Beijing’s New 600km Restricted Area

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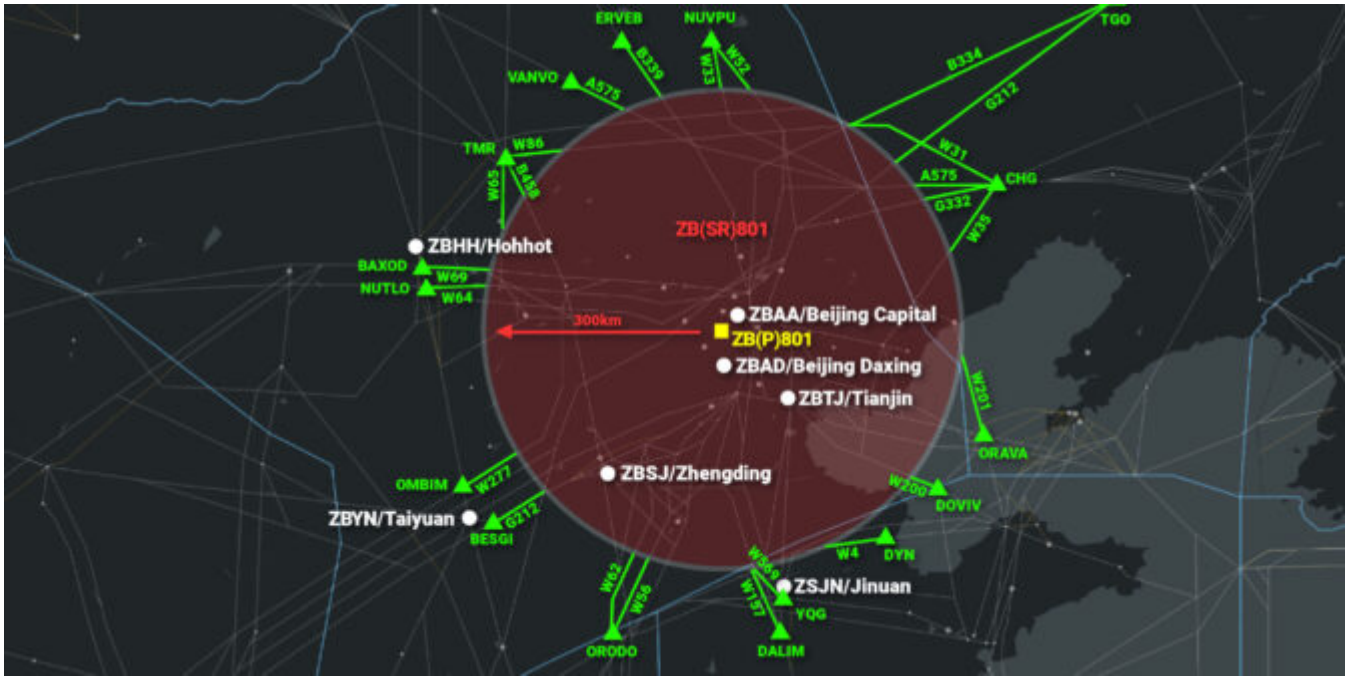
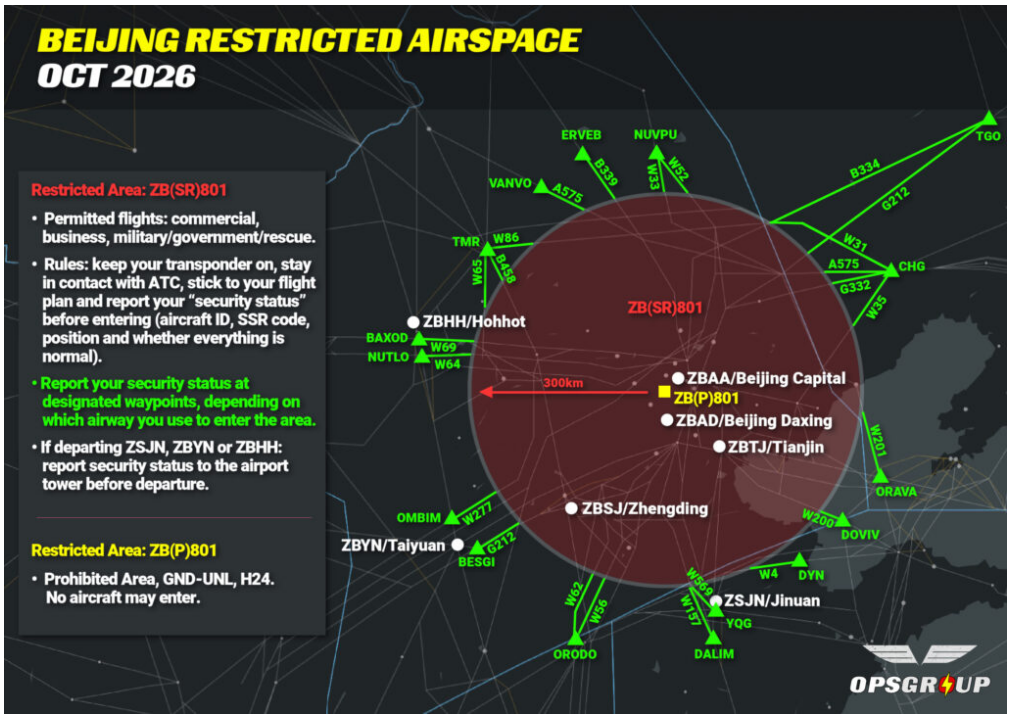


China has introduced a vast 600km-wide area of restricted airspace around Beijing, following a light aircraft crash into the CITIC Tower in June. It’s called **ZB(SR)801**, and it’s an extra layer of restrictions around the city – the existing Beijing Prohibited Area **ZB(P)801** remains in place.

You can still operate through the new area, but there are a few rules to follow: stay in contact with ATC, stick to your flight plan and report your “security status” before entering…



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The rules

So for flights into this big new ZB(SR)801 area, a bit more info on the rules:

- **Keep your transponder switched on throughout the flight.**
- **Stay in continuous contact with ATC.**
- **Report your "security status" before entering (aircraft ID, SSR code, position and whether everything is normal).**
- **Stick to your flight plan. Any changes must be approved ATC before you make them.**
- **Standard speed restriction applies.** Below 3000m (9843ft), keep IAS at or below 450 km/h (243 kt). Basically, the 250 kt below 10000 ft rule – as close as you get with metric conversions.

All of this comes from ZBPE Notam A4484/26, so check that if in doubt.

Where to make the report?

The tedious bit that needs a bit of checking for your particular route. ZBPE Notam A4646/26 is the one to check – it lists the reporting point to use when entering the restricted area on each airway. But here's a copy, in case they incorporate the Notam into the AIP and no one can ever find it again:

Airway	Report at waypoint
B334	**TGO**
W31	**CHG**
G212 via TGO	**TGO**
G212 via BESGI	**BESGI**
A575 via CHG	**CHG**
A575 via VANVO	**VANVO**
G332	**CHG**
W35	**CHG**
W201	**ORAVA**
W576 joining W55	**ORAVA**
W200	**DOVIV**
W4	**DYN**
W569	**YQG**
W56	**ORODO**
W62	**ORODO**
W277	**OMBIM**
W69	**BAXOD**
W64	**NUTLO**
W65	**TMR**
B458	**TMR**
W86	**TMR**
B339	**ERVEB**
W33	**NUVPU**

Airway	Report at waypoint
W52	**NUVPU**
W157	**DALIM**
W160	**YQG**

There's also a separate procedure for aircraft departing **ZSJN/Jinan, ZBYN/Taiyuan or ZBHH/Hohhot** and entering the area: report your security status to the airport tower before departure.

And the existing little prohibited area around Beijing?

That's still there. It's called ZB(P)801 (the little yellow square on our map). It's GND-UNL, H24, and all flights are banned from entering.

Just one more thing: crews are being tested??



We've also been sent something rather unusual from a couple of members operating into ZBAA/Beijing.

It's a "Special Inspection Checklist – Knowledge check on CAAC NOTAM C0903/26 – Special Restricted Area ZB(SR)801." It's basically a three-question multiple-choice test covering the new area, followed by an inspector's answer key.

The questions cover whether commercial flights need additional approval *(answer: no, you just need to follow the rules as per the above)*, whether ZB(SR)801 replaces the existing Beijing Prohibited Area *(answer: no, the existing area is the tiny yellow square over Beijing itself, this new area is the massive 600km one)*, and what needs to be included in the security status report *(answer: as per the rules above!)*.

The doc we've seen is dated Oct 1, 2026. We've asked around and haven't found confirmation that this is happening routinely – **but let us know if you know different!**