

Subject: Airspace of Pakistan – Karachi and Lahore Flight Information Regions**Status:**

Active

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Referenced publication(s):

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

Affected Airspace:

Pakistan airspace, Karachi Flight Information Region (FIR OPKR) and Lahore FIR (OPLR).

Applicability:

Applies to operators

Description:

Due to the current security situation in Pakistan with the presence of violent non-state actor groups with confirmed anti-aviation weaponry, possibly MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems), there is a continued possible threat to civil aviation resulting in a HIGH risk to operation at altitudes below FL 260.

Additionally, Kashmir region remains the site of territorial dispute with sporadic military operations posing a potential inadvertent risk to civil aviation due to a potential risk for misidentification in case of military escalation, particularly in the FIR Lahore (OPLR).

Recommendation(s):

EASA advises air operators not to conduct flights over FIR Karachi (OPKR) and FIR Lahore (OPLR) below FL 260.

Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications issued by Pakistan, or on their behalf 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:

Pakistan