



Vendor Relations Regional Reviews

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ASIA

CHINA

General

China was among the first countries to announce its temporary banning of the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft after the March 10th crash of Ethiopian Airlines. The US, UK, India, UAE, Namibia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Hong Kong all have banned the MAX until the FAA has determined the cause of the two recent crashes of the B737 MAX 8.

ZJQH/BOAO QIONGHAI

The annual BOAO Forum for Asia 2019 (BFA) will be held March 26-29, 2019 in Boao, Hainan Province, China. This high-profile, high-traffic event will draw government, business, and academic leaders from around the world. ZJQH will be temporarily open for business aircraft attending BOAO. The CAAC released the airport information for ZJQH on March 20th 2019 and the Jeppesen Electronic charts will be available on March 29th. No take offs or landings will be allowed at ZJQH if the flight is not coming for the Forum. Flights coming to BOAO can operate to ZJQH during 0100-1659Z daily, and there are at most two slots within one hour. While there are no restrictions for ZJHK or ZJSY.

JAPAN

General

From March 30 onwards, operators to all the main airports in Japan will be required to sign a statement saying they will take measures to ensure objects don't fall off the plane: "dropping aircraft parts, falling ice blocks or falling objects from in-flight aircraft during its taking-off or landing". If you're headed to Japan, sign the statement and send it to your handler in advance.

<https://opsfox.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/20190314085046.pdf>

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SINGAPORE

Singapore - General

Singapore Airports Alcohol Testing Starting March 31

Starting from 31 March 2019, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) will tighten the regulatory regime on alcohol abstention to mitigate the risk of pilots operating under the influence of alcohol. CAAS has a zero tolerance policy towards alcohol consumption. On 31 March 2019, CAAS will implement the Airport Alcohol Testing Program (AATP), and commence random alcohol testing of pilots at Changi and Seletar airports. The alcohol abstinence standard will be 0.02 grams per 210 liters of breath. Pilots found to exceed an alcohol limit of 0.02 grams per 210 liters of breath will not be permitted to fly. In addition, pilots found to be operating under the influence of alcohol may be subject to criminal penalties, of up to S\$50,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 2 years for the first offence, and up to S\$100,000 and/or imprisonment of up to five years for repeat offenders.

Full details can be found by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.caas.gov.sg/about-caas/newsroom/Detail/caas-tightens-regulatory-regime-on-alcohol-abstention-for-pilots/>

As noted on the link this advice was issued on March 28 2019, and will come into effect on Sunday March 31 2019.

It appears that most pilots in Singapore have heard about this through word of mouth. No one is sure, when CAAS will show up and where. The assumption is it will be handled when you do your Passport Clearance at the Immigration hall in WSSL and at WSSS, but checks while on the Aircraft are also possible.

WSSS/Changi

On March 12th the local carrier Silk Air was forced to ground all their B737 MAX 8 aircraft at WSSS in Singapore and due to parking space restrictions the airport is now no longer allowing any GA/BA layovers until further notice. Only quick turnarounds between 10-18L (02-10Z) will be allowed, subject to runway/bay availability. WSSL/Seletar has also banned the B737 MAX but it has no such restrictions for parking except for the normal night curfew which runs from 22-07L (14-23Z) daily.

PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

YPPD/Port Hedland Intl

Two severe Tropical Cyclones impacted the northern coast of Australia made landfall on March 24 2019. Port Hedland was directly in the path of the cyclone and sustained significant damage from gusting winds greater than 75 knots.

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FIJI

NFFN/Nadi

On March 18th an ATC strike began in Fiji. The majority of the country's air traffic controllers at both of Fiji's international airports NFFN/Nadi and NFNA/Nausori have not been reporting to work since March 18th and significant reduced staffing has occurred in Fiji's ATC. A Notam has been published for NFFN/Nadi stating that although the airport is operational, the Nadi CTR is now classified as Class 'G' airspace until the strike ends.

NEW ZEALAND

General

There is now an "Electronic Travel Authority" (referred to as "ETA") policy required for travel to New Zealand starting on July 1st 2019. New Zealand Immigration Service have stated that private jet crews will be exempt and will not require a Crew Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

However passengers arriving on a private jet from a Visa Waiver Country will require an Electronic Travel Authority prior to arrival. The link below has further details on this new policy

<https://send.ezemail.co.nz/t/ViewEmail/r/556EED9BAB4C8C182540EF23F30FEDED/C16D894BA0BD6EF9BA4AF9908B8D85ED>

General

New Zealand Shootings- On 15 March 2019, shootings occurred at two mosques located in Christchurch, New Zealand. At least 49 people were killed in the shootings. While Christchurch International Airport (NZCH/CHC) remained open, authorities canceled all regional departure flights for 15 March as a precaution against further violence. Domestic and international flights continued at all other airports in the country. Several other countries -- including France, the U.K. and U.S. -- increased security at mosques and other religious facilities in light of the attack.

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

General

Beginning June 17th 2019, Japanese, American, Australian and Canadian citizens will only need their passport, and will no longer need a VISA to visit Brazil. Prior to June 17th 2019, there is evisa. Cockpit Crew (PIC and SIC) do not need a VISA if bringing the original/most recent license and medical certificate. FEDERAL POLICE AUTHORITY issues the special permission upon arrival and usually it is valid for up to 10 days. Only pilots (Captain, F/O, PIC, SIC, co-pilot, etc.) are considered as Crew members. Flight attendants, mechanics, engineers and passengers need a VISA depending on their nationality and it is NOT possible to obtain the VISA upon arrival in BRAZIL. Please check before arrival to avoid possible penalties and fines.

SBGR/Guarulhos Gov Andre Franco Montoro Intl

Contrary to recent articles in aviation magazines, the new VIP terminal at SBGR is not ready yet and neither domestic nor international operations are taking place there. Universal Aviation Brazil said that it will likely open around June or July 2019 but no firm date has yet been established on the grand opening.

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VENEZUELA

General

Amid an escalating crisis in Venezuela, on March 11th 2019, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced via Twitter that the U.S. Embassy in Caracas will be withdrawing all of its remaining diplomatic personnel from Venezuela by March 16th, citing the “deteriorating situation.” The US Government has continued its warning against all travel to Venezuela until the civil and political turmoil ends.

NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

CANADA

General

Good Friday Holiday celebrated on April 19, 2019

Easter Holiday is celebrated on April 21, 2019

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.

MEXICO

General

Easter Holiday is celebrated on April 21, 2019

Time Zone Change is taking place in a majority of Mexico on April 1 and April 7. The remaining areas changed on March 10 and 13 or did not change.

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 of 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.

Jeppesen ITP/FSS has the Letterhead format that is being requested.

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MMTO/Toluca

Runway 15/33 closed from 1700-1800UTC on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 per NOTAM.

U.S.A

General

Easter Holiday is celebrated on April 21, 2019

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>

CARIBBEAN

General

Good Friday Holiday is celebrated on April 19, 2019

Easter Holiday is celebrated on April 21, 2019

Easter Monday Holiday is celebrated on April 22, 2019 (not all Countries)

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.

BERMUDA

General

Bermuda Customs needs to be notified via their e-mail address - customsmanifest@gov.bm of all crew and passengers that are arriving on corporate jets which includes any updates to aircraft, crew and passengers.

The Required information for each person on the flight is -

Name

Nationality

Date of Birth

Passport Number

Date of Passport Issuance

Date of Passport Expiration

Fines will be imposed after April 1, 2019 if operators do not comply.

Customs can be Cc'd in on the messages that are sent to the local TXKF Handler with this information.

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DOMINICA

TDPD/Roseau

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

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CENTRAL AMERICA

General

Good Friday Holiday is celebrated on April 19, 2019

Holy Saturday Holiday is celebrated on April 29, 2019 (Most Countries)

Easter Holiday is celebrated on April 21, 2019

TURKEY, EASTERN EUROPE, AND CENTRAL ASIA

TURKEY

LTFM/Istanbul Grand

LTFM/Istanbul New Airport Turkey

The Airport officially opened on 31 October for Turkish Airlines only. Full opening for other scheduled or charter flights, originally planned for late Dec 2018, is now planned the 5th April 2019.

Note: GA/BA flights must still operate into LTBA or LTFJ. UFN GA/BA flights will not be allowed to operate into LTFM.

The 05 April 2359Z is now the assigned date for the changeover from LTBA to LTFM as the main Airport in Istanbul, and the commencement of the IATA Airport Code Change, with use of new Codes as below.

Istanbul Grand = LTFM / IST

Istanbul Ataturk = LTBA / ISL

During the above changeover period, LTBA will not accept diversions except in an emergency. Please do not select as a flight planned altn.

EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

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/>

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EUROPE

General

Starting 28 March 2019, a new trial will be implemented in NAT Airspace called **ASEPS (Advanced Surveillance Enhanced Procedural Separation)** this trial will be taking place in Shanwick, Gander and Santa Maria FIRs.

When the trial starts, compliant aircraft will see a reduction in longitudinal separation to as close as 14 NM. This is not restricted to particular tracks or altitudes, just between properly equipped aircraft – to take part in the trial your Aircraft will need RVSM/HLA approval, ADS-B, and to be fully PBCS compliant (meet the specifications of RNP4, RCP240 and RSP180).

Full information can be found in the ICAO NAT Doc 007

[https://www.icao.int/EURNAT/EUR%20and%20NAT%20Documents/NAT%20Documents/NAT%20Doc%20007/NAT%20Doc%20007%20%20\(EN\)%20-%20Edition%20V.2018-2_eff%20to%2027MAR2019.pdf](https://www.icao.int/EURNAT/EUR%20and%20NAT%20Documents/NAT%20Documents/NAT%20Doc%20007/NAT%20Doc%20007%20%20(EN)%20-%20Edition%20V.2018-2_eff%20to%2027MAR2019.pdf)

UBBB/Baku

26th - 28th April Baku will be hosting the 2019 F1 Grand Prix of Azerbaijan, during these dates the Airport and associated facilities will be in high demand. Please make sure all requests are submitted to the handlers in a timely manner to avoid disappointment.

EGWU/R.A.F Northolt

RAF Northolt is to undergo extensive runway renovation works this year. A final date has now been agreed for commencement of these works and as such the last date for arrivals/departures of commercial business aviation flights will be Friday 5th April 2019. Currently, the planned schedule of works is approximately 7 months and the anticipated date for re-opening of the runway to commercial business aviation is the 11th November 2019. Please plan accordingly.

LEMD/Madrid - UEFA Champions League Final

Due to the UEFA Champions League Final being held in Madrid on the 01 June 2019, all flights requested between 30 May until 03 June must follow the below procedure. All requests must be submitted and coordinated by mid May.

During the above period, Initial EOBT (ETD) in the outbound FPL from LEMD must match exactly with the confirmed slot (A-CDM procedures). ATC will not allow departure if mismatch occurs. Please inform your handling agent before making any changes to the FPL.

Remark must be added to field 18 detailing your handling agent in LEMD, Aircraft Registration, Aircraft Type, Call-Sign. Departure and Arrival Airports must match with the confirmed airport slot.

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ESSA/Stockholm Arlanda.

Runway 01R/19L will be closed for runway works from May 20 to Jun 2, and then the other parallel Runway 01L/19R will be closed from Jul 1 to Aug 25. Expect possible delays during these periods due to reduced runway ops. The third Runway 08/26 will remain open throughout.

LFMN/Nice.

Starting the 31st of March, the Airport has updated the coordination software that the handlers use to book slots. It is stated that will help in communicating more efficiently between all the parties.

The main consequence of this updated system is that any schedule change (ETA, ETD, flight number, Airport of origin or destination airport) will generate a new PPR number -now called Slot ID - that new ID will have to be updated in line 18 of the Flight Plan. Until now the PPRs were remained the same for minor changes, however this is now not the case.

It is very important to understand that any of the above changes will result in the flight plan having to be updated with the revised Slot ID number that the handler will send you.

Please keep in mind this process may take at least 10 to 15 minutes to have the new schedule validated by the airport and get the new Slot ID, so please plan accordingly.

LFPB/Paris – Le Bourget

LFPB will be fully closed for all traffic, including medical flights, due to night works on the below dates and times in April 2019.

From Monday 08 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Tuesday 09 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Tuesday 09 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Wednesday 10 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Wednesday 10 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Thursday 11 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Thursday 11 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Friday 12 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Monday 15 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Tuesday 16 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Tuesday 16 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Wednesday 17 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Wednesday 17 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Thursday 18 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

From Thursday 18 April 20:00 UTC (22:00 LT) to Friday 19 April 04:00 UTC (06:00 LT)

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MIDDLE EAST

Libya - General

HLLL Tripoli FIR 2019 Operational Changes – Libya

On 19 March 2019, the US FAA partially lifted its airspace ban on Libya. The new ruling means that US operators are now allowed to overfly the country at or above FL300.

In the updated **Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR 112)**, the US FAA says:

This action extends, with modifications to reflect changed conditions in Libya, the prohibition against certain U.S. civil flight operations in the Tripoli FIR (HLLL) by all, U.S. air carriers, U.S. commercial operators, persons exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, except when such persons are operating U.S.-registered aircraft for a foreign air carrier; and operators of U.S.-registered civil aircraft, except where the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier, from March 20, 2019, to March 20, 2021.

The FAA finds that security and safety conditions in the Tripoli FIR (HLLL) at altitudes at or above FL300 support allowing U.S. civil overflight operations at cruising altitudes at or above FL300 to resume. Extremist/militant elements operating in Libya are believed not to possess anti-aircraft weapons capable of threatening U.S. civil aviation operations at or above FL260, and there is a lower risk of civil-military deconfliction concerns at cruising altitudes at or above FL300. However, the FAA finds the extension of the prohibition on U.S. civil aviation operations in the Tripoli FIR (HLLL) at altitudes below FL300 is necessary to safeguard against continuing hazards to U.S. civil aviation associated with ongoing political instability, fighting involving various militia/extremist/militant elements, and military activity by foreign sponsors supporting various elements operating in Libya”

AFRICA

HEBA/Borg El Arab

From March 28 2019 onwards, the main Runway (14/32) will be closed for rehabilitation work. The parallel taxiway A will become the new active runway 14R/32R. This setup will remain in place until 2020. Temporary RNP approaches have been published. There are multiple taxiway and approach chart changes as a result. Please refer to AIP SUP 1/19 for more information.

PAKISTAN

Due to ongoing tensions in the area, Pakistan has restrictions within its airspace, including restrictions on routes to/from certain airports. Please check both FIR and airport NOTAMS carefully when planning any operation into/out of, or transiting Pakistan.

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INDIA

General

There are a number of route restrictions in place within Indian FIRs due to the partial closure of Pakistan Airspace. These include, but are not limited to, flights transiting India from Asia to the Muscat FIR, and flights between Indian and Pakistan airspace. In addition, no flights are currently permitted to enter/exit Mumbai FIR to/from Pakistan. Please check NOTAMs carefully when planning.

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.