

FDC 3/5401 ZZZ ... SPECIAL NOTICE ... SPECIAL FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATION NO. 77 - PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FLIGHTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF IRAQ.

A. APPLICABILITY. THIS RULE APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

1. ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS OR COMMERCIAL OPERATORS;
2. ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER; OR
3. ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. FLIGHT PROHIBITION. NO PERSON MAY CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS OVER OR WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF IRAQ, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF 14 CFR 91.1605 OR EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

1. OVERFLIGHTS OF IRAQ MAY BE CONDUCTED ABOVE FLIGHT LEVEL (FL) 200 SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY, THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ.
2. FLIGHTS DEPARTING FROM THE COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO IRAQ WHOSE CLIMB PERFORMANCE WILL NOT PERMIT OPERATIONS ABOVE FL200 PRIOR TO ENTERING IRAQI AIRSPACE MAY OPERATE AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL200 WITHIN IRAQ TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT A CLIMB ABOVE FL200, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY, THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ.
3. FLIGHTS ORIGINATING FROM OR DESTINED TO AREAS OUTSIDE OF IRAQ MAY BE OPERATED TO OR FROM ERBIL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORER) OR SULAYMANIYAH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORSU) WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF IRAQ NORTH OF 34 30' NORTH LATITUDE. SUCH FLIGHTS MAY OPERATE BELOW FL200 ONLY WHEN INITIATING AN ARRIVAL TO OR DEPARTURE FROM ERBIL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORER) OR SULAYMANIYAH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORSU).
4. FLIGHTS DEPARTING ERBIL AND SULAYMANIYAH WHOSE CLIMB PERFORMANCE WILL NOT PERMIT OPERATION ABOVE FL200 PRIOR TO ENTERING IRAQI AIRSPACE SOUTH OF THE 34 30' NORTH LATITUDE MAY OPERATE AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL 200 TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT A CLIMB ABOVE FL200.
5. PRIOR TO CONDUCTING THE FLIGHT OPERATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS B(3) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION (14 CFR 91.1605), THE OPERATOR MUST OBTAIN A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION OR OPERATIONS SPECIFICATION, AS APPROPRIATE, FROM THE DIRECTOR, FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE, AFS-1, WHICH WILL SPECIFY THE LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE

OPERATION MUST BE CONDUCTED. ALL FLIGHTS CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS B(3) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, AND MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ.

C. PERMITTED OPERATIONS. THIS SFAR DOES NOT PROHIBIT PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SECTION (14 C.F.R. 91.1605) FROM CONDUCTING FLIGHT OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF IRAQ WHEN SUCH OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED EITHER BY ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FAA, OR BY AN EXEMPTION GRANTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

D. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND OF AN AIRCRAFT MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS SFAR TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY. EXCEPT FOR U.S. AIR CARRIERS OR COMMERCIAL OPERATORS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARTS 119, 121, OR 135, EACH PERSON WHO DEVIATES FROM THIS RULE SHALL, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE DEVIATION, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS, SUBMIT TO THE FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE AIR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION (AFS-200) A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE DEVIATION INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVIATION AND THE REASONS THEREFORE.

E. EXPIRATION. AS AMENDED, THIS SFAR PUBLISHED IN 14 CFR 91.1605 WAS EFFECTIVE ON 07 JAN 2013 AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER SPECIAL NOTICE ... MODIFIED OR RESCINDED.