

# The annual Greece v Turkey NOTAM battle

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If you've got some time on your hands, have a look at the Greece-Turkey great NOTAM argument of 2016. This is an almost annual performance, the equivalent of a street argument between two kids.

If you're busy, just skip all of it when they appear on your Pre Flight Briefing for Turkey or Greece (which they will). Some of the highlights are below.

Obviously, this is a squabble that would be best for everyone to be kept out of the NOTAM database, but someone started it ...

**LTBB/ISTANBUL/SEHIR-CITY A2999/16 11JUL 0414Z**

- NAVIGATIONAL WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED:

THIS NOTAM IS ISSUED TO CLARIFY THE A1490/16 LGGG NOTAM ISSUED BY GREEK CAA.

AS REGARDS THE GREEK NOTAM A1490/16, **TURKEY DOES NOT ACCEPT THE DEFINITION OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) AREA WITH REFERENCE TO ATHENS FIR.** THE AREA REFERRED TO IN THE SAID GREEK NOTAM FALLS WITHIN TURKEY'S MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE REGION (SRR) AS DECLARED TO THE IMO AND INCLUDED IN THE IMO'S GLOBAL SAR PLAN. THEREFORE, ALL SAR EFFORTS/ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TURKISH SRR MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE RELEVANT TURKISH AUTHORITIES. 11 JUL 04:00 2016 UNTIL 14 JUL 02:30 2016.

**LGGG/ATHINAI A1496/16 11JUL 1201Z**

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FURTHERMORE THE SAID ATHINAI/ISTANBUL FIR BOUNDARY WAS DEPICTED ON CHART NUMBER 7 ATTACHED TO THE REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION AGREEMENT

WHICH WAS REACHED IN THE THIRD REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATIONAL CONFERENCE (PARIS 1952) AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE ICAO COUNCIL ON 23 JUNE 1952.

ACCORDINGLY, GREECE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ATM SERVICES AND ICAO PURPOSES AS WELL AS FOR SAR OPERATIONS WITHIN ATHINAI FIR/ HELLAS UIR, AS IS CLEARLY DEPICTED IN THE ICAO AERONAUTICAL CHARTS, AND IS **THE ONLY COMPETENT THEREIN NOT LEAVING SPACE FOR MISLEADING OR MISINTERPRETATIONS.**

CONSEQUENTLY, THE REF (B) TURKISH NOTAM A3009/16 LTAAYNYX (111139 EUECYIYN JUL 2016) **HAS NO GROUND, CANNOT PRODUCE ANY INTERNATIONALLY LEGAL EFFECT** WITHIN ATHINAI FIR/ HELLAS UIR AND IS CONSIDERED NULL AND VOID.

THE ONLY VALID AND EFFECTIVE NOTAM WITHIN ATHINAI FIR/HELLAS UIR IS THE REF (A) A1495/16 LGGGYNYX ISSUED BY GREECE.

END PART 2 OF 2. 11 JUL 11:55 2016 UNTIL 14 JUL 02:30 2016.

**LTBB/ISTANBUL/SEHIR-CITY A3022/16 12JUL 0740Z**

- NAVIGATIONAL WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED:

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN TURKISH NOTAM A3009/16 REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IS VALID AND EFFECTIVE. THE GREEK NOTAM A1497/16 IS NULL AND VOID.

TURKEY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT NO FURTHER EXPLANATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY OBJECTION RAISED TO TURKISH NOTAM A3009/16. 12 JUL 07:30 2016 UNTIL 14 JUL 02:30 2016.

**LGGG/ATHINAI A1497/16 12JUL 0545Z**

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CONSEQUENTLY, THE REF (B) TURKISH NOTAMS A3012/16 AND A3009/16 LTAAYNYX (111250 AND 111139 EUECYIYN JUL 2016) HAVE NO GROUND, CANNOT PRODUCE ANY INTERNATIONALLY LEGAL EFFECT WITHIN ATHINAI FIR/ HELLAS UIR AND ARE CONSIDERED NULL AND VOID.

THE ONLY VALID AND EFFECTIVE NOTAMS WITHIN ATHINAI FIR/HELLAS UIR ARE THE REF (A) A1495/16 AND A1496/16 LGGGYNYX ISSUED BY GREECE. 12 JUL 05:26 2016 UNTIL 14 JUL 02:30 2016.