

U.S. flight operators within the territory and airspace of Afghanistan are advised that insurgent activity and coalition military operations continue throughout the country. Civil aircraft flying at low altitudes have been damaged by insurgent ground fire. Insurgent small arms fire, including machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, may be encountered, particularly in the vicinity of combat outposts and forward operating bases. In addition, Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS) are present in country and remain a concern, but to date have not been used against civil aircraft. Aircraft conducting ground operations at airports also have been damaged by indirect rocket fire and airfield attacks. Operators should assess the risks and develop appropriate procedures, including restrict or suspend operations in response to attacks affecting ground and air operations, including but not limited to aircraft conducting air operations below 24,000 feet AGL. Also, be prepared to use appropriate procedures in response to potential hazards posed by coalition military operations, including flights at all altitudes.

U.S. operators planning to fly into, out of, within, or over Afghanistan must obtain current threat information and comply with all applicable FAA regulations and operations specifications, management specifications, or letters of authorization (specifically OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B050 and B450, including accurate airport/FOB information, type, and frequency). Additionally, U.S. operators contracting with Department of Defense (DOD) must continue to report security incidents within established DOD communication protocols. All U.S. operators, including but not limited to U.S. certificated part's 135 and 121 operators and whether under DOD contract or not must report security incidents to the FAA at +1 202-493-5833 or +1 202 267-3333.