

KABUL FIR Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)

Bulletin 2021/005

KABUL FIR CCT BULLETIN #5 – **UPDATED INFORMATION:** AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES (ATS) **NOT AVAILABLE** IN KABUL FIR (NOTAMR EXTENDED VALIDITY)
UPDATED INFORMATION: KABUL/HAMAD KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AVAILABLE FOR 'COMMERCIAL' AVIATION

SITREP at 18 August 2021, 1300 UTC

1. Afghanistan CAA CCT POCs have not responded to ICAO communications. Attempts to establish contact are continuing.
2. **Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority: you are requested to contact ICAO APAC Office:** apac@icao.int; ssumner@icao.int (tel/sms. +66 837557504).
3. **ATS in the Kabul FIR remains unavailable.** Most flights are avoiding the Kabul FIR.
4. The status of Afghanistan AIS is not known. The following contingency-related NOTAM remains available on the Afghanistan AIS web portal (<https://www.afgais.com> or <https://www.notam-aca.com>):

(G1264/21 NOTAMN
Q) OAKX/QAFAM/IV/NBO/E/000/999/
A) **OAKX** B) 2108160445 C) 2108180445 EST
E) KABUL AIRSPACE HAS BEEN RELEASED TO THE MILITARY. ADVISE TRANSIT AIRCRAFT TO REROUTE.
ANY TRANSIT THROUGH KABUL AIRSPACE WILL BE UNCONTROLLED.
SURROUNDING FIRS HAVE BEEN ADVISED.)

ICAO currently has no information on the expected continuity of this web-based NOTAM service provided by Afghanistan.

5. **The following additional NOTAMs for Kabul FIR (OAKX) and Kabul International aerodrome (OAKB) have been published on the USA Defense Internet NOTAM Service (DINS, <https://www.notams.faa.gov/dinsQueryWeb/>):**

UPDATED: NOTAM OAKX A0635/21 extends by a further two days the validity of previously published NOTAM information on the non-availability of ATS in the KABUL FIR. This NOTAM was published by Pakistan on behalf of Afghanistan.

A0635/21 NOTAMR A0630/21
Q) OAKX/QAFAM/IV/NBO/E/000/999/
A) **OAKX**
B) 2108180445 C) **2108201300 EST**
E) FOLLOWING NOTAM IS ISSUED ON REQUEST OF KABUL ACC.
DUE SECURITY REASON KABUL ACC IS RELEASED TO MILITARY.
NO ATS WILL BE AVBL . ACFT TANSITING THROUGHY KABUL

FIR WILL BE FLYING IN UN-CONTROLLED AIRSPACE AT THEIR OWN RISK.

1. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE L750 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.5 MHZ AT POINT RANAH.

2. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE N644 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.5 MHZ AT POINT LEMOD.

3. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE A466 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 134.3 MHZ AT POINT AMDAR.

4. TRAFFIC ON ATS ROUTE P500 TO CONTACT ON FREQ 133.1 MHZ AT POINT MOTMO.

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NOTAM OAKB A0004/21 NOTAMR A0002/21 SEE ATTACHMENT (large NOTAM)

This NOTAM updates information provided in previous NOTAMs on the availability of Kabul International Airport.

UPDATED INFORMATION RELATING TO NOTAM OAKB A0004/21:

- NOTAM A0004/21 is expected to be updated in a clean-up process to remove the repetitive text.

- **The military organizations managing the Prior Permission Required (PPR) programme for operations Kabul International Airport have emphasized the need for all flights to Kabul to strictly comply with the PPR process described in NOTAM OAKB A0004/21 and any subsequent NOTAM that updates the information**

Flights that do not comply with the PPR process cannot be accommodated due to limited aircraft parking capacity.

NOTAM OAKB A0005/21

NOTAM relating to unknown and limited refuelling capability at Kabul International Airport.

A0003/21 NOTAMN

Q) QAKX/QXXXXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3433N06912E005

A) OAKB

B) 2108171925

C) 2111122359

E) DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY ENERGY MIDDLE EAST REQUEST ALL ACFT TAKE MAX FUEL AT HOME STATION BEFORE LDG AT HKIA IN ORDER TO PREVENT REFUELING ON THE GND DUE TO THE UNKNOWN AND LIMITED REFUELING CAPABILITY IMPOSED BY THE CURRENT EVENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
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6. **ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CHECK BOTH THE AFGHANISTAN AIS PORTAL AND THE DINS SERVICE FOR NOTAM UPDATES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
7. Afghanistan has not notified ICAO of the formal activation of its ATM contingency plan. ICAO has not yet received any notification from Afghanistan or neighbouring States of the formal activation of any contingency plan.
8. All relevant States are urged to activate any contingency arrangements they may have relating to non-availability of ATS in the Kabul FIR.
9. All potentially affected States, **particularly Bahrain, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and UAE**, are urged to take into account the likelihood of increased non-normal traffic through your FIRs, or traffic operating on other than the usual ATS routes.
10. NOTAMs should be coordinated with neighbouring States and published at the earliest opportunity where specific ATS routing or other requirements for contingency traffic become necessary (particularly Afghanistan-neighbour States **China, Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**), and in accordance with any established contingency plan where applicable.

Request for Additional Information

As per the previous request in CCT Bulletin 001, China, Iran, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are requested provide the following information, if available, to ICAO by return email to ssumner@icao.int, cc to htakata@icao.int, as soon as possible.

1. Has Afghanistan directly advised your State/ANSP of their contingency status?
2. Does your State/ANSP have a formal ATM contingency arrangement/agreement with Afghanistan?
3. Does your ATC Centre currently have voice or other communications with Kabul ACC?
4. Are flights entering the Kabul FIR from your FIR being fully coordinated with Kabul ACC?
5. Are flights entering your FIR from the Kabul FIR being fully coordinated by Kabul ACC or other ACC?
6. Are flights entering the Kabul FIR from your FIR establishing contact with Kabul ACC or other ACC?

Please provide any additional comment you consider relevant.

Pakistan and Tajikistan have responded, indicating there has been no ATS unit or aircraft communication with Afghanistan.

Outcomes of the CCT Video Teleconference #1

A video-teleconference of the CCT was held from 0830 to 1030 UTC on Monday 16 August. A Summary of Discussion was attached to CCT Bulletin #3, and is available from the ICAO Regional Office on request.

Main outcomes:

- The greater majority of traffic is avoiding the Kabul FIR;
- Additional traffic is currently being handled by affected States without difficulty. However, this should be monitored closely and any issues reported to the CCT as soon as possible, through ICAO.
- The meeting agreed there is currently no need to activate the contingency route and Flight Level Allocation Scheme (FLAS) of the *Inter-Regional Afghanistan Contingency Arrangements*. Additional traffic is being accommodated within normal procedures by the affected States.
- There is no need for ATFM for aircraft transiting the Kabul FIR.

Subsequent to the video-teleconference, Pakistan (unable to participate in the meeting) also informed ICAO as follows:

Due to COVID-19 / low density of traffic, so far we are able to manage the traffic entering from Iran & Muscat. So far 50 NM RNP and 5 minutes longitudinal separation sufficient to deal the present traffic load.

ICAO Contact

ICAO will arrange rotational availability of staff to support, where necessary, 24 hour availability of contingency coordination.

Contact details: Mr. Shane Sumner, ssumner@icao.int, tel. +66 83 755 7504; and
Mr. Takata Hiroyuki, htakata@icao.int.

OAKB NOTAM A004/21 – AERODROME AVAILABILITY AND PPR DETAILS.

A0004/21 NOTAMR A0002/21

Q) OAKX/QXXXX/IV/NBO/A/000/999/3433N06912E005

A) OAKB PART 1 OF 3

B) 2108180023

C) 2109122359

E) KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS VFR ONLY AND OPEN TO COMMERCIAL
AND MILITARY AVIATION. WHEN THE AIRFIELD IS OPEN, KABUL
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS A PPR REQUIRED AIRFIELD.

PPR REQUEST FORM IS LOCATED AT

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E) SEND PPR REQUESTS TO HKIAPPRS@GMAIL.COM AND

ISAFKIAAIROPSPPRNU@HQ.RS.NATO.INT .

FOR PPR APPROVAL CONTACT THE KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD
MANAGER TO OBTAIN A PPR AT +93700133903 OR+93700133902. LANDING AT
THE AIRPORT WITHOUT A PPR IS DENIED EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF AN
EMERGENCY. AIRCRAFT MUST ARRIVE WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF PPR APPROVED
ARRIVAL TIME OR RE-COORDINATE FOR A NEW PPR. LANDING AT THE AIRPORT
CAN ONLY OCCUR BY AN APPROVED PPR OBTAINED FROM THE KABUL
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD MANAGER. ALL LANDING AIRCRAFT EXPECT
TO PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE AIRFIELD. NO ADDITIONAL SERVICES
AVAILABLE AT THE AIRFIELD.

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