

## **IBAC Bulletin 15- 02**

### **Subject: Safety and security of civil aircraft operating in airspace affected by conflict – Tripoli FIR**

Aircraft operators should exercise caution when operating in airspace affected by conflict. For operations in Tripoli FIR, please refer to the ICAO State Letter attached hereto.

In addition to Tripoli FIR, other airspace affected by conflict include Ukraine-Crimea and Syria. These airspaces have also been the subject of recent warnings and/or restrictions.

While some warnings and/or restrictions make reference only to commercial operations, it is the view of the undersigned that non-commercial operators would be well advised to be guided by the same warnings and comply with the restrictions promulgated.

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**Subject:** Safety of civil aircraft operating in Tripoli FIR

**Action required:** Assess flight safety risk in Tripoli FIR  
and at airports of Libya

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to address you as the appropriate State Authority of aircraft operator(s) which may use the Tripoli flight information region (FIR), as a matter of urgency.
2. A Government of Libya Cabinet Decision issued on 29 November 2014 and received by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on 12 January 2015 included provisions that all airports in Libya are closed to international flights with the exception of El Beida (Labraq, HLLQ), Tobruk, Zwara (HLZW) and Zentan. However, I was further informed that the difficulty in promulgating current information via notices to airmen (NOTAM) remains a concern.
3. The United States authorities have advised on developments that call into question the safety of operations in the central and western part of the Tripoli FIR, including Zwara and Zentan, but also on those ATS routes in the Tripoli FIR, north of the Libyan coastline. ICAO has also been informed about threats published on the World Wide Web that civilian or military aircraft from one State, which might enter Libyan airspace, will be shot down.
4. Taking into consideration the armed conflict situation in Libya, I draw your attention to the possible existence of serious risks to the safety of international civil flights operating within the Tripoli FIR.
5. You are therefore strongly urged to use this, and any other pertinent information, to assess flight safety risk in the Tripoli FIR and at airports of Libya. You are also encouraged to contact ICAO (Mr. Catalin Radu, Deputy Director, Aviation Safety, Air Navigation Bureau, by email at [cradu@icao.int](mailto:cradu@icao.int)) to share any additional information you may receive regarding the threat and risk to safety and security of civil aviation.
6. ICAO will continue to monitor the situation and I will notify you of any significant developments.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Secretary General