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ASIA

HONG KONG

General

Effect from 3rd Nov, Belgium has been added into the list of high risk places by Hong Kong SAR Government. In summary, travelers arrival from 14 countries or regions need to provide additional documentation/proof. The high risk place list includes Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Kazakhstan, United States, UK & British Overseas Territories, France, Russia, Belgium.

MYANMAR

General

Myanmar government decided to extend its ban on international flights and the issuance of all visas until the end of November. All previous landing permits have been cancelled. Cargo flights, tech stops (pax stay on board), Air ambulance and humanitarian flights are all good. Crew can stay overnight there but have to self-isolated in hotel and VYYY can be used as an alternate.

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

General

On October 28th, Hurricane Zeta made landfall and left nearly 2 million homes and businesses in the southeastern U.S. without electricity and communications. Recorded wind speeds in excess of 110 mph in Louisiana and the surrounding areas of Zeta's path created a large corridor of destruction and multiple fatalities were reported. The Louisiana National Guard were deployed to aide in ongoing search and recovery efforts.

General

COVID rules and regulations remain convoluted in the US as attorney generals intend to contest the orders of local area mayors, giving the public mixed messages as to which COVID restrictions are legally in place on local vs federal levels. For example the latest round of orders from the mayor of El Paso announcing that latest COVID mandates are in direct contradiction to the governor's executive orders outlining rules for reopening Texas.

MEXICO

General

As COVID surges in Mexico, hospitals have been overwhelmed with COVID cases with reports of stretchers in hospital hallways, with patients that have died from the pandemic having not being able to be treated in time to save their lives. This has created a new wave of illegal border crossings in US border states such as Texas, Arizona and California from Mexicans fleeing the pandemic stricken areas. US border patrol agents have become infected with COVID as they try to stem the tide of immigrants illegally crossing the border. New warnings have been announced to avoid all unnecessary travel to Mexico as their medical infrastructure has reached the breaking point, and many hospitals have run out of oxygen and other crucial medical supplies needed to treat COVID patients. The true scale of the pandemic in Mexico is unknown as many stricken with the virus have gone unreported especially in poor rural areas of the country.

SOUTH AMERICA

HONDURAS

General

As of October 28th a new requirement for the MHCC/Cenamer FIR above FL200 will be in place. The AFTN address MHFPZYX is now required to be included in the filing of flight plans. The AFTN address will be used in the automated ATC filing system which will monitor if flight plans filed were submitted properly. Once an Acknowledge message is received the automated system will submit the flight plan to the individual countries within the MHCC/Cenamer FIR that are indicted to be overflying. If the flight plan is incorrect the automated system is designed to produce a rejection message indicating the error along with an explanation of the error. It is hoped that new system will help with the rapid submission of flight plans and increase efficiency.

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CENTRAL AMERICA

COSTA RICA

General

As Costa Rica continues to open its borders to foreigners, several important updates have taken place. As of October 15th direct flights will resume from all Central American countries with tourists from the surrounding regions allowed into Costa Rica. As of November 1st US citizens are able to enter Costa Rica without the previous restriction which looked at which particular state the US citizen was a resident. New entry procedures in Costa Rica remain complicated as they now depend on the reason for passengers travel. Flight crewmembers are exempt from all testing requirements and no quarantine is required.

EUROPE

GREENLAND

General

Greenland has published a NOTAM which prohibits all civilian flights from landing in Greenland. Please check Notams for the latest, as there are some small exemptions mainly for Cargo or Danish registered carriers.

Please take the above in to consideration for ETOPS planning, as this restriction will affect the use of Greenland Airports for ERA's.

GREECE

LGAL/Alexandroupolis

There will be no supplies of Jet A1 available until the end of January 2021 at the earliest. Please plan accordingly.

FRANCE

LFPB/Le Bourget

There will be no fueling service available overnight between the hours of 2230-0530 local time until December 2020, at the earliest due to Covid. LFPB is still open 24 hours but with restrictions for night operations.

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AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

General

Due to continued fighting between the Army and the regions ruling party in the Northern Tigray region of Ethiopia the follow Airways have been closed M308 (between RANSO and KONET) and T124 (between LABLA and ALRAP). All aircraft transiting between the HAAA/Addis Ababa and HHAA/Asmara FIRs must do so via BOPSA.

In addition, the CAA have closed the following Airports until further notice, as a precaution: HAMK/Mekelle, SHC/Shire, HAAX/Axum and HAHU/Humera.

MIDDLE EAST

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OMDW/Dubai World

The commercial passenger terminal is temporarily closed, as per OMDW Notam A1925/20). The terminal should resume operations on the 3rd December, but until then, airlines diverting there will only be able to fuel-and-go, passeners will not be able to disembark.

WORLD GENERAL

With some countries beginning to life certain COVID-19 regulations, and other extending their restrictions the below link to the ICAO public website is a great place to keep abreast of the latest changes. The website shows all the Notam'd COVID-19 regulations from around the world.

<https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx>

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FAA/EASA advisories and restrictions remain in place for operations into, out of, and over the following countries and their associated FIRs.

SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, EGYPT - SINAI PENINSULA, IRAQ, IRAN, LIBYA, RUSSIA

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.

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