



## **AERONAUTICAL CIRCULAR - AC/ALD-OPS/01/2016**

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#### **PROHIBITION ON OPERATIONS INTO BAGHDAD FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 28 February 2017

**APPLICABILITY:** All Bahraini registered aircraft and Bahraini Air Operators

#### **PURPOSE:**

This Aeronautical Circular is issued to replace and supersede Aeronautical Circular AC/ALD-OPS/01/2016, dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016, and to arrest the potential aircraft operational threats due to armed conflict in the Republic of Iraq and the targeting of civil aviation within the Baghdad Flight Information Region (FIR).

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs is hereby, and until further notice, prohibiting all Bahraini registered aircraft and aircraft operated by Bahraini operators from overflying the Baghdad Flight Information Region (ORBB) due to armed conflict within the Republic of Iraq. This prohibition, however, does not apply to flights to and from Baghdad (ORBI), Najaf (ORNI), Sulaimaniyah (ORSU), Basra (ORMM) and Erbil (ORER) airports.

Furthermore, the operations involving Baghdad, Najaf, Sulaimaniyah, Basra, and Erbil airports are contingent upon Bahraini operators carrying out full assessments of the risk involved to their flight safety at these airports in order to ensure continued safe operations, and continuously monitoring all relevant information, including NOTAMS. It is also recommended to share any additional relevant information and report safety and/or security incidents.

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 directive to the extent required by that emergency.

The prohibition on operations described above will be re-evaluated when necessary.

**Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs**

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