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FAA Background Information Regarding U.S. Civil Aviation – Specified Areas of the Territory and Airspace of Haiti

The FAA continues to prohibit U.S. civil aviation operations under 10,000 feet MSL in specified portions of the territory and airspace of Haiti, in response to security forces' continued inability to prevent attacks against aircraft in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding regions. Since September 2025, Haitian foreign terrorist organizations' (FTOs) have used small-arms fire to attack at least three aircraft within the area in which U.S. civil aviation operations are prohibited. Additionally, gangs have increasingly conducted violent attacks in the Artibonite and Centre Departments north of the capital, necessitating adjustments to the area in which U.S. civil aviation operations are prohibited. This expanded and shifted gang operating area raises the risk from small arms fire to civil aviation operations at lower altitudes in these locations. By contrast, FTOs have a limited presence in the rest of the country—including at Cap-Haitien International Airport (MTCH) in Cap-Haitien and at Antoine Simon International Airport (MTCA) in Les Cayes—and no history of targeting aviation or airports in those regions.

The FAA will continue to monitor the safety and security environment for U.S. civil aviation operations in the territory and airspace of Haiti. Additionally, U.S. operators are encouraged to report risk concerns to the FAA Watch: FAA-Watch@faa.gov or (202 267-3203).

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