

# **MROC/San Jose reopens after Volcano**

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MROC/San Jose, Costa Rica has reopened after a two day closure following the eruption of Turrialba.

As of 1100 a.m. Tuesday , the Civil Aviation Directorate reported that approximately 12,000 passengers had been affected, and that 120 flights had been cancelled during that lapse. The SJO airport was closed from early Monday afternoon due to intense volcanic eruptions of the Turrialba Volcano located some 50 km southeast of Alajuela.

The only other airport affected was Pavas, a smaller domestic airport.

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## **Midweek Briefing 25MAY: Cairo airspace - GPS jamming, Australia: new RNP rules (again)**

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**Cairo airspace - GPS jamming** 25MAY Egypt notified operators yesterday that GPS jamming is a concern to HECA/Cairo arrivals and overflights, and warned against conducting RNP/RNAV arrivals or approaches. Read the article.

**Australia: new RNP rules (again)** 25MAY A last minute relaxation by CASA has exempted Foreign private operators from having to be RNP2 compliant, ahead of many Navaids being switched off on Thursday. Foreign Commercial operators have a two year window to comply. Read the article.

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**LFZZ/France** A French national strike is being called for on 26MAY by the DNSA. French Strike Regulation plan will be applied from 26/0400 UTC to 27/0400 UTC. Monitor NOP.

**NTAA/Tahiti** may not have fuel available from 25-28MAY due to strike action.

**KZMA/Miami FIR** A Falcon 9 rocket is set for launch from Cape Canaveral on 26MAY, a 2-hour launch window opens at 2140Z. 27MAY is the back-up day for the launch. Check KZMA/KZJX FIR NOTAM's for restrictions.

**VECF/Kolkata** has updated SATCOM and local phone numbers: Kolkata Oceanic is at 441921 or 00870762092876 and Area Control is at 441902 or 00913325119520. The Satcom numbers are routed through the public telephone system.

**EBLG/Liege** Not available from 1530-2000 due to Staffing issues (which may recur later in the week).

**MZZZ/Mexico** A new law in Mexico expands the business, tourist and transit visa exemption for up to 180 days to visa nationals with a Canadian, Japanese, Schengen or UK visa, effective immediately, and to visa nationals who are permanent residents of Chile, Colombia or Peru effective July 1. APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) holders, certain airplane crew members remain eligible for this exemption.

**MROC/San Jose** On 21MAY Mount Turrialba erupted. The volcano is located approximately 30NM west of MROC. Some flights were cancelled in response to the eruption. Please monitor the **Washington VAAC** for further advisories.

**EZZZ/Europe** Eurocontrol has confirmed the date of 01JAN18 for all aircraft to be 8.33 kHz compliant. Currently 8.33 kHz is required only above FL195 but as of 01JAN18 it will be required below FL195 to the

surface. Europe has an ongoing shortage of voice communication frequencies.

**KZZZ/USA** The U.S. Department of Transport has banned e-cigarettes from checked airline baggage over fire risks. This includes both passengers and flight crew.

**USHH/Khanty-Mansiysk** is closed until 30MAY at 1500Z due to the runway being repaired.

**FACA/Cape Town FIR** CPDLC/ADS-C is not available until 31MAY.

**LLLL/Tel Aviv FIR** has updated their security procedures for entering the the LLLL FIR. Please see **AIC 2/16**.

**VGEG/Chittagong** Flight operations at Chittagong airport have resumed after suspension due to cyclone Roanu.

**OPZZ/Pakistan** has issued **AIC 03/16** covering NAVAID outages due to scheduled maintenance until June.

**NZQN/Queenstown** New Zealands most challenging airport is now open for night traffic but only for airlines that meet CAA approval to operate to very specific RNP procedures. The first are Air New Zealand and Jetstar.

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