

OPSCHAT Summary May 17

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Hi Members,

It was another busy OPSCHAT this week!

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Here's a roundup of what we talked about:

The Big News

- **Europe** - Some Schengen Area countries have extended their internal border controls for another six months due to "security concerns": Austria, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden,

and France. The EU aren't happy about this because it's questionable whether there's really any new threat here. The impact to ops is essentially delays - all passengers and crew will have their passport details checked thoroughly as if they were arriving from outside of the region.

- **United States** - There are ops updates for several airports. KCOS/Colorado Springs has been affected this week by grass fires, KASE/Aspen is open again, there are long delays at KIAD/Washington Dulles due to runway work, KHTO/East Hampton has new operating rules, and PPR is needed for non-sched ops at KBOS/Boston until late June.
- **Switzerland** -The World Economic Forum is happening from May 20 - 26. Airport and airspace restrictions will apply. We take a look in more detail.
- **Jamaica** - The entire MKJK/Kingston FIR went ATC zero on May 12 due to a strike. More are possible. Be familiar with contingency procedures if headed there. We talk about what they are, and where to find them.
- **Sri Lanka** - There is widespread civil unrest, a notam has been issued advising operators to tanker fuel as it is unlikely to be available. Security is a problem for layovers - avoid if possible.

Unsolved Mysteries

Can pilots use contingency procedures on the NAT when refusing a climb/descent clearance from ATC? We get various points of view from the group.

Danger Club!

We're holding our next session on Wednesday, May 18 at 1900z and we think it is going to be a good one. Click to register here, and feel free to invite a friend!



As always, we're here to help with any operational support, info or questions. You can reach us on news@ops.group, or via the slack channels #flightops and #questions.

To watch the replay of the OPSCHAT in full: head over to the dashboard. We hold a new one every week on Tuesdays at 2000z, [click here to register](#) and join us live. See you next week!