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ASIA

SOUTH KOREA

General

There are some significant improvements for AKARA Corridor which connect China and Japan. For Phase one, effect from 25 Mar, anything east of 125E will now be controlled by South Korea ATCC units Incheon and Daegu. A second phase with additional routes is expected in July. Flight Level allocation will be monitored and reviewed as required to ensure an optimized solution. See more details from <https://airlines.iata.org/analysis/bringing-safety-and-efficiency-to-the-akara-corridor>

MONGOLIA

General

Mongolia will reopen their air borders from 1st May to resume international passenger flights, according to the country's government press office. More details regarding how to protect their staff and pax with suspected cases will follow.

NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

General - Mexico began the use of required routes within Mexican Airspace on March 25 2021. Flight operators must now use the routes according to their aircraft capabilities for both RNAV and Conventional routes: <https://seneam.gob.mx/archivos/Adjunto%20A%20Circular%20AIC%2008-20.xlsx>

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MMSD/Los Cabos Intl - Multiple reports of fueling delays at MMSD due to the high season and the increased large volume of traffic this year due to the COVID Pandemic for popular beach resort areas in Mexico have been reported by local handlers at MMSD. Handlers at MMSD recommend to fuel at the point of origin (POD) rather than at MMSD if possible to avoid the long fueling wait time which can be in excess of 3 hours.

MMTO/ Toluca will close the runway due to maintenance, starting April 10th 2021 for 45 days as follows: Monday to Friday, from 9:30 LT to 17:30LT Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 LT to 18:00 LT

CARRIBEAN

PUERTO RICO

General - Beginning April 1st 2021, International flights to Puerto Rico will no longer be restricted to using TJSJ/Luis Munoz Marin airport. TJPS/Ponce and TJBQ/Aguadilla international airports are once again accepting international flights and can be utilized as they had been before the COVID Pandemic began.

CENTRAL AMERICA

BELIZE

General

On March 3rd 2021, the U.K. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office issued updated travel advice for Belize, which reads in part as follows: "If you can provide proof of having received two full doses of COVID-19 vaccine on arrival at the airport, you will be exempt from any testing on arrival."

COSTA RICA

General

Authorities have announced that Costa Rica's land borders with Nicaragua and Panama will reopen for tourism beginning April 5th 2021. Travelers will be required to complete an online Health Pass form 48 hours prior to arrival and must possess proof of valid international health insurance with COVID-19 coverage. For travelers without individual health insurance, Costa Rican insurance providers are also available for purchase and be arranged by contacting local ground handlers.

SOUTH AMERICA

CHILE

General

As of March 30, Chile is experiencing a significant surge in new COVID-19 cases. Intensive care units are reported at 95% capacity. The Ministry of Health reported more than 7,000 new coronavirus cases for one week straight at the end of March and travel to Chile is not recommended by the World Health Organization until this new surge in COVID cases can be significantly reduced.

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EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

EGLL/London Heathrow

A strike planned by the passport control officers at the U.K largest Airport has now been called off. The action originally planned for the 1-7 April will now not go ahead. However other staff from airside operations and engineering are expected to strike during April. Given that the Airport is currently quite quiet due to the Covid crisis, it is not expected to cause too much disruption.

BELGIUM

General

A strike is planned by the Customs agency in Belgium starting on the 7th April and lasting for 24 hours. The agency has stated that these strike will continue on a weekly basis until their demands for better working conditions are met.

AFRICA

EGYPT

General

The FAA have recently extended its warning for Sinai Peninsula overflights. Along with other Countries the FAA are advising against overflights below FL260, in addition to advice not to operate into any Airports in the region. This extension is until March 30th 2022, when the advice will be reviewed.

MIDDLE EAST/INDIA

AFGHANISTAN

General

The FAA has extended its airspace warning for Afghanistan for another 12 months. The advice remains, when operating in the Kabul FIR (OAKX) stick to the airways and maintain FL330 or higher. If you have to land, keep the ground time to a minimum.

INDIA

General

The ban on all international flights except for those approved by the DGAA has been extended again until April 30, when it is expected the DGAA will review restrictions again. As with the last extension, GA/BA flights are still permissible with prior approval from the DGAA. Crew need a valid visa but do not require a PCR test, while passengers need a visa and PCR taken within 72 hours.

VAPO/Pune

The airport will be closed for two weeks between April 26 and May 9 for runway resurfacing. Please check Notams for any changes.

WORLD GENERAL

With some countries beginning to life certain COVID-19 regulations, and other extending their restrictions the below link to the ICAO public website is a great place to keep abreast of the latest changes. The website shows all the Notam'd COVID-19 regulations from around the world.

<https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx>

Continued.

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, IRAQ, IRAN,
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.

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