# No overnight ATC in Suriname airspace

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Watch out if planning to overfly the **SMPM/Paramaribo FIR** this week – there's an **ATC strike happening each night between 0100-1100z**, finishing at 1100z on June 4.

Each night, the airspace will effectively be uncontrolled with Contingency Procedures in place:

- Neighboring ACCs will be controlling the airspace
- Only certain routes are available
- No speed/level changes are allowed.
- Only medevac and emergency flights will receive any air traffic services.

**Here's the Notam:**

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SMPM PARAMARIBO (ACC)
A0063/21 - DUE TO INDUSTRIAL STRIKE NO ATC SERVICE AVBL
ATM CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR PARAMARIBO FIR ACT
ONLY MED AND EMERG FLT WILL REC ATS.
DAILY 0100-1100, 29 MAY 01:00 2021 UNTIL 04 JUN 11:00 2021.
CREATED: 27 MAY 23:01 2021
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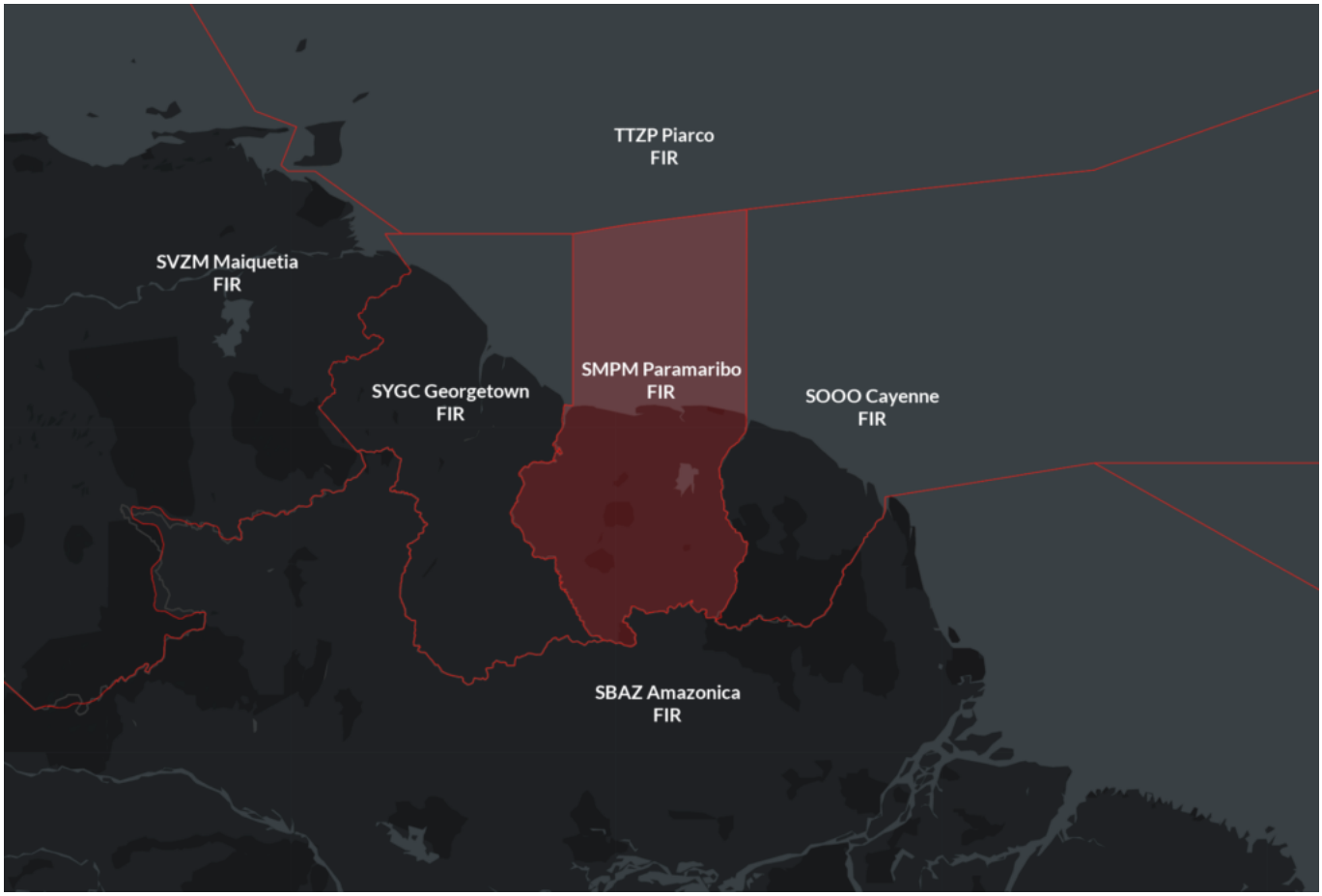
**Here's where we're talking about:**




**Procedures for the neighbouring ACCs:**

**a.** Transmit Flight Plan messages to Paramaribo ACC through AMHS.
**b.** Authorize entrance into Paramaribo FIR, in agreement with the longitudinal separation established in this Contingency Plan.
**c.** Do not authorize any Flight Level or speed (Mach number, if applicable) change in the 10 minutes prior to the aircraft entrance into Paramaribo FIR.
**d.** Instruct pilots to keep the last assigned Flight Level and Mach number while over-flying Paramaribo FIR.
**e.** Instruct pilots to contact the adjacent ACC as soon as possible and at least 10 minutes before the estimated times over exit point of Paramaribo FIR.

**Pilot and operator procedures:**

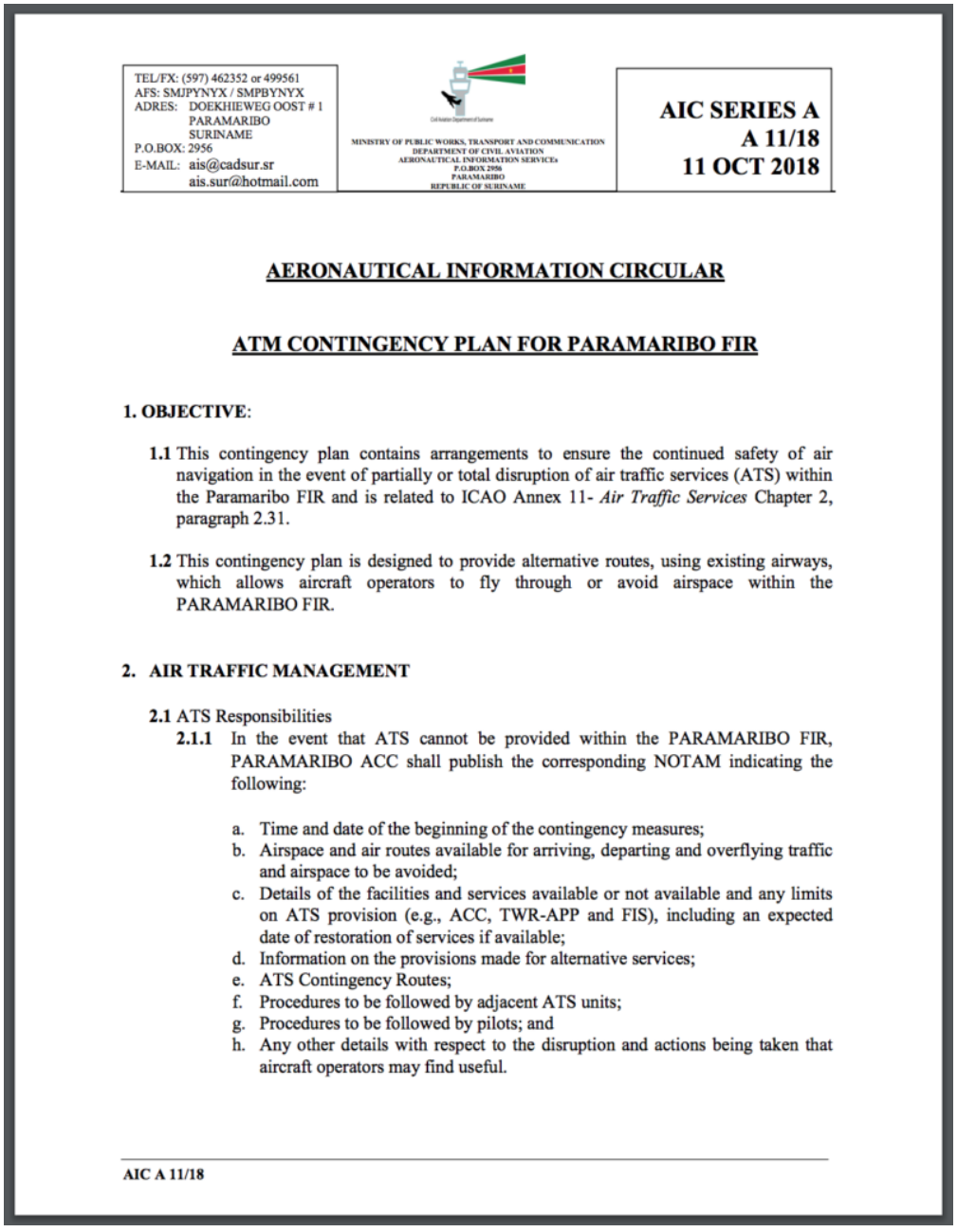
**a.** Pilots shall include in the last position report to the competent adjacent ACC the estimated times over entry and exit points of the PARAMARIBO FIR.
**b.** Aircraft are to operate as close as possible to the centreline of the assigned contingency route.
**c.** contact the competent ACC as soon as possible and at least 15 minutes before the estimated times over exit point of PARAMARIBO FIR.
**d.** Keep navigation and anti-collision lights continually on while PARAMARIBO FIR is being overflown.
**e.** Maintain the flight level and the Mach number assigned by the competent adjacent ACC while operating within PARMARIBO FIR, unless for emergency or flight safety reasons.
**f.** Pilots need to continuously guard the VHF emergency frequency 121.5 MHz and should operate their transponder at all times during flight.
**g.** Transponders should be set on a discrete code assigned by the adjacent stations of PARAMARIBO ACC or select code 2000.
**h.** whenever emergencies and/or flight safety reasons make it impossible to maintain the flight level assigned for the transit through the PARAMARIBO FIR;

- The pilot shall immediately inform all other aircraft of the emergency, eventually level change,

using blind transmissions on emergency frequency 121.500 MHz and on pilots' air to air frequency 123.450 MHz.

- Broadcast every position and intention on emergency frequency 121.500 MHz and on pilots' air to air frequency 123.450 MHz.

**To check which routes are available, check out the Contingency Plan in full here:**



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**ATM CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR PARAMARIBO FIR**

**1. OBJECTIVE:**

**1.1** This contingency plan contains arrangements to ensure the continued safety of air navigation in the event of partially or total disruption of air traffic services (ATS) within the Paramaribo FIR and is related to ICAO Annex 11- *Air Traffic Services* Chapter 2, paragraph 2.31.

**1.2** This contingency plan is designed to provide alternative routes, using existing airways, which allows aircraft operators to fly through or avoid airspace within the PARAMARIBO FIR.

**2. AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**2.1** ATS Responsibilities

**2.1.1** In the event that ATS cannot be provided within the PARAMARIBO FIR, PARAMARIBO ACC shall publish the corresponding NOTAM indicating the following:

a. Time and date of the beginning of the contingency measures;
b. Airspace and air routes available for arriving, departing and overflying traffic and airspace to be avoided;
c. Details of the facilities and services available or not available and any limits on ATS provision (e.g., ACC, TWR-APP and FIS), including an expected date of restoration of services if available;
d. Information on the provisions made for alternative services;
e. ATS Contingency Routes;
f. Procedures to be followed by adjacent ATS units;
g. Procedures to be followed by pilots; and
h. Any other details with respect to the disruption and actions being taken that aircraft operators may find useful.



**If you need to contact the authorities in Paramaribo, here are their details:**

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