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Operations of Seychelles Registered Aircraft in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Region

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability: All Seychelles Air Operators and Operational management

1. Introduction

1.1. Political tensions in the Middle East continue to increase with heightened military activity which presents an inadvertent risk to civil aviation operations due to the potential for miscalculation or misidentification.

2. Recommended action to be taken

2.1. Whilst operating in the following FIRs Seychelles air operators should exercise caution:

- OIIX (Tehran)
- ORBB (Baghdad)
- OBBB (Bahrain)
- OKAC (Kuwait)
- OMAE (UAE)
- OMMM (Oman)

2.2. Specifically, Seychelles air operators should:

- 2.2.1. Continuously monitor the security and safety situation in the mentioned FIRs, routes/airways and airports within the airspace.
- 2.2.2. Monitor and apply the relevant NOTAMs pertaining to their intended flight.
- 2.2.3. Continuously conduct Risk Assessments in line with the organizational Safety Management Systems (SMS).
- 2.2.4. Ensure that the provision of Air Traffic Services is applied throughout the flight in compliance with international standards.

2.2.5. Establish communications, recall and diversion procedures for their aircraft operating in close proximity to the above FIRs.

2.2.6. Remind their flight crew of the necessity of maintaining a continuous listening watch on VHF emergency frequency 121.5 MHz whilst flying in proximity to the above FIRs.

2.3. The SCAA will continue monitoring the situation and will issue further instruction when needed. However, air operators should use all available means to monitor the developing situation to ensure continued safety

3. Queries

3.1. Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to HFO@scaa.sc

4. Cancellation

4.1. This Safety Notice will remain in force until further notice.