/spec/>

#### LCLK/Larnaca

The Airport will be closed for runway repairs every Friday morning from 0100-0700 local (2300Z Thursday night to 0500Z Friday morning).

#### EGTT/FIR

A GPS signal jamming trial is being run near EGSN/Norwich airport from Feb 11 to Mar 10. Authorities say that overflights may be impacted within 30NM up to FL400. The trial runs daily between 0900-2100 local. The jamming will occur for up to 2 minutes up to a maximum of five times per hour. Expected intermittent or total failure of GPS during the jamming.

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### **LSGG/Geneva**

Starting from March 01 2019, (00:01 LT) a GENDEC is mandatory in Geneva for all Non-Schengen flights.

Your GENDEC must contain the following information:

Flight:

- Date of Flight.
- Origin of flight.
- Destination of flight.
- Registration.

Handling Company on arrival and departure LSGG must also be provided when submitting your GENDEC, which in most cases will be done by your handling agent in Geneva.

Crew and Passengers:

- Name.
- First Name.
- Date of birth.
- Nationality.
- Passport number.
- Passport validity.

The GENDEC, and if applicable, any amendments, must be sent to the Swiss Border Office as follows:

- For arriving aircraft: before or at the very latest on takeoff from the departure station.
- For departing aircraft: before or at the very latest before proceeding to immigration control.

The handling agent/FBO will normally assist with forwarding the GENDEC if requested.

### **LSGG/Geneva cont...**

The Geneva Motor Show will be taking place between March 3-7. During this period, BA/GA aircraft with a wingspan above 24 meters will need PPR and parking reservation, unless you are a locally based operator.

### **LEMG/Malaga**

Closure of RWY 13/31.

Until 15 March 2019 (estimated), excluding 28 February, the closure of RWY 13/31 is planned, due to maintenance works during the following times.

• For arrivals:

- SUN: 2300-2359Z
- MON, TUE, WED, THU: 0000-0500 and 2300-2359Z
- FRI: 0000-0500Z

• For departures:

- SUN: 2245-2359Z
- MON, TUE, WED, THU: 0000-0500 and 2245-2359Z
- FRI: 0000-0500Z

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During the period that RWY 13/31 is closed, RWY 12/30 will remain open to traffic, with the operational restrictions defined in the AIP, AD 2-LEMG, item 12, with the following hours:

- SUN: 2230-2359Z
- MON, TUE, WED, THU: 0000-0500 and 2230-2359Z
- FRI: 0000-0500Z

RWY 12/30 may only be used to take off or land when weather conditions permit, and therefore it is not possible to guarantee that aircraft will be able to land or take off by RWY 12/30 when RWY 13/31 is closed.

During the time that RWY 13/31 is closed, if weather conditions permit, it will be possible to land by RWY 12 and take off by RWY 30, but it could happen that the conditions only allow landing by RWY 12 or taking off by RWY 30.

Flight plans to operate into LEMG during the RWY 13/31 closure periods will not be accepted, not even as alternate aerodrome, except for medical evacuation or SAR previously coordinated with the Airport Authority.

### **EGPF/Glasgow**

Ongoing night closures that were due to end in mid-Feb are continuing until Mar 22. Please keep in mind if you plan to use EGPF a NAT/ETOPS alternate. The runway is closed 2245-0600L. Last departure 2245L, last arrival 2300L.

## **MIDDLE EAST**

### **OMDB/Dubai**

OMDB southern runway (RWY 12R/30L) will be closed from Apr 16 to May 30. during this period the Airports is expected to become heavily congested, with use of the northern runway (RWY 12L/30R) only during this period, effectively cutting Runway capacity in half. A lot of airline traffic is being moved to OMDW/Dubai Al Maktoum airport instead.

## **INDIA**

### **General**

Pakistan has issued a new NOTAM (A0207/19) extending the closure of it's Airspace until 0800Z , March 1st.

This closure may be extended further, depending on the Political situation. The status remains very changeable, so it is advisable to keep up to date with NOTAMS and advice from the Pakistan CAA as thing develop.

During the above closure of Pakistan Airspace, India is advising operators to carry extra fuel and consider their routings through Indian Airspace carefully.

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## **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS/REGULATIONS**

FAA/EASA advisories and restrictions remain in place for operations into, out of, and over the following countries and their associated FIRs.

SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, EGYPT - SINAI PENINSULA,  
LIBYA, RUSSIA.

Full and up to date information on all of the above can be found on the FAA website, prohibitions restrictions and notices page, the CFMU Network Operations Portal, EASA website, or in the relevant NOTAMS.