Uzbekistan: new ICAO codes, new transition levels

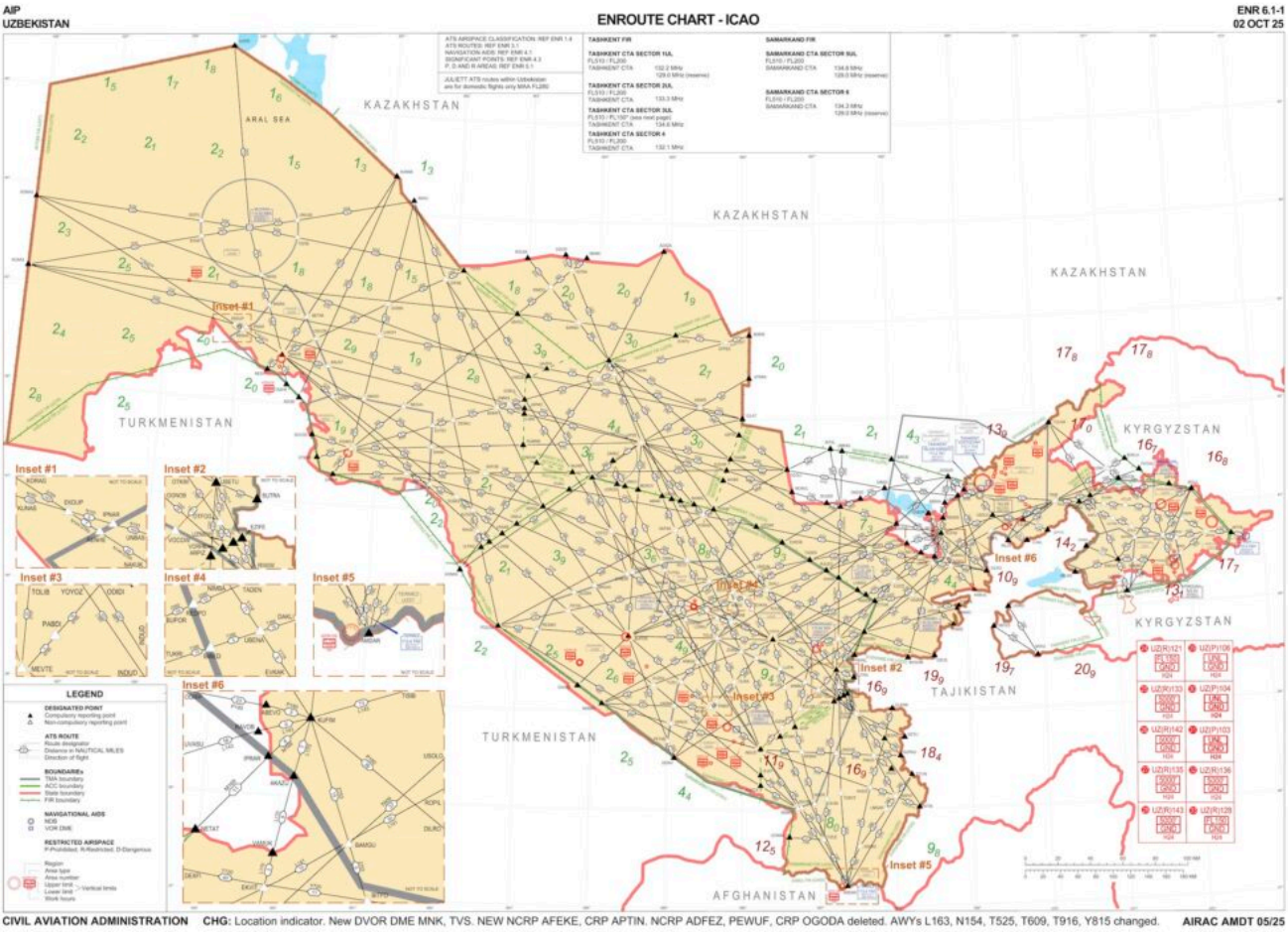
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Some big changes came into effect in Uzbekistan on October 2. **The country has officially dropped its old “UT” ICAO prefix in favor of “UZ”.**

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.

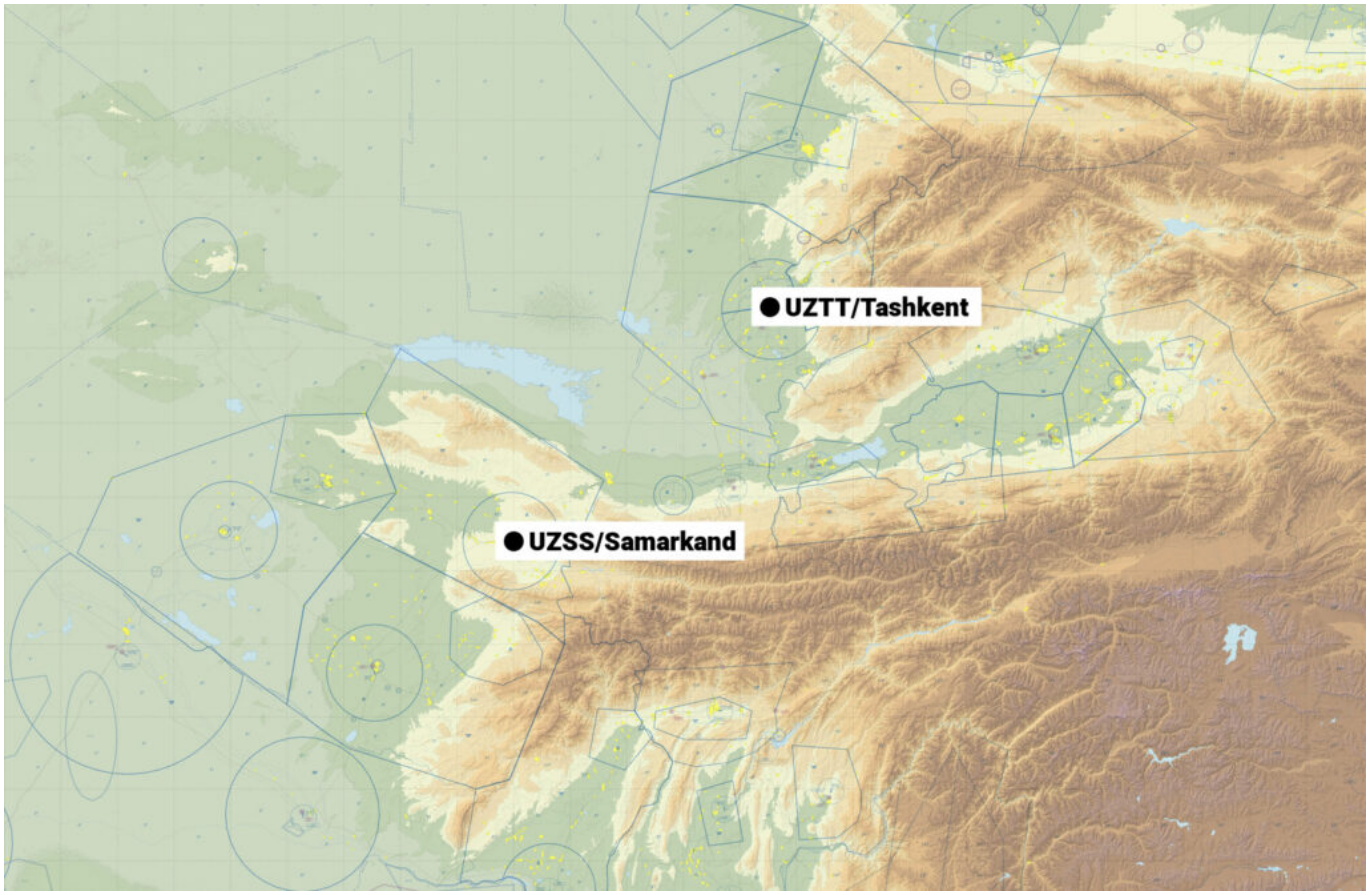
According to UzAeroNavigation, the national ANSP, this is part of a wider modernization effort – **giving Uzbekistan’s airspace a clearer, more distinct identity** and moving away from the legacy Soviet-era “UT” codes.



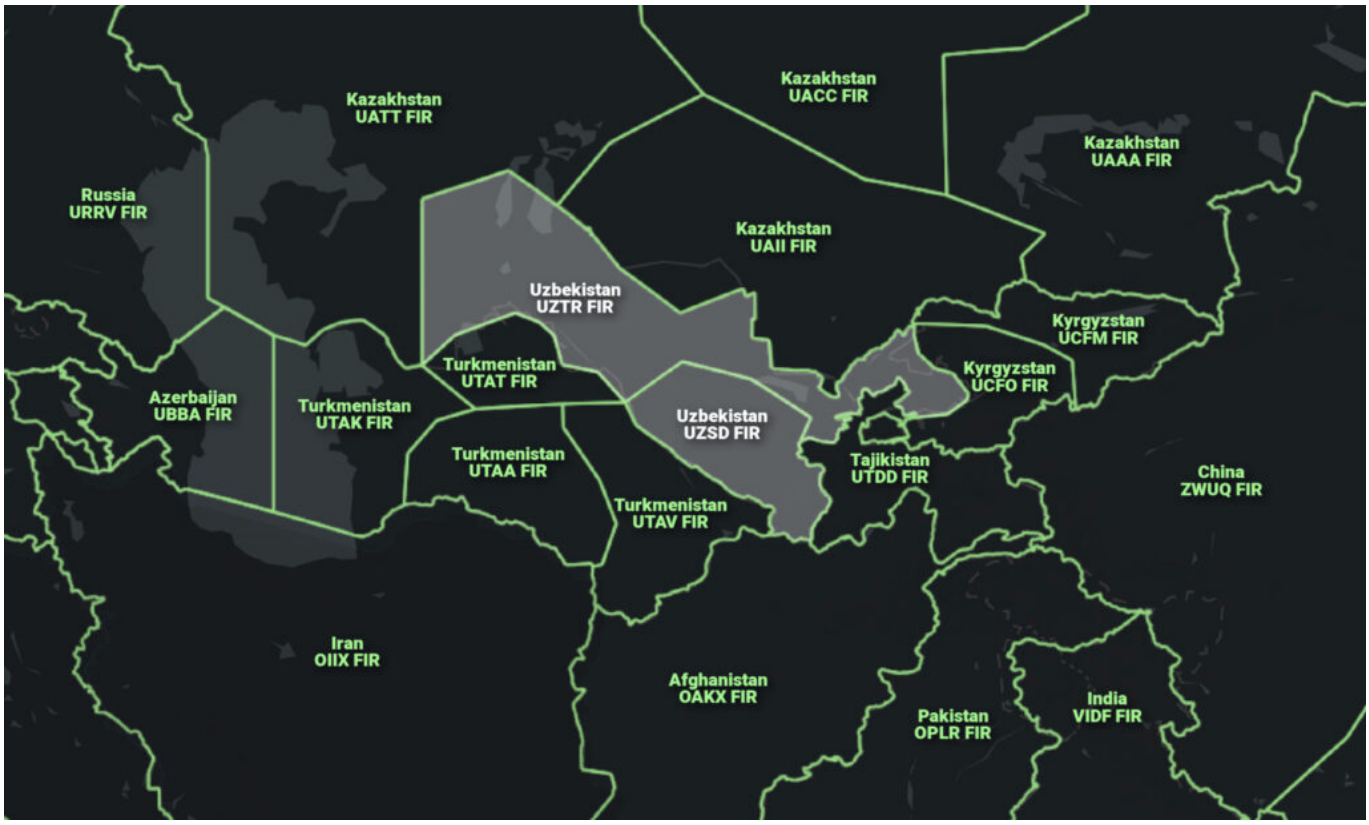
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At the same time, Uzbekistan has introduced a **unified transition altitude of 13,000 ft and transition level of FL150** (previously 6,000 ft / FL080), bringing it more in line with its Central Asian neighbors and hopefully making level changes at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

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	UZFFZTZX
NAMANGAN TWR/APP	UZFNZTZX
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).

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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.
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