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**SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN - 04/2023****Attn: All Kuwaiti Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Holders****Subj.: Hazardous Situation in Syria**

This Safety Information Bulletin is to make the civilian air travel safe by the flights operated by Kuwaiti Air Operator Certificate holders, are **prohibited to enter** the territory and airspace of FIR Damascus (OSTT) at all altitudes and flight levels of the Syrian Arab Republic due to potential risk from anti-aircraft weaponry and conflict tensions.

Kindly refer the attached "Conflict Zone Information Bulletin" published by European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

The Kuwait DGCA strongly requests our AOC holders to continuously conduct and to take all potential risk information into account in their Risk Assessment and routing decisions when operating in the airspace within 200 NM of Damascus FIR and the contingency procedures in advance in line with the organizational Safety Management Systems (SMS).

All Operators are urged to continuously monitor the security and safety of operations along their routes when operating the above-mentioned airspace, ensuring the provision of Air Traffic Services is applied throughout the flight in compliance with international standards and shall continuously monitor NOTAMs and AIPs in the zones mentioned above and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

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**Subject: Airspace of Syria****Status:**

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**Revision:**

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**Referenced publication(s):**

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

**Affected Airspace:**

Syrian airspace, all altitudes.

**Applicability:**

Applies to operators

**Description:**

This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. Due to the remaining hazardous security situation, with the presence of terrorist organisations and ongoing military operations, there is a risk of both intentional targeting and misidentification of civil aircraft. The presence of a wide range of ground-to-ground and dedicated anti-aviation weaponry poses a HIGH risk to operations at all flight altitudes.

**Recommendation(s):**

EASA recommends not to fly within the airspace over Syria at all altitudes and flight levels. Air operators should closely monitor airspace developments in the region and follow all available aeronautical publications issued by Syria, 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:**

Syria