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AIRSPACE OF SAUDI ARABIA

Introduction:

This Safety Notice is issued based on 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.

Because of the military conflict between the United States and Iran, the regional security situation remains highly volatile, with significant kinetic military activity affecting Saudi airspace.

In September 2026, the Houthis have significantly increased the frequency and geographic scope of attacks against Saudi maritime, energy and infrastructure targets, including in the Red Sea and in the Gulf of Aden. Besides oil and energy infrastructures, also military and aviation related infrastructures across Saudi Arabia have been repeatedly targeted by missiles and drones.

While the southern and south-western parts of Saudi airspace remain particularly exposed due to their proximity to Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen, recent attacks have demonstrated the ability and intent of the Houthis to strike targets deeper inside Saudi territory, including in the Riyadh, Tabuk and Yanbu areas.

These recurrent missile and drone attacks, together with the activation of air-defence systems, create an increased risk of misidentification of civil aircraft, as well as risks associated with missile and drone overflights, interception activity and falling debris.

The expansion of kinetic activity in September 2026 across a wider part of the Kingdom also increases the potential exposure of civil aviation beyond the areas previously affected by Houthi attacks requiring operators to conduct close monitoring and contingency planning.

While Saudi Arabia has demonstrated an ability to manage its airspace effectively, including through tactical deconfliction and Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic (ESCAT) measures, the operating environment remains vulnerable to rapid deterioration.

SM CAA will continue to closely monitor the situation, with a view to assess whether there is an increase or decrease of the risk for T7 aircraft operators due to the evolution of the threat and risk situation.



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Recommendation(s):

Air operators should:

1. Not operate, at all flight levels and altitudes, within the airspace of Saudi Arabia defined by the line connecting the following navigation points and the boundary of FIR Jeddah: **RIBOK – BOSUT - ISLAM - DEKLO - OBSAM - SILPA**.
2. Exercise caution and take potential risks into account when operating in the reminder of the FIR Jeddah.
3. Ensure that an up-to-date risk assessment and a high level of contingency planning are in place for operations within the affected airspace, and be prepared for short notice instructions from the State authorities.
4. Closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications concerning the region, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities.

Valid Until:

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

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