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0.1 Record of Amendments

The table below describes the dates and reason for the different amendments of the current procedure. A vertical black line on the left-hand side of the page identify the changes with the previous version.

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Safety Information Bulletin

Subject: Conflict Zone – Airspace of the Middle East and Persian Gulf

Ref. Publications:

- Conflict Zone Information Bulletin (CZIB) No. 2026-03, European Union Aviation Safety Agency
- Minister Order 80/2023
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012
- Aeronautical Publications issued by the affected States
- State of Operator Aeronautical Information

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Applicability:

This Safety Information Bulletin is applicable to:

Air operators subject to the provisions of Minister Order 80/2023 which transposes the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012, planning to conduct operations in the affected airspace;

Third Country Operators (TCOs) authorized by EASA, when operating to, from, and within the European Union.

Affected Airspace:

All altitudes and flight levels within the airspace of:

- Bahrain FIR (OBBB)
- Iran FIR Tehran (OIIX)
- Iraq FIR Baghdad (ORBB)
- Israel FIR Tel Aviv (LLLL)
- Jordan FIR Amman (OJAC)
- Kuwait FIR (OKAC)
- Lebanon FIR Beirut (OLBB)
- Oman FIR Muscat (OOMM)
- Qatar FIR Doha (OTDF)
- United Arab Emirates FIR Emirates (OMAE)
- Saudi Arabia FIR Jeddah (OEJD)

Description:

This Safety Information Bulletin is issued by the Albanian Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA), based on information currently made available by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the European Commission and EU Member States, in order to raise awareness of the high risks associated with civil aviation operations within the airspace of the Middle East and Persian Gulf region.

In accordance with Ministerial Order No. 80/2023, which transposes Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 into the national legal framework, Albanian air operators are required to ensure continuous risk assessment and safe conduct of operations in areas affected by conflict.

On 28 February 2026, military strikes were conducted by the United States and Israel against targets within Iranian territory. Iran subsequently announced retaliatory actions.

Given the ongoing military intervention and the likelihood of further retaliatory measures, there is an elevated risk to civil aviation not only within Iranian airspace but also within neighbouring States hosting military assets or otherwise affected by associated military activities.

The presence of advanced air defence systems capable of operating at all altitudes, including surface-to-air missile systems, cruise and ballistic missiles, as well as interception capabilities, significantly increases the risk of misidentification, miscalculation and unintended engagement of civil aircraft.

Considering the current and anticipated developments, there is a high risk to civil aviation operations at all flight levels within the affected airspace.

EASA, the European Commission and EU Member States will continue to closely monitor the situation in order to assess any evolution of the threat and risk environment affecting European aircraft operators. The Albanian Civil Aviation Authority will monitor developments accordingly and issue further guidance where necessary.

Recommendation(s):

Air operators are strongly recommended to:

1. Not operate within the affected airspace at all altitudes and flight levels;
2. Closely monitor developments in the region;
3. Comply with all relevant aeronautical publications;
4. Follow guidance and instructions issued by national competent authorities;
5. Ensure appropriate risk assessment and contingency planning prior to any intended operation in neighbouring airspace.