Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

Subject: Airspace of Israel

Status:

Active

Issued date:

28/09/2024

Valid until:

31/10/2024

31/10/2024, unless reviewed earlier.

Referenced publication(s):

Aeronautical Publications issued by Israel, or on behalf of Israel by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States, and by the State of Operator.

Affected Airspace:

FIR TEL AVIV (LLLL), all altitudes.

Applicability:

Applies to operators

Air operators:

- subject to the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012, planning to conduct operations in the affected airspace (EASA operators).
- third Country Operators authorised by EASA, when conducting operations under their TCO authorisation to, from and within the EU (TCO operators).

Description:

This CZIB is issued based on information currently available to EASA and the European Commission to share necessary information for ensuring the safety of flights over zones of interest and indicating areas of high risk.

Considering the current conflict between Hezbollah and Israel, there is a high risk to civil aviation. The conflict involves rockets, missiles and drones launches from Lebanon with Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire, including systematic activation of air-defence systems.

Hezbollah's possession of all-altitude capable cruise and ballistic missiles, along with the deployment of air assets operating at various altitudes, increases the risk of misidentification and miscalculation.

Additionally, cruise missiles and military-grade weaponised drones launched by Hezbollah allies create additional concerns for the safety of airspace in the region.

Although, until now the Civil Aviation Authority of the State of Israel has been efficiently managing the risks to civil aviation in its airspace through a tactical deconfliction, it is considered that the current intensity of the conflict represents an overall high risk to civil aviation.

EASA will continue to closely monitor the situation, with a view to assess whether there is an increase or decrease of the risk for EU aircraft operators due to the evolution of the threat and risk situation.

Recommendation(s):

EASA recommends not to operate within the airspace of Israel at all flight levels.

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications concerning the region issued by Israel, or on behalf of Israel by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities.

Affected Countries:

Israel