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ASIA

JAPAN

RJZZ/Airports

For the winter season (Dec-Mar), all international airports in the north of Tokyo will prohibit overnight parking for GA/BA, except RJSS/Sendai, and RJCH/Hakodate. Be aware there are limited services here. Drop-and-go, and repositioning to RJAA/Tokyo Narita for overnight parking is recommended when operating to these airports.

PHILIPPINES

RPZZ/Philippines

Due to terrorist activities in the Island of Mindanao, travelling there is not advised.

PACIFIC

NEW ZEALAND

General

Airports Skycare is now Swissport New Zealand. FBO located in Auckland NZ, provides handling services throughout Australia and New Zealand.

SAMOA

General

A recent outbreak of measles in November prompted Samoa to close schools and make the vaccination of measles a mandatory requirement for all its citizens. Travelers to Samoa will also be required to be inoculated against measles. Specifically NSTU is now requiring all travelers from NSFA and NTF to show proof of measles vaccination/immunity to be able to enter Samoa.

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CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

MEXICO

General

AFAC Ramp checks resume throughout Mexico for foreign registered Aircraft.

Please be advised that the Federal Civil Aviation Agency (AFAC) is conducting random ramp inspections on foreign aircraft visiting Mexico.

It is very important that operators, Private or Charter, have their original aircraft and pilot documents on board. While there is no formal list of requirements to be presented at the time of inspection, there is a list of recommended documents, which can be found in the full article on the Jeppesen Website, by follow the below link.

<https://news.jeppesen.com/aviator-articles/mexico-ramp-checks/>

General

Violence in Mexico from drug cartels continues to escalate in 2019. The violence has spread to areas that were once considered safe for US travelers. On Nov 4th nine US citizens, including 3 women and six children, were murdered on a rural road in the Mexican state of Sonora near the US Arizona border.

CUBA

General

In an effort to limit cash flowing into Cuba, U.S. officials have suspended all scheduled part 121 flights to all airports in Cuba (with the exception of MUHA) beginning Dec 10. Part 135 flights (such as air ambulance) may still operate from the U.S. to any international airport in Cuba if strict guidelines are followed. The rules established by the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) in 2017 must be abided to which will limit the categories of permitted travel to Cuba. The rules and restrictions for Part 91 flights remain unchanged since they banning from operating in Cuba occurred this past June in 2019. No Part 91 flight with an "N" registry can operate to or from Cuba with no exceptions.

HAITI

General

More than 35 people have been killed in anti-government protests in 2019 in Haiti. The burning of tires to block several key roads, including the main highway to MTPP/Port-au-Prince airport continues and there is no end in sight for the violent protest to stop. Both the US and UK continue to advise against travel to Haiti due to the current unstable security situation.

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SOUTH AMERICA

BOLIVIA

General

Anti-Government demonstrations reported across the country in November, including in La Paz, Santa Cruz, Potosi, Sucre, Oruro and Cochabamba. There have been periodic roadblocks in place which may make it impossible to leave the city. The Bolivian government has a website showing which roads are blocked around the country. SLLP has had high levels of disruption over the past month and should be avoided until the political climate improves. Visit this government site for the latest updates: <http://transitabilidad.abc.gob.bo/mapa>

BRAZIL

SBGR/Sao Paulo Brazil

Since Oct 21st 2019, all BA/GA flights must now use the new GA terminal (called GATGRU) for both domestic and international flights. There are significant extra fees to use the VIP lounge and handlers have advised that SBKP is a better choice if possible to use rather than SBGR as it has lower fees and is much more GA friendly.

CHILE

SCEL/ Arturo Merino Benítez International

Demonstrations in Santiago have disrupted travel to and from the SCEL airport. Sporadic protests have occurred in Chile's large cities, such as in Santiago and Concepción, throughout November. On November 7th, the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) issued an update to its travel advisory for Chile warning of the ongoing protest activity in the country.

VENEZUELA

General

On the 15th of November Venezuelan officials announced via a NOTAM that all GA flights were immediately suspended UIFN. With these immediate and unannounced banning of flights in their airspace it remains prudent to avoid Venezuelan airspace until the political environment stabilizes which does not appear to be on the horizon anytime in the near future.

AFRICA

HESH/Sharm El Sheikh Egypt

The World Youth Forum is taking place in Sharm El-Sheikh from Dec 14-17. Parking will be restricted between 10-20 December; during this period parking will be limited to a maximum of 1 hour 45mins unless the flight is taking part in the event.

EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

France – General

There is industrial action planned in France from 04 December 1800Z, through 08 December 0500Z. The below is a statement issued on the CFMU NOP.

“It was confirmed during DSN conference this morning that a French National strike is foreseen from 04 Dec 1800utc till 08 Dec 0500utc. All public services will be impacted but also some private sectors (security, handling and other in airports) it is expected that 25% of ATC staff will follow the action and usual minimum service will be activated”

Please keep an eye on the NOTAMS and the CFMU NOP for further information.

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GENERAL

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS/REGULATIONS

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IRAN, SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, EGYPT (SINAI PENINSULA), LIBYA, RUSSIA, VENEZUELA.

Full and up to date information on all of the above can be found on the FAA website, prohibitions restrictions and notices page, the CFMU Network Operations Portal, EASA website, or in the relevant NOTAMS.