

**A0038/20 - SECURITY.. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADVISORY FOR THE KABUL FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (OAKX).**

THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A BELOW ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE KABUL FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) (OAKX) AND OPERATE ONLY ON ESTABLISHED AIR ROUTES AND AT ALTITUDES AT OR ABOVE FL330 TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. SUCH PERSONS SHOULD ALSO MINIMIZE GROUND TIME IN AFGHANISTAN TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

**A. APPLICABILITY.** THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS; 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; AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

**B. PLANNING.** THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A PLANNING TO FLY INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE ABOVE-NAMED AREA MUST REVIEW CURRENT SECURITY/THREAT INFORMATION AND NOTAMS; COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FAA REGULATIONS, OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS, AND LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION, INCLUDING UPDATING B450; AND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, PROVIDE TO THE FAA AT FAA-WATCH@FAA.GOV WITH SPECIFIC FLIGHT DETAILS OF PLANNED FIXED WING FLIGHTS TO/FROM AIRPORTS IN THE KABUL FIR AT LEAST 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE.

**C. OPERATIONS.** EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION DURING FLIGHT OPERATIONS. DUE TO ONGOING MILITARY OPERATIONS AND EXTREMIST/MILITANT ACTIVITY, OPERATE ONLY ON ESTABLISHED AIR ROUTES, AVOID OPERATING AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL330, AND MINIMIZE GROUND TIME IN AFGHANISTAN, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. WHILE OPERATING AT LOW ALTITUDES, INCLUDING DURING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PHASES OF FLIGHT, AIRCRAFT ARE PRIMARILY AT RISK OF ENCOUNTERING SMALL-ARMS FIRE, ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. U.S. AND AFGHAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND GOVERNMENT-CONTRACTED CIVIL AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT LOW ALTITUDES HAVE ENCOUNTERED A MULTITUDE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE INCIDENTS. THERE IS ALSO A RISK FROM SHOULDER-FIRED MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS) WHEN OPERATING AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL330.

THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A MUST REPORT SAFETY AND/OR SECURITY INCIDENTS TO THE FAA AT +1 202-267-3333.

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS ADVISORY WILL BE RE-EVALUATED BY 28 MAR 2021. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/AIR\\_TRAFFIC/PUBLICATIONS/US\\_RESTRICTIONS/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/us_restrictions/)

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