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NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

General

Canadian Boarder staff are threatening to go on strike, potentially from August 6. These strikes are yet to be confirmed, however if they do go ahead expect a major impact at all Canadian entry and exit points.

CUBA

General

Flight operators flying through the Havana ACC airspace via Airway UG765 between the fixes MAXIM and NUKAN will be required to obtain a permit prior to operation starting on June 01, 2021. This airway lies across the western portion of Cuban airspace and is commonly used between South Florida and the Mexican Yucatan Peninsula. The following is the current NOTAM as of May 03, 2021 advising of this requirement: A1329/21 NOTAMN Q) MUFH/QARXX/IV/NBO/E/000/999/2107N07944W999
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MEXICO

General

It has been reported (June of 2021) that on routing from Mexico to airports in the Miami area Mexico considers the US secondary airports part of the same region for purposes of preferred routing. For example, if preferred routing exists for MMUN to KMIA, the same routing must be used for MMUN to KOPF, KFL, KFXE or any other airport in the same region. This same type of routing procedure exists from any airports in Mexico to airports in the US such as JFK, KORD and KSFO where the preferred routing to these airports would apply for the airports surrounding JFK, KORD, KSFO and KMIA. This has particular importance for airports such as KMIA as many of the preferred routes from airports in Mexico to KMIA will force you to go thru the inner FIR of Cuba which requires a permit where a permit would not normally be required by avoiding the inner FIR for airports which surround KMIA typically.

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EUROPE

IRELAND

EICK/Cork

Advanced Notice - Cork Airport will be closed from September 13 to November 22 2021 for major runway repairs. Please plan accordingly.

PORTUGAL

General

All current strikes planned for August have now been cancelled, however unions are warning new strike dates could be announced at short notice.

GREECE

General

Reminder - At this time of year the Summer parking regulations come into effect at many Greek island airports. Although the volume of flights is still lower than normal due to the Pandemic you should still be aware of the PPR requirements and lack of parking especially on weekends as the Summer progresses. Athens is also now requiring PPR for any flight wanting parking of more than 3.

AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

General

Caution - HAAB/Addis FIR have published a Notam closing a section of airspace below FL290 over the Tigray region along the Ethiopia/Eritrea border in the north of the country. This follows reports that militia shot down a military transport plane in the region last week near the capital Mekele.

The conflict appears to be escalating again. Caution should be used if overflying the area, particularly on airways UM656/UT124 between the HSSS/Khartoum and HAAA/Addis FIRs which have previously been closed due to the conflict.

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.

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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