

# Uzbekistan: new ICAO codes, new transition levels

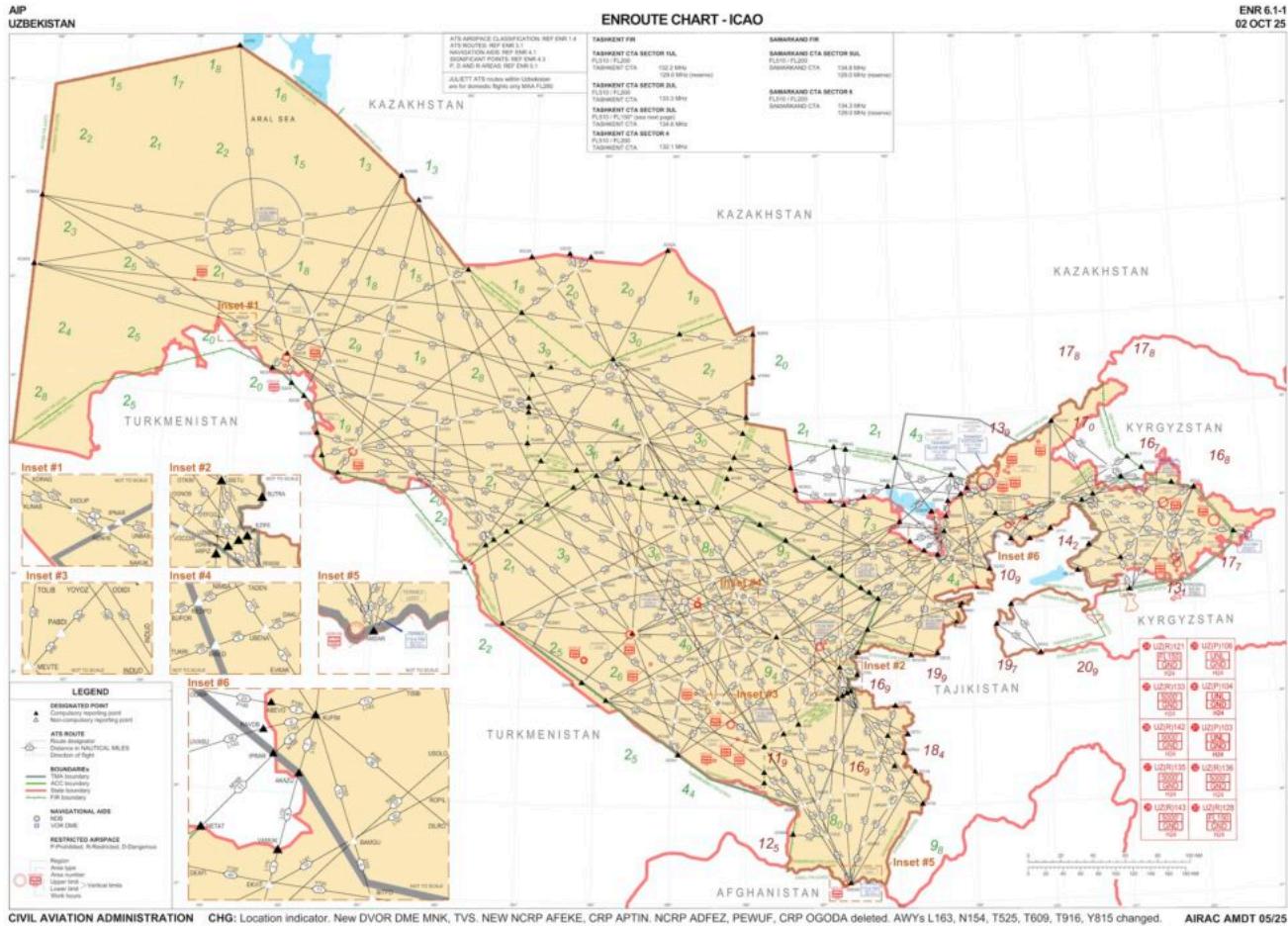
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Some big changes came into effect in Uzbekistan on October 2. **The country has officially dropped its old “UT” ICAO prefix in favor of “UZ”.**

So the Tashkent FIR is now UZTR (was UTTR), and the Samarkand FIR is now UZSD (was UTSD). The same applies to all airports: Tashkent becomes UZTT, Samarkand is now UZSS, Bukhara is UZSB, and so on.

According to UzAeroNavigation, the national ANSP, this is part of a wider modernization effort - **giving Uzbekistan's airspace a clearer, more distinct identity** and moving away from the legacy Soviet-era “UT” codes.



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At the same time, Uzbekistan has introduced a **unified transition altitude of 13,000 ft and transition level of FL150** (previously 6,000 ft / FL080), bringing it more in line with its Central Asian neighbors and hopefully making level changes at FIR boundaries a bit smoother.

The higher setting means crews will **stay on local pressure a bit longer when climbing out from airports like UZTT/Tashkent and UZSS/Samarkand**, which sit close to mountainous terrain – helping with altitude awareness until they’re well clear.



Uzbekistan handles a steady stream of **east-west overflights linking Europe with China, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Japan**. These routes have become even more important since 2022, as many operators continue to avoid Russian airspace, routing instead through Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan on their way to and from Asia.



One important heads-up: the new “UZ” ICAO addresses have been published, but they’re **not active for**

flight plan filing yet.

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ADDRESSING OF FLIGHT PLAN MESSAGES

AIP  
UZBEKISTAN

ACC РЦ	ADDRESS АДРЕС
1	2
TASHKENT FIR	UZTRZQZX
SAMARKAND FIR	UZSDZQZX

#### 3.4 Aerodromes` ATS units (APP/TWR)

#### 3.4 Органы ОВД аэродромов (APP/TWR)

APP/TWR APP/TWR	ADDRESS Адрес
1	2
TASHKENT TWR/APP	UZTTZTZX
ANDIJAN TWR	UZFAZTZX
FERGANA TWR	UZFFFTZX
NAMANGAN TWR/APP	UZFNNTZX
SAMARKAND TWR/APP	UZSSZTZX
TERMEZ TWR	UZSTZTZX
KARSHI TWR	UZSKZTZX
BUKHARA TWR/APP	UZSBZTZX
URGENCH TWR/APP	UZNUZTZX
NUKUS TWR/APP	UZNNZTZX
NAVOI TWR	UZSAZTZX

For now, keep **using the old “UT” AFTN addresses for everything** — flight plans, messages, permits, and so on. For example, file to UTTRZQZX for the Tashkent FIR (not UZTRZQZX).

According to UZTR Notam D0922/25, the switch to the new addresses won't take effect until 29 Oct 2025, so stick with the old ones until then (or until further notice).

#### D0971/25 NOTAMN

Q) UZXX/QAFXX/IV/NBO/E/000/999

A) UZTR UZSD B) 2510020008 C) 2510292359

E) ALL OPERATIONAL REQUESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE(INCLUDING FLIGHT PLAN,  
CHG,CNL,DEP/ARR,DLA,RQP/RQS,SLOT/CTOP,OVERFLIGHT PERMITS,NOTAM  
REQUESTS,AIS/OPS QUERIES)SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO AFTN ADDRESSES WITH  
PREFIX 'UT'(E.G.UTTTZDZX-ATFMU,UTTTYOYX-AIS/NOTAM).

EFFECTIVE 02 OCT 2025 00:01 UTC UNTIL 29 OCT 2025 23:59 UTC OR UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.

REF: AIRAC AMDT 05/25,EFFECTIVE DATE 02 OCT 2025.

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## Midweek Briefing 22JUN: Iceland ATC strike

# - end in sight, Israel FPL changes

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**Iceland ATC strike - end in sight** 22JUN Operators on both sides of the Atlantic have been frustrated over the last 6 weeks with continual sporadic ATC Industrial action. And end may be in sight, but in the meantime keep a close eye on BIRK, BIKF and BIRD Notams. Read the article.

**FPL changes: Israel** 22JUN Current Flight Planning procedures for flights across Europe from Israel will change in light of a new agreement signed between Israel and Eurocontrol. Read the article.

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**LFZZ/France** ATC Strike Number 9 gets underway today until 24JUN at 0400Z, usual disruption and restrictions apply. Avoid France where possible. NOTAM F1171/16 refers.

**EGGX/Shanwick** is having an 80's party on the 28th of June at 1600Z. For engineering work, all the new technology is being taken offline for three hours, so no CPDLC, ADS-C or OCL. Instead we have Voice Reports, HF, Manual Clearance Requests (123.95 or 127.65), and so on; just like the good old days. When you hit 30W log on to Gander manually.

**UMZZ/Belarus** The Minsk FIR has updated its table of cruising levels and altitudes below Transition; view the AIC.

**Gambia** The UK FCO issued updated travel advice for The Gambia : "Demonstrations took place in April and May 2016 in Banjul. Demonstrations could occur at any time in any part of the country prior to presidential elections planned for 01DEC. You should be vigilant, avoid all demonstrations"

**LPZZ/Portugal** is joining the International ATC Strike Club and will begin with industrial action, for two hours daily on: June 30th, and July 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

**KCXO/Houston Regional** will be opening a new customs facility mid July. KCXO serves the Metro-Houston area and is 46 miles outside of town. The new CBP facility adds more choice to international operators over the already saturated Houston area airports.

**KZZZ/United States** The U.S. Navy has scrubbed the planned military GPS interference testing across the U.S. Southwest that was supposed to happen this month.

**LWSS/Skopje** is implementing Free Route Airspace in the Skopje ACC above FL245, effective 23JUN. FRA is available H24 with DCT limit unlimited. The ATS network above FL245 is withdrawn. Additional info is available in the Republic of Macedonia AIP AMD 58/16. New RAD measures can be found in the increment file and will become part of Annex 4 on AIRAC 1608.

**LWZZ/Macedonia** Late on 20JUN, tens of thousands of anti-government protesters gathered in central Skopje, Macedonia's capital, to conduct another demonstration. The protesters gathered outside the Special Prosecution building before then marching to the Ministry of Justice building, where they broke some of its windows and threw red paint at its exterior.

**EZZZ/Scandinavia** Another Free Route Airspace update is happening in the two Functional Airspace Blocks NEFAB and DK/SE FAB. NEFRA Phase 1 will be implemented as of AIRAC 1607 on 23JUN, to implement H24 cross border Free Route Airspace between DK-SE FAB and NEFAB, except Norway, above FL285. ATS routes will be kept. Norway plans to implement cross-border Free Route Airspace spring 2017.

**CYZZ/Canada** has introduced "No Drone Zones" around airports that includes fines for offenders caught operating drones in the restricted areas. They are also drafting new legislation to strengthen rules regarding drone operations.

**LEMD/Madrid** may have industrial action on 28JUN, the Apron controllers are making noises about a strike. Not confirmed.

**WAZZ/Indonesia FIR** Ujung Pandang FIR has a couple of radar outages from 19-27JUN. Reroutes or delays are not likely, but strong potential for lower than optimum Flight Levels.

**HECC/Cairo FIR** If for some reason you are operating flights to or from Libya, then **A:** You're probably not reading this bulletin carefully enough, and **B:** Be aware that you are required to obtain PPR from Egypt via AFTN to HECAVNYX, at least 48 hours before the flight, in order to overfly Cairo FIR.

**EGAA/Belfast** ILS 25 out of service along with other ongoing runway and taxiway closures until 11AUG16. Please check EGAA NOTAM's for specific closures.

**EGLF/Farnborough** Temporary restricted airspace will be in effect for the annual Farnborough Airshow 16-17JUL. AIC M 033/2016.

**France** The French authorities have extended the document checks at their borders, these measures will apply to all airports in France and also to Basel airport. Especially during the period of the European Football Championships, passengers travelling to/ from French airports are asked to ensure they have a valid identity document (passport or identity card) with them whilst travelling. A drivers license is not an acceptable document.

**VTBB/Bangkok FIR** Monsoon season runs July-September. Big potential for holding and airport closures in the region, taking extra fuel is recommended.

**OEZZ/Saudi Arabia FIR** is introducing new Navigation Charges on 01JUL. All the maths is here.

**LSZA/Lugano** will close 10-19OCT due to heavy maintenance work on the main runway. No traffic will be able to operate. The airport operator has said 20OCT should be the reopening day but risk that this may be extended.

**WMZZ/Malaysia** Following a directive by the Malaysian Immigration Department, all foreign nationals travelling on all domestic flights will be required to produce passports upon passing through Immigration control, effective immediately.

**Azerbaijan** An online e-visa issuing system, called ASAN Visa, will be established that should streamline the visa application process. Eligible foreign nationals will be able to obtain supporting documents, submit their visa applications and receive an e-visa within three days of submission through the portal. The list of eligible nationals is expected to be available soon on the Foreign Ministry website.

**EGPK/Prestwick** has ongoing overnight closures due to ATC staffing problems, keep an eye on NOTAMs.

**EIDW/Dublin** will closed for 15 minutes at 1500Z on 23JUN due to a VIP departure.

**NWWW/New Caledonia** The South Pacific is not exempt from ATC strikes either; overnight closure of the NWWW airspace means no enroute traffic accepted in the FIR tonight - and sporadically ongoing. Note that the Fire Service also has reduced RFF category at specific times. Check Notams.

**SKED/Bogota FIR** NOTAM of the month award: Colombia Notam A1947 issued on 17JUN. Be aware of the potential for your Cabin Crew to request a change to the SID from ATC, unbeknownst to you. In full: "CHANGES TO STANDAR (sic) INSTRUMENT DEPARTURE (SID) COULD BE DONE BY RADIOTELEPHONY BETWEEN CABIN CREW AND THE CORRESPONDING ATS DEPARTMENT WHILE COMMUNICATION INTERCHANGE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AERODROME OPERATIONS REF. AIP ENR 1.10".

We actually have no idea what they mean. Let us know, and keep an eye out for those sneaky flight attendants.

**LEPA/Palma** has a bunch of outages, and runway and taxiway closures at present that will create restrictions and delays. Take a close look at your arrival and dep times before operating.

**Suriname** Immunisation checks for Yellow Fever are being carried out throughout June at all border check points, ports and international airports in Suriname; make sure you have a valid yellow fever certificate if required.

**RJZZ/Japan** On 22JUN heavy rains caused building damage and fatalities in southwestern Japan. At least six people died, as a result of the rain and mudslides across the island of Kyushu. Emergency personnel evacuated several hundred people due to the threat of further mudslides.

**Uzbekistan** has increased security due to a major summit, from 23-34JUN which may result in changes to flight departures and lengthy check in and security clearance at airports across the country.

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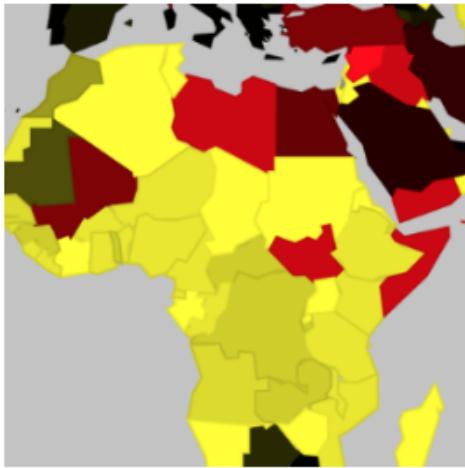
## Midweek Briefing 08JUN: Unsafe Airspace, New China ADIZ

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**Unsafe Airspace - new summary issued** 08JUN Today Flight Service Bureau published International Ops Notice 02/16 - "Unsafe Airspace".

**New China ADIZ - South China Sea** 08JUN There have been several media reports this week that China is preparing to set up a new ADIZ in the South China Sea. Read the article.

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**KCLT/Charlotte** New SIDS and STARS for aircraft arriving and departing to the Northeast have been added to CLT as of May 31. Also, construction of a new ATC tower has also broken ground, the new tower will be equipped with NextGen systems that include STARS (Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System), ADS-B (Automatic Dependant Surveillance - Broadcast) and AEFS (Advanced Electronic Flight Strip System).

**CZZZ/Western Canada** has been experiencing fuel shortages due to recent wildfires in the oil patch. Please check with local handlers for any fuel constraints.

**KZMA/Miami FIR** NASA is planning on launching a Delta IV rocket on 09JUN. Please check KZMA FIR NOTAMS for restrictions.

**KZZZ/USA** Tropical Storm Colin has passed Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina before moving out over the Atlantic.

**CYQY/Sydney, Nova Scotia** has added 2 fire trucks and increased staffing levels to provide ARFF CAT 6 or 7, time of day pending. CYQY has issued NOTAM 1A3425/16 covering those hours.

**LLZZ/Israel** has signed an agreement with Eurocontrol and will allow the country and its users to benefit from the services that Eurocontrol provides. This is excellent news for filing out of LLBG and transiting to or over Europe as this will help streamline the process significantly and coordination will only have to be with Eurocontrol for any changes.

**RCTP/Taipei** has resumed operations on June 3 after operations were suspended due to flash flooding. The airport has also lost power numerous times due to the unstable power supply following days of severe flooding. While the power cuts rendered the terminal's air conditioning system inoperable, the airport experienced only minor delays.

**VNKT/Kathmandu** has been experiencing problems with the VHF ATC equipment. Aircraft on approach and Area Control freqs may experience increased squelch and at times leaving ATC without comms.

**HSZZ/Sudan** has warned it will shoot down any aircraft that infiltrates its airspace that has not obtained the proper permission and/or following proper procedures. If you need to transit this airspace please make sure you have all the required documentation.

**FHSH/St Helena** has reportedly delayed the airport opening indefinitely, due to safety concerns - severe turbulence and windshear were commonplace during testing trials by a B737-800.

**China** Beijing - The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC), which supervises relations across the Taiwan Strait, on Friday issued a yellow travel alert for Beijing after the first H7N9 flu infection case for this year was confirmed in the Chinese capital.

**Malaysia** Malaysian officials fired several officials on charges connected to a security breach at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (WMKK/KUL). Security officials stated that airport security officials collaborated with human trafficking syndicates to bypass the airport's passport verification system. The investigation discovered that, since 2010, airport officials purposely disrupted the immigration system at certain times of the day on several occasions. Malaysian officials will publish a report with the full findings.

**Angola** The World Health Organization (WHO) reported on 27 May 2016 that 301 people have died in Angola's yellow fever outbreak, which began in December 2015. The number of suspected cases is now 2,536. The outbreak began in Luanda and has since spread to areas throughout the country, particularly along the coast and in the central regions, despite a large-scale vaccination program. Cases linked to the Angolan outbreak have also been reported in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya and China.

**Jamaica** is now charging a \$35 US departure tax for all air passengers.

**Uzbekistan** British FCO cautions when travelling with medicines; you can be detained on arrival if you're in possession of certain medicines, including codeine; you should always carry a doctor's prescription with you.

**France** - the Air France pilots' union announced a work stoppage for 11-14 June, coinciding with the first week of the Euro 2016 soccer championship. The strike has been planned in protest over pay disputes, and the union has stated that it may observe further strikes. Further details are likely to emerge, as the situation is developing.

**Yemen** On 28MAY, approximately 20 gunmen stormed Aden International Airport (OYAA/ADE). A 90-minute gunfight followed the attack, during which one civilian was killed by a stray bullet. Authorities regained control of the situation and detained the gunmen's suspected leader.

**Nepal** A nationwide general strike is planned on Thursday 09JUN2016 across the county. Protest can occur at short notice anywhere. Stay cautious and stay away from these areas.

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