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AIRSPACE OF LYBIA

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.

The security situation in Libya remains volatile due to the presence of two competing governments and violent non-state actors, creating the potential for unpredictable developments affecting Libyan airspace.

At lower and medium altitudes, main risks arise from the presence of multiple armed actors, localised armed clashes, military UAV activity and the availability of aviation-relevant weapons, including MANPADS and anti-aircraft artillery. These factors increase the risk of misidentification and unintended engagement of civil aircraft, particularly during periods of heightened tension. Consequently, the airspace below FL320 is assessed as presenting a high level of risk, except for operations to airports involving approaches from the sea, provided these are conducted in full coordination with local authorities and local ATC, and supported by a robust risk assessment.

In relation to the main risks affecting Libyan airspace at high altitudes, actors in Libya continue to retain all-altitude capable air-defence systems. However, there is currently no active armed conflict involving military air operations or surface-to-air missile activity affecting the upper airspace, nor any indication that Libyan actors intend to target civil aviation. There is also no information indicating an imminent resumption of full-scale armed conflict or widespread hostilities between the competing authorities. Consequently, the airspace above FL320 is assessed as presenting a medium level of risk under the current security conditions. Should the security situation deteriorate, the risk to overflights could increase with little or no warning. In such circumstances, fragmented command and control of air-defence systems together with heightened military activity, could increase the likelihood of misidentification of civil aircraft, when operating across territories controlled by competing authorities



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

In terms of airspace management, the fragmented security environment reduces the effectiveness of civil-military coordination, information sharing and deconfliction arrangements. In addition, the absence of timely or reliable advisories, including aeronautical information (e.g. NOTAMs), may limit operators' ability to identify and mitigate conflict-related risks. As a result, there are limited mitigating measures, on which air operators can rely at present.

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.

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):

Tripoli FIR – HLLL, all altitudes and flight levels

Affected Countries:

Libya

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:

1. Not operate within the airspace of Libya (FIR Tripoli - HLLL) below FL 320, except for operations to airports located on the coast under following conditions: - approach from the sea, - full coordination with local authorities and ATC, and - based on a robust risk assessment.
2. Exercise caution and take potential risks into account when operating within the airspace of Libya (FIR Tripoli - HLLL), above FL 320.



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3. Closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities.

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

Valid Until:

This Safety Notice remains in force until 31st January 2027, unless earlier amended, varied or withdrawn.

Eng. Marco Conti
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