



REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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AIRSPACE OF LEBANON

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Introduction:

This Safety Notice is issued based on information currently available to the San Marino CAA 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.

Considering the current conflict between Hezbollah and Israel there is a high risk to civil aviation. The conflict involves rockets, missiles and drones launches from Lebanon with Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire.

Hezbollah's possession of all-altitude capable air-defence systems, cruise and ballistic missiles, along with the deployment of air assets operating at various altitudes, increases the risk of misidentification and miscalculation.

The recent intensification of the conflict, with air strikes targeting southern Beirut and the North-East part of the Lebanese territory, marks a sharp escalation in the military activity that constitutes a threat to civil aviation.

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 owners and operators can rely.

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

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

Referenced Publication(s):

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



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Affected Airspace:

FIR BEIRUT (OLBB), all altitudes

Applicability

Owners and operators of San Marino registered aircraft.

Recommendation(s):

The San Marino CAA recommends not to operate within the airspace of Lebanon at all flight levels.

Owners and operators of San Marino registered aircraft 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.

Affected Countries:

Lebanon.

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