

D0606/03 NOTAMN

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E)This NOTAM is the advance information to set out the procedures which will apply to GAT VFR flights that seek to operate within ECAC airspace above FL 195, after the application of ICAO Airspace Classification C above FL 195 on 27 November 2003. The AIC A13/03 shall follow in due time.

However, as Class C is already implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Circular (NOTAM) is in particular dealing with National Procedures for access of GAT VFR above FL 195 within Sarajevo FIR.

1. BACKGROUND:

The AIC A13/03 describes the background to the application of Class C airspace above FL 195 in order to create a simplified and harmonised airspace structure throughout ECAC airspace in accordance with the aims of the EUROCONTROL Airspace Strategy for the ECAC States.

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF AIRSPACE CHANGES:

a) Actual situation:

Airspace from FL100 to FL285 has already been classified as C Class Airspace. Airspace from FL285 to FL410 has been classified as A Class Airspace. Airspace above FL410 is unclassified. Use of the RVSM airspace shall be in accordance with relevant ICAO rules. Details regarding airspace structure have been published i.a.w. ICAO requirements and can be found in the AIP of CROATIA, SERBIA and MONTENEGRO and the AIC published by CROATIA on behalf of BiH.

b) Classification after 27 November 2003:

Entire airspace of FIR Sarajevo from FL100 to FL410 shall be classified as ICAO C Class Airspace.

1.2 SFOR-STABILIZATION FORCE:

Harmonization of airspace classification to ICAO class C above FL 195 shall not affect the conduct of SFOR aircraft in reserved airspace, especially those flights conducted above FL 195.

Before planning operations in FIR Sarajevo read "REGULATIONS FOR A/C OPERATING AS GENERAL AIR TRAFFIC (GAT) IN THE BALKAN JOINT OPERATION AREA (JOA)" which are available on the CAOC5 website: www.caoc5.nato.int. or [Http://194.78.60.249/](http://194.78.60.249/). If website access is unobtainable submit Fax request for this publication to CAOC5 Airlift Liaison Element at Comm.: 00 39 0532 828 516 or voice at 00 39 0532 828 505.

2. VFR FLIGHTS:

Because of safety and airspace capacity considerations, together with the understanding that there is almost no requirement for en-route GAT VFR flight above FL 195, AIC A13/03 sets out that within ECAC airspace:

A) En-route GAT VFR flights above FL 195 **will not be permitted.**

B) GAT VFR flights above FL 195 and up to and including FL 285, **will only be authorised in:**

Airspace reservation [Temporary Segregated Airspace (TSA) or its equivalent] or in accordance with specific arrangements agreed by the appropriate ATS authority

C) GAT VFR flights above FL 285, within RVSM airspace, **must be contained within:**

Airspace reservation (TSA or its equivalent)

2.1 National Procedures for GAT VFR flights above FL 195:

Operations of GAT VFR flights above FL 195 shall be treated case by case. Requests for such flights shall be submitted to the BHDCA for consideration at least 15 working days before the planned start of operations to the following address:

Ministry of Communication and Transport

Directorate of Civil Aviation (BHDCA)

Flight Authorization Office

Titova 40

71000 Sarajevo

Tel: +387 33 251 362, Fax: +387 33 251 389,

Working hours: 0700 – 1500 UTC (Monday - Friday)

3. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

The agreed implementation date for the majority of ECAC States is 27 November 2003, but, due to the extent of the changes required, a few ECAC States will implement this change on a later date. These procedures will apply throughout BiH airspace with effect from 0000UTC on 27 NOV 2003.)