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Who is responsible for managing airspace risks due to conflict zones?

Under the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, countries themselves are individually responsible for identifying and publicizing potential risks to civil aviation in their sovereign airspace and territories, including risks from conflict zones.

National government authorities are also responsible for developing airspace risk contingency plans, and for setting out appropriate airspace closures or flight level restrictions for civilian aircraft when required.

What's the responsibility of airlines in these circumstances?

In addition to these responsibilities of nation states under international law, private airlines are also expected to conduct daily risk assessments along their route networks, and to avoid all areas of conflict which could be potentially hazardous to aircraft, passengers, and crew.

Hasn't ICAO previously issued airspace safety advisories?

ICAO only issues airspace safety advisories under extraordinary circumstances. These have included situations where a country may be incapable of doing so directly due to loss of command and control capacities within its national government, or when a portion of international airspace may be under dispute and dual and potentially conflicting advisories are being issued by different sovereign states.

What guidance have countries adopted through ICAO to help mitigate conflict zone risks?

Countries and industry have worked together through ICAO to establish comprehensive and wide-ranging standards and guidance materials to assist with conflict zone risk assessment and mitigation. The full list of the sources of current provisions is listed below:

Convention Annexes

Annex 6 – Operation of Aircraft, Part I – International Commercial Air Transport – Aeroplanes Annex 11 – Air Traffic Services

Annex 13 – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation

Annex 15 – Aeronautical Information Services

Annex 17 – Security

Manuals and Guidance Materials

- ICAO Doc 9554 - Manual Concerning Safety Measures Relating to Military Activities Potentially Hazardous to Civil Aircraft Operations and guidance on Civil/Military Cooperation in Air Traffic Management
- ICAO Doc 9756 - Manual of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, Part I
- ICAO Doc 9859 - Safety Management Manual
- ICAO Doc 9962 - Manual on Accident and Incident Investigation Policies and Procedures
- ICAO Doc 9971 - Manual on Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management
- ICAO Doc 10084 - Risk Assessment Manual on Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones
- ICAO Doc 10088 - Manual on Civil-Military Cooperation in Air Traffic Management
- ICAO Doc 10108 (Restricted) - Aviation Security Global Risk Context Statement

Further resources for media

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