FAA rescinds Turkish ban – ops normal

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Update: 18JUL - KICZ NOTAM cancelled, the restriction mentioned below is lifted ...

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Following the attempted coup in Turkey on 15JUL, **the FAA has banned all US airlines**, commercial operators, and pilots from flying into Turkey until the 1st of September, and says it will review that position on August 15th.

The ban applies to all airport within the Istanbul (LTBB) FIR and the Ankara (LTAA) FIR – which together cover the entire country, but does not prohibit entry into the FIR's or overflying Turkey.

Further more, **no direct flights are allowed between Turkey and any US Airport**. This is independent of the country of registry of the aircraft, and so applies to all operators, N-reg and others.

Specifically, the ban affects all US Airlines and Air Carriers, US commercial operators, and private operators in that anyone using an FAA license may not operate to Turkey. The only exception applies to US pilots working for a foreign airline.

The ban was issued quickly in response to the Coup attempt, and because of the unstable situation in Turkey. We suspect that it may be removed more quickly than August 15th, but that depends on further developments there.

These are the primary international airports affected by the ban:

LTAC	ESB	Ankara
LTAF	ADA	Adana
LTAI	AYT	Antalya
LTAJ	GZT	Gaziantep

LTAN	KYA	Konya
LTAT	MLX	Malatya
LTAU	ASR	Kayseri
LTAZ	NAV	Nevsehir
LTBA	IST	Istanbul
LTBJ	ADB	Izmir
LTBR	YEI	Yenisehir
LTBS	DLM	Dalaman
LTCG	TZX	Trabzon
LTFE	BJV	Bodrum
LTFH	SZF	Samsun
LTFJ	SAW	Istanbul

The original NOTAM from the FAA, issued on Saturday morning, is copied below.

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THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A BELOW ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FLY INTO OR OUT OF ANY AIRPORT LOCATED WITHIN THE ISTANBUL (LTBB) OR ANKARA (LTAA) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS (FIR).

A. THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA, EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. NO PERSON OPERATING AN AIRCRAFT, REGARDLESS OF REGISTRY, MAY DEPART TURKEY TO ANY UNITED STATES AIRPORT.

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