Monday Briefing: Ukraine JetA1 drought, German ATC strike averted

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Ukraine experiences Jet A1 fuel drought Aug 9th: A reduced level of domestic jet fuel production has created a supply shortage in the Ukraine this month. UKOO/Odessa, UKDD/Dnipro, and UKLL/L'viv currently have no fuel available. UKBB/Kiev, and UKCC/Donetsk have limited supplies. An import quantity has been ordered to resolve the issue, but this will take time to arrive. For a full list of Airports and current stocks, see the Ops notices below.

German ATC strike averted Aug 9th: For a second time, a last-minute cancellation the day before a planned strike by ATC was announced in the early hours of August 9th. The strike had threatened to disrupt European Airspace significantly today. Controllers have agreed to revert to a reconciliation process instead, with the chance of future strike action reduced as controllers enter a one month no-strike period. Only airspace operated by DFS (and therefore not Maastricht UAC) would have been affected.

HSSJ/Juba, Sudan New Approach Unit open since August 1st and operational on frequency 123.9 on a trial basis as directed.

ORBB/Baghdad FIR, Iraq List of banned aircraft types extended to the following with effect 01 August: B737-200, B727-100, R721, B722, R722, AN26, AN24, AN12, Tu 154.

EDxx/German Airspace A second cancellation the day before a planned strike by ATC was announced in the early hours of August 9th. Controllers have agreed to revert to a reconciliation process instead. Chance of future strike reduced as controllers enter a one month no-strike period. For info, the advisory before the cancellation read "ALL AIRSPACE AND AIRFIELDS THAT ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DFS WILL BE SUBJECT TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION FROM 0400-1000 UTC. FLIGHTS THAT ARE ALREADY WITHIN DFS AIRSPACE FROM OUTSIDE GERMANY AT THE COMENCEMENT OF THE STRIKE WILL BE GIVEN AN ATC SERVICE TO DESTINATION IN GERMANY OR TO THE DFS CONTROLLED FIR/UIR BOUNDARY AS APPROPRIATE. DEPARTURES FROM GERMANY THAT PLAN TO ENTER DFS CONTROLLED AIRSPACE DURING THE STRIKE PERIOD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEPART. ZERO RATE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED ACCORDINGLY BY CFMU. FOLLOWING FLIGHTS ARE EXEMPTED: – EMERGENCY, SAR AND HUMANITARIAN FLIGHTS – GOVERNMENT FLIGHTS – MILITARY FLIGHTS"

Exxx/Europe The FABEC Trial (where the daily planning for airspace in Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Germany was conducted as one operation) ended on July 31st. Planning reverts to the individual FMP's in each country.

NZAA/Auckland and NZWN/Wellington will see restrictions on non-scheduled operations due to the Rugby World cup. Prior approval will be required from 1 September for most non-scheduled ops at these airports, so advance notice is highly recommended.

EGTT/London FIR A conference will be held in Cambridge on Sept 20th to discuss Air Operations during the London Olympics in 2012. Current plans call for all take off and departure slots to be allocated, with slots at peak times expected to be in heavy demand. The 14 principal business airports in the UK are expected to handle more than 110,000 movements in addition to their normal traffic during the 31-day peak period.

FAPE/Port Elizabeth, South Africa SIDs and STARs will be suspended on August 17th due to a Radar outage. Delays are expected by ATNS.

RJCC/Sendai, Japan Still restricted to operations by relief flights only. Approval required 3 days in advance

from Airport Authority.

HHAS/Asmara, Eritrea Jet A1 Fuel stocks limited, check with supplier day before flight for fuel availability.

PKMJ/Majuro Fuel shortage notified by ExxonMobil. 3 days advance notice of flight recommended and preflight check to confirm if not tankering.

Lxxx/Adriatic Airports, Europe Parking space continues to be a major issue for many Airports along the Adriatic coastline – Italy, Croatia, and Montenegro. Flights intending to remain on the ground through any Saturday in Summer should request well in advance, and even then stays are not guaranteed. Worst affected are LYTV/Tivat, LDSP/Split, LIPZ/Venice, and LDDU/Dubrovnik.

UKxx/Ukraine Full list of Airports affected by the August supply issue listed below:

(UKLL) L'viv has no fuel available.

(UKDD) Dnipropetrovs'k has no fuel available.

(UKOO) Odessa has no fuel available.

(UKFF) Simferopol has no fuel available.

(UKBB) Kiev has fuel; must be ordered in advance.

(UKCC) Donets'k has limited fuel availability.

(UKCM) Mariupol has limited fuel available, confirm in advance.

(UKDE) Zaporizhzhia has limited fuel availability – allow at least three days prior notice to confirm in advance.

(UKHH) Kharkov has very limited fuel availability; confirm in advance.

(UKLU) Uzhgorod has limited fuel available, confirm in advance.

HSSS/Khartoum will close daily 11-17 August from 0600-0900Z to allow rubber removal from the runway.

ZGZU/Guangzhou FIR "Special Ops" on August 12th, flights routing Hong Kong – Guangzhou can expect reroutes via CH BEKOL IDUMA, ATS Route W68 is affected.

VIDP/Delhi, India Airport restrictions on August 15th 0030-0430Z and 1030-1330Z, non-scheduled flights will not be permitted to land/take off, or fly within 160nm of Delhi during these times (VIP flight restrictions)

EHAM/Amsterdam A reminder of the Geese risk particularly around dusk/dawn near Schiphol, several strikes reported.

Ramadan The holiest month in the Islamic calendar, began on August 1st. During this time Muslims abstain from eating, drinking and smoking from sunrise until sunset. As a result, hours of operation for Permit departments in CAA's and DGAC's across Muslim countries are reduced, and the processing time is increased. Early requests well in advance of flight date are recommended, and changes may cause delays.

Afghanistan From the Afghan MoTCA – PPR times are not ATC flow times. They are based on ground handling capability only. Issuance of a PPR does not encompass any aircraft servicing, ground handling, or other aircrew requirements, nor does it imply air traffic control separation, weather conditions or threat assessment. A PPR is valid for +/-30 minutes from scheduled time. All flights shall have sufficient fuel and maintenance support to meet their scheduled arrival and departures times and be prepared for minimum ground times. Military and civilian aircraft supporting ISAF shall obtain PPRs (and slot times for non PPR airfields) by submitting a MRF to the Allied Movements Coordination Centre (AMCC ISAF). Exception: rotary wing, Theatre based (ISAF CJSOR) and US aircraft. These aircraft should obtain PPRs through their C2 organization or directly from the airfield. If unable to coordinate via C2 or airfield directly, any transport aircraft supporting ISAF may coordinate for PPRs through AMCC ISAF.

Cuba A reminder of the permit requirements

- Minimum 3 working days advance notice of flight intending to cross Cuba Your permit number will be sent to you by via email by return and should be inserted in Field 18 (RMK/) of your ATC flight plan, for example: RMK/PERMIT CUBA 6821

- Permit can be ordered online