

NOTICE FOR THE PYONGYANG (ZKKP) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

In recent years, North Korea has conducted multiple ballistic missile test launches. Some of these launches included No Dong medium-range ballistic missiles and SCUD short-range ballistic missiles. Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 79 prohibits U.S. air carriers or commercial operators; 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 operators of aircraft registered in the United States, except where the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier, from flying in the Pyongyang FIR (ZKKP) west of 132 degrees east longitude. However, both the No Dong medium-range ballistic missiles and SCUD short-range ballistic missiles are capable of flying beyond the 132 degrees east longitude boundary of SFAR 79. Some of the missiles have impacted outside the SFAR boundary. North Korea does not often issue NOTAMs or provide other adequate advanced warning that these hazardous activities are planned to occur in the Pyongyang FIR (ZKKP) prior to these test launches.

Such no-notice missile launch activities pose a hazard to U.S. civil flight operations, including those operating on air routes B467 and G711. Additional unannounced North Korean rocket or missile launches into the open-water areas of the Pyongyang FIR (ZKKP) are possible, particularly during periods of heightened political tension, during military training exercises, and associated with significant North Korean national anniversary dates. U.S. operators are advised to use caution when planning for and operating in and around the Pyongyang FIR east of 132 degrees east longitude.

Report any observed rocket or missile launches near the Korean peninsula to the FAA at aeo-citewatch@faa.gov or +1 202-267-3333 or 1-844-412-1794.