

# Midweek Briefing: Oceanic and Remote Procedures Update, Rome Airport Closed Friday

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**Oceanic and remote procedures updated:** 12OCT The FAA this week issued a significantly updated version of their **“Oceanic and Remote Airspace”** procedures document. There's a lot of good stuff here, even if you're not operating an N-reg. Take a look at the PDF.

**Rome Airport to close Friday** 12OCT A reminder that LIRA/Rome Ciampino will close fully from Friday, for two weeks, as a result of urgently required runway maintenance. You can use LIRF/Fiumicino instead, but with significant restrictions.

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**LLBG/Tel Aviv** starts winter runway maintenance work on 01Nov until 17Nov – Runway 21 will become primary landing runway, associated restrictions, not available as alternate during this time – check AIC 3/16.

**LOWI/Innsbruck** starting December 14th, the airport will introduce parking restrictions for private flights every week from 1800Z Weds until 1800Z Sunday.

**TXKF/Bermuda** Tropical Storm Nicole is approaching, expect some disruption and check before using as an alternate over the next few days.

**HAZZ/Ethiopia** The Ethiopian government has declared a six month State of Emergency from 9 October 2016. While details of emergency arrangements are not formalised, measures to restrict communication, movement and political expression are expected. Carry identification, avoid all large gatherings and protests, monitor the media for details on the application of the State of Emergency and follow all instructions issued by local authorities.

**SPIM/Lima** radar will be off the air on Friday from 19-21Z for repairs, procedural control, expect enroute delays.

**EGGX/Shanwick**. An exercise to test to the Volcano eruption response is underway, you may see multiple references to an eruption in Iceland – it hasn't happened, it's just a test. Stand down. Katla is also back to code Green.

**UZZZ/Russia** Karymsky volcano in the Kamchatka peninsula is active with colour code Orange, check before operating.

**OKAX/Kabul FIR** continues to have comms issues in the north east portion of Afghanistan airspace, VHF comms are not working on 118.3 or 128.5. There are some "Nordo" procedures, refer to AIP ENR 1.6-1.

**MUFH/Havana** has a couple of new entry points to the FIR – FUNDI and IKBIX – but they're not for use yet, so don't.

**OPRN/Islamabad** If operating to OPRN, be aware that on Saturdays and Mondays ATC will be practising non-radar procedural approach from 0500-0900Z until the end of the year.

**SPJC/Lima** has overnight parking restrictions from 14-21NOV, check with Airport company or handler prior to operating.

**FZZZ/Democratic Republic of the Congo**: the security picture is uncertain following recent political protests and there have been calls for further protests in Kinshasa, including on 19 October; you should follow travel advice and monitor local media for updates

**SPZO/Cusco** will not allow overnight parking from 10-20OCT.

**FOZZ/Gabon** Following the results of recent elections in Gabon, further strikes or demonstrations could occur in the capital Libreville and in Port Gentil. Avoid demonstrations, large crowds and rallies as they may turn violent.

**UAZZ/Kyrgyz Republic** Multiple embassies located in Bishkek have issued warnings to their citizens of an increased threat of a terrorist attack in the Kyrgyz Republic, possibly involving kidnapping and hostage taking, against Kyrgyz authorities and foreign diplomats during October 2016.

**TQPF/Anguilla** has introduced a ban on visitors from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, with a view to mitigating Ebola risk. Anyone who has been to those three countries in the last 21 days will not be allowed to enter.

**VTSP/Phuket** is suffering from ramp congestion, and will not allow non-scheduled flights to stay overnight until the end of the year.

**WSSS/Singapore Changi** has a couple of closures on 18 and 19 OCT due to a military exercise, check local Notams.

**ZUUU/Chengdu** has a new speed restriction inbound – fly 183 knots from IAF to IF, then 160 knots to 4nm. Notam U2748/16.

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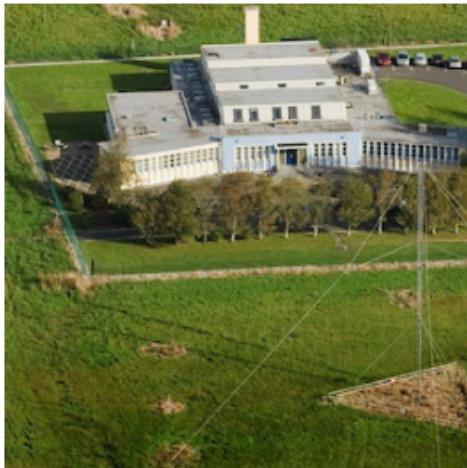
# Midweek Briefing: Tokyo Typhoon, New NAT Procedure

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**Typhoon for Tokyo** 07SEP Tropical Storm Malou is tracking towards Tokyo and expected to intensify. Multiple Japanese airports are likely to be affected ... [Read the article](#)

**New Shanwick / NAT procedure** 07SEP Shortly all FANS 1/A flights will get a "CONFIRM ASSIGNED ROUTE" message from Oceanic ATC (Shanwick, Reykjavik, Gander) shortly after entering their OACC, to mitigate against Gross Nav Errors. [Read the article](#)

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**HHZZ/Eritrea** The US State Dept has issued a Travel Warning for Eritrea which warns of the risks of travel to Eritrea due to the unpredictable security situation along Eritrea's borders and restrictions imposed by local authorities on travel within the country. All foreign nationals, including U.S. government employees, must obtain permits to travel outside of the capital Asmara. This restriction limits the ability of the U.S. Embassy to provide consular/emergency services anywhere outside of Asmara. This replaces the Travel Warning dated May 6, 2015. Avoid travel along all border regions. In June 2016, fighting in the Ethiopia-Eritrea border region reportedly caused several deaths. Continued political and military tensions between Eritrea and the neighboring countries of Djibouti and Ethiopia pose the threat of possible renewed conflict. Due to regional sensitivities, the State Department also recommends against travel to the border region with Sudan.

**WSSS/Singapore** will be super busy during the Grand Prix weekend 14-18SEP. Ask for a slot before operating, if you don't get one, use Seletar instead.

**RPLL/Manila** has a couple of new procedures for non-scheduled flights. First, traffic arriving between 2200-0400Z daily - the peak period - should look for a slot from Manila FSS - who are at [mfss.staff@gmail.com](mailto:mfss.staff@gmail.com), or call 2 944 2098/99. Once you have the slot, get your EDCT from Manila ATC. If operating domestically, file the flight plan between 2 and 24 hrs prior departure.

**DNBC/Bauchi** is a new airport designator in Nigeria for the Tafawa Balewa International Airport.

**VLVT/Vientiane, Laos** The 28th and 29th ASEAN Annual Heads of State Summit is being held in Vientiane from 5 to 9 September; there will be road closures and delays in arrivals and departures of both international and domestic flights at Wattay International Airport.

**FOZZ/Gabon** has seen multiple security warnings in the last few days, following a disputed election result. Widespread, violent demonstrations, rioting, looting, and road blocks continue, both in Libreville and other cities throughout Gabon. At this time the airport in Libreville is open and operational and commercial flights are available. The US Embassy recommends U.S. citizens remain in a safe location and avoid non-essential movement.

**MMSD/Los Cabos, Mexico** Hurricane Newton has passed and Los Cabos airport has officially re-opened its commercial operations, no major damage reported.

**EBOS/Ostende Air BP** is no longer providing Jet A1 fuel here.

**EKOD/Odense** will be closed on 22SEP due to an event. Jet fuel not available. You can email [twr@hca-airport.dka](mailto:twr@hca-airport.dka) for further.

**HELX/Luxor Radio**, which previously operated on HF5859 and 2562, is now off the air.

**LZIB/Bratislava** will require slots for all operations 15-17SEP, small GA aircraft not welcome on these days. Email [slots@bts.aero](mailto:slots@bts.aero).

**FNZZ/Angola** The WHO has provided an update on the yellow fever outbreak in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The WHO estimates that there have been 6,000 suspected and 1,000 laboratory confirmed cases of yellow fever since the outbreak began in Angola in December 2015. More than 400 people have died from the mosquito-borne disease since that time. However, the last confirmed case in Angola was on 23 June and in the DRC was on 12 July, which the WHO believes is an encouraging sign. Nevertheless, the organization still characterizes the outbreak as "serious" and as requiring "sustained, controlled measures." Thus far, 22 million people in Angola and 14 million people in the DRC have received vaccinations against yellow fever as part of a large-scale initiative that was prompted by this outbreak.

**SARI/Cataratas** is permanently downgraded to RFF Category 6.

**URRR/Rostov** wins the prize this week for clogging up the Notam system; the runway there is closed 29 times between now and October 21st, and they have therefore issued 29 Notams. Perfect.

**SPQU/Arequipa, Peru** is not allowing overnights until 11SEP due capacity. Non-scheduled flights limited to 3 hours parking.

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## Midweek Briefing: Where is Zika, Elevated

# North Korea Risk

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**Where is Zika?** 24AUG With the again-increasing levels of Zika infection worldwide, this updated map will be useful to operators. Check Zika Map.

**North Korean Risk Elevated** 24AUG We've published an updated **Unsafe Airspace Summary** today, which elevates North Korea to Level 2 in our warning list. In 2016, there have been increased instances of medium-range ballistic missile (MRBM) launches without prior warning. Read the article

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**DIAP/Ivory Coast** issued a Notam last Friday advising of 'serious risks to safety' when operating through the Tripoli FIR. Not many operators are entering this airspace, but it's unusual for a non-adjacent country to issue advice like this, so we'll mention it.

**SPZO/Cuzco, Peru** is busy at the moment; non-scheduled and GA flights cannot park overnight, and there are Traffic Management procedures inbound. Don't forget if operating to Cuzco that special crew training is required.

**WADD/Bali** Authorities have stepped up security measures at all the entry points on the island, following recent reports of an alleged plot to carry out attacks.

**HKNW/Nairobi Wilson** is operating normally again after a Police helicopter crashed on take off on Monday, near the control tower.

**LLZZ/Israel** Israeli aircraft attacked mortar positions in southwestern Syria near the border with the Golan Heights on 22AUG. The airstrikes were apparently in response to mortar fire from the Syrian side of the border.

**RJAA/Tokyo Narita** is open again after the passage of Typhoon Mindulle. The control tower at Narita was evacuated due to strong winds, the first time this has happened since the 9.0 earthquake in March 2011.

**WIZZ/Indonesia** has warned its neighbours that haze from forest fires is beginning to cross the Malacca Strait. In 2015 the smog affected Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand, causing disruptions throughout the region, closing airports and delaying flights.

**EDDT/Berlin Tegel** Aircraft larger than ICAO Code D, and parking longer than 3 hours, approval of Traffic Management is required. Contact [verkehrsplanung-txl@berlin-airport.de](mailto:verkehrsplanung-txl@berlin-airport.de), in place until 30Sep.

**VEZZ/India** Couple of new ICAO codes here, VASD is Shirdi Airport, and VEPY is Pakyong Airport. AFTN connections not yet set up.

**LBPD/Plovdiv** Reports of lasers directed at departing aircraft. Notify ATC with any details if experienced.

**FOZZ/Gabon** If you're arriving into Libreville International Airport you can submit an online visa application at least 72 hours before the date of travel and collect your visa on arrival

**BGTL/Thule** Updated hours for Radar service - 1100-1900Z Mon-Fri only.

**NTAA/Tahiti** has a bunch of night-time closures until 03SEP; this is an isolated aerodrome so check carefully in advance of ops.

**NWWW/Noumea** has ongoing staff shortages in ATC, and therefore interruptions in opening hours for the airport. Check before operating.

**VDZZ/Cambodia** has introduced a new tourism and business multiple-entry visa, which will allow foreigners to stay in the country for up to three years. The visa will become available on 1 September. The current visa grants visitors a 14-to-31-day stay.

**LCLK/Larnaca** New ATC Controllers being trained (under supervision)—be nice to them!

**FMMM/Antananarivo** has a new disinsection procedure for flights arriving from Mauritius; also, all flights from Mauritius must operate to FMMM first before other airports in Madagascar.

**HCSM/Mogadishu** Due to HF Difficulties, all aircraft in Mogadishu FIR with Satcom are requested to contact Mogadishu FIC on Satcom. Inmarsat 46601, phones +251-20-762274 or +254-20-2365679.

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