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Referenced publication(s):

Aeronautical Publications issued by Lebanon, or on behalf of Lebanon by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States, and by the State of Operator.

Affected Airspace:

FIR BEIRUT (OLBB), all altitudes.

Applicability:

Applies to operators Air operators:

- subject to the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012, planning to conduct operations in the affected airspace (EASA operators).

- third Country Operators authorised by EASA, when conducting operations under their TCO authorisation to, from and within the EU (TCO operators).

Description:

This CZIB is issued based on information currently available to EASA and the European Commission in order to share information which is considered necessary to ensure the safety of flights over zones of interest and indicate areas of high risk.

The ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah has reduced tensions between Israel and Hezbollah. However, the overall situation in the Middle East region remains volatile and should be closely monitored by operators.

In terms of airspace management, the State concerned has not demonstrated full capability to address existing airspace risks by implementing an efficient and proactive approach to the airspace deconfliction. As a result, there are limited mitigating factors, on which air operators can rely in the event of escalation.

Considering the above, it is considered that there is a high-risk in the entire airspace of Lebanon.

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

Recommendation(s):

EASA recommends not to operate within the airspace of Lebanon at all flight levels.

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications concerning the region issued by Lebanon, or on behalf of Lebanon by the Aviation Authorities of the neighbouring States, including information shared through the European Information Sharing and Cooperation Platform on Conflict Zones, alongside available guidance or direction from their national authorities.

Affected Countries:

Lebanon