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USAGE OF DEFINED ATS ROUTES WITHIN THE SIMFEROPOL FIR

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Ukraine in close cooperation with international aviation organisations and civil aviation authorities of various states has undertaken several measures aimed to ensure continuous effective ATS provision of civil flight operations in the Simferopol FIR. Additionally, in the framework of the Black Sea Task Force, established by ICAO for normalisation of the flight operations in the Black Sea Airspace, 7 rounds of complicated negotiations have been conducted, in which representatives from all the States surrounding the Black Sea and IATA that represented the airspace users have participated.
- 1.2 Since 27 August 2015 Ukraine has implemented phased approach towards the normalisation of flight operations via defined ATS routes over the High Seas in Simferopol FIR. The results of the following post-implementation monitoring confirm the effectiveness of the implemented measures, as no operational consequences has been detected or reported within above-mentioned airspace. Reasonably, a high number of flight operators continue to operate on those ATS routes.
- 1.3 In August 2020, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency issued Safety Information Bulletin (SIB No.:2015-16R3) in which EASA invites airspace users to consider the use of 6 available ATS routes when planning flights within the Simferopol FIR taking into account aeronautical information published by Ukraine. Soon afterwards, the Federal Aviation Administration of the US Department of Transportation published the amendment for Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 113 §91.1607 which cancelled the prohibition against certain flight operations in Simferopol FIR.
- 1.4 The State Aviation Administration of Ukraine has informed that starting from June 01, 2021 Ukraine has established the special air navigation services charge of 25 euros within available for flight planning airspace over the High Seas in the Simferopol FIR.
- 1.5 Usage of the mentioned ATS route segments in Simferopol FIR could bring economic benefits for airlines, such as reduction of the flight time, fuel consumption, CO2 emission and other benefits. Airlines such as the likes of Lufthansa Group, Wizz Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Cargolux Airlines have recently started to use the ATS routes in Simferopol FIR.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 Air operators and Malaysian registered aircraft intending to fly to any destinations within the European continent may consider the usage of ATS routes in the Simferopol FIR.
- 2.2 Additionally, a safety risk assessment needs to be performed before any flight(s) is carried out using the aforementioned ATS routes.
- 2.3 CAAM will continue to monitor the situation and will notify its aviation stakeholders accordingly should there be any developments.



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