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AIRSPACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF

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Introduction:

This Safety Notice is issued on the basis of information currently available to the San Marino Civil Aviation Authority (SM CAA). Its purpose is to promulgate safety information considered necessary to ensure the continued safety of flight operations over areas of concern and to identify airspace assessed as presenting a heightened risk.

On 28 February 2026, military strikes were conducted by the United States and Israel against sites located within the territory of Iran. The Iranian authorities have publicly announced their intention to undertake retaliatory action.

A temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran, announced on 8 April 2026, has been extended. However, its implementation remains uncertain and will require continued monitoring to determine whether it results in a sustained reduction in risk to civil aviation.

The presence and demonstrated capability of advanced air-defence systems, including surface-to-air missile systems capable of engagement at all altitudes, together with cruise and ballistic missile systems and military aircraft operating across all flight levels, significantly increase the risk of misidentification, miscalculation, unintended escalation and failures in interception procedures. These factors create a material risk of spill-over effects impacting civil aviation operations.

Based on current assessments and anticipated developments, the SM CAA considers that a high risk to civil aviation exists within the affected airspace.

The SM CAA will continue to monitor developments closely and will review this Safety Notice as necessary in response to any escalation or de-escalation of the threat environment.



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Referenced Publication(s):

Operators should refer to relevant Aeronautical Information Publications (AIPs), NOTAMs and other aeronautical publications issued by the affected States or on behalf of their respective aviation authorities.

Affected Airspace:

All altitudes/flight levels within the following Flight Information Regions (FIRs):

Amman FIR – OJAC
Baghdad FIR – ORBB
Bahrain FIR – OBBB
Beirut FIR – OLBB
Doha FIR – OTDF
Emirates FIR – OMAE
Jeddah FIR - OEJD
Kuwait FIR – OKAC
Muscat FIR – OOMM
Tehran FIR – OIIX
Tel Aviv FIR – LLLL

Applicability

This Safety Notice applies to all owners and operators of aircraft registered in the Republic of San Marino.

Recommendation(s):

In view of the assessed risk environment, operators are recommended to:

- Refrain from operating within the affected airspace at all flight levels and altitudes;
- Continuously monitor regional developments and associated aeronautical publications, including NOTAMs;
- Utilise available conflict-zone information platforms, including the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones; and
- Conduct comprehensive operational risk assessments prior to any planned operations in proximity to the affected areas.

Operators remain responsible for ensuring that risk assessments are current, documented, and proportionate to the evolving threat environment.



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Valid Until:

This Safety Notice remains in force until 31st July 2026, unless earlier amended, varied or withdrawn.

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