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LETTRE

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To

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OBJECT : ORION Phase 2 exercise

ANNEX : 01

ATTACHED FILE: 01 (final draft AIP SUP)

Dear Mr LESPAGNOL,

The deterioration of the international context has resulted for France to consider the hypothesis of a major engagement of high intensity as possible and the armed forces must prepare for it. To this end, a three-year cycle of exercises has been defined in the joint operational readiness cycle. The first of these, ORION, composed of 4 phases, will take place in 2023.

This large-scale exercise, the first of its kind in nearly 30 years, aims to train the French forces in a joint and multinational framework, on a high-intensity scenario that also takes into account emerging fields (influence, cyber threat, information superiority, multi domain operations).

Phases 1 and 3 are computer assisted exercises (CAX) when phases 2 and 4 are live exercises (LIVEX).

Phase 2 from February 21, to March 10, 2023 will take place in the southern part of France, with a huge number of forces involved (Air Forces, Navy, Army, Special forces) with more than 7000 boots on the ground. At the aeronautical level, the ramp-up will begin on February 16, 2023, in accordance with the dates listed in the attached final draft AIP SUP.

Phase 4 from April 17, to May 5, 2023 will take place in the south-eastern, centre and north-eastern part of France, and will involve 12000 soldiers.

Numerous temporary dangerous (TDA) and restricted areas (TRA) will be created in several French flight information region (FIR) and especially near the Spanish and Italian boundaries.

For obvious Air Safety reasons, it is important for me to inform you about the principal orientations set out in the dedicated supplement to the Aeronautical Information Publication, which will be released for publication early January 2023. For a better readability of the information's, a study is underway to split this document into two SUP AIP SUP to facilitate understanding.

I ask for your support in disseminating this information widely to affiliated companies and organizations.

For any additional questions, you can contact the Military ATM Directorate Head of Airspace Sub-Division, COL Christophe Hindermann, at the address below.

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LISTE DE DIFFUSION

COPIES EXTERNES :

- Monsieur le directeur des opérations de la direction des services de la navigation aérienne ;
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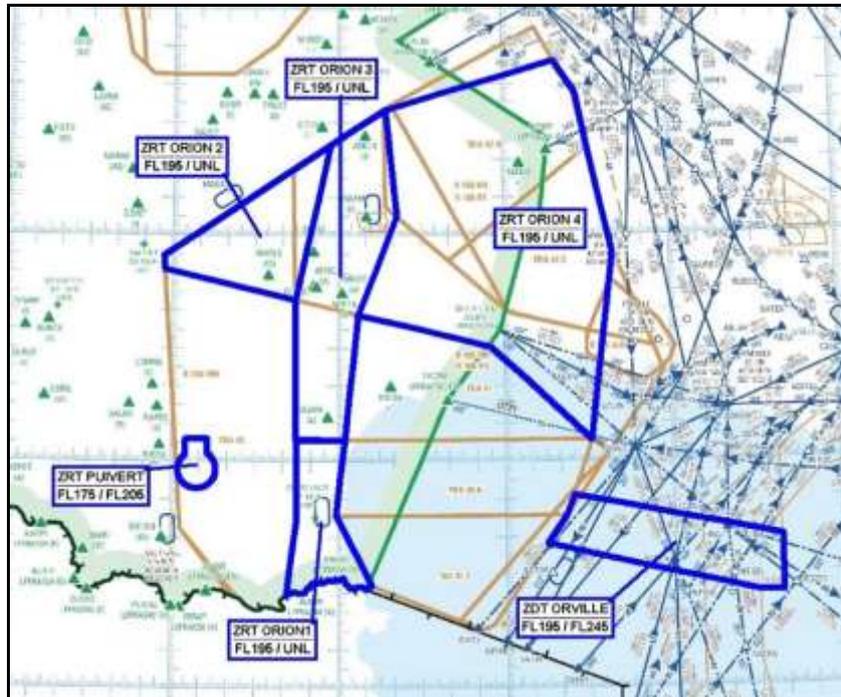
- Monsieur le directeur de la sécurité aéronautique d'État (ATCR) ;
- Monsieur le chef de la sous-direction régionale de la circulation aérienne militaire nord ;
- Monsieur le chef de la sous-direction régionale de la circulation aérienne militaire sud ;
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- Madame la responsable de la communication ORION 2 ;
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ANNEX

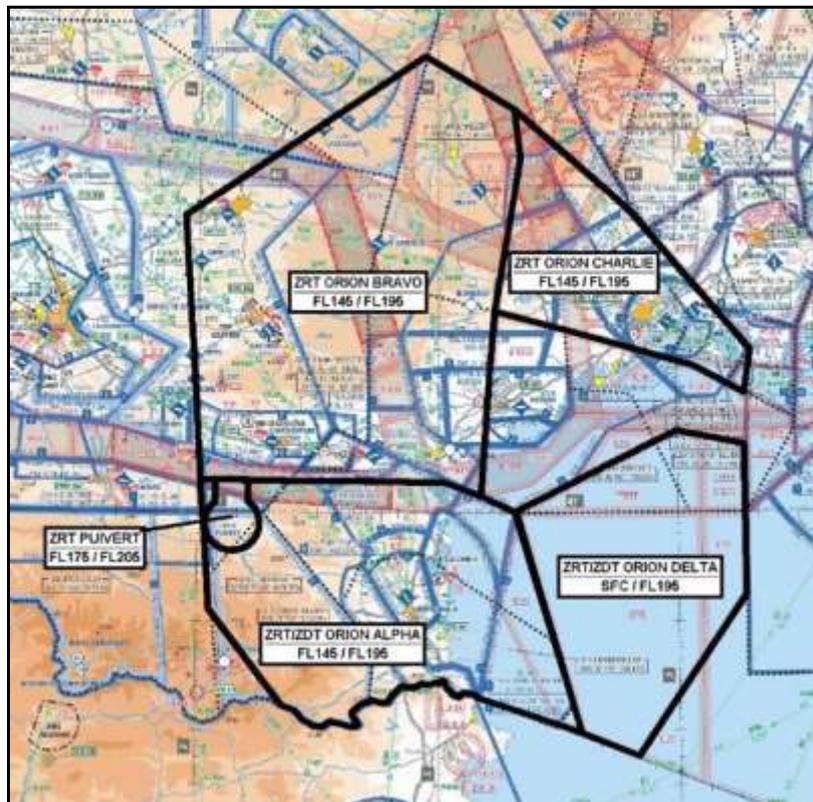
to letter N° 26/ARM/DSAE/DIRCAM/NP from 05/01/2023

1. SOUTH AREAS

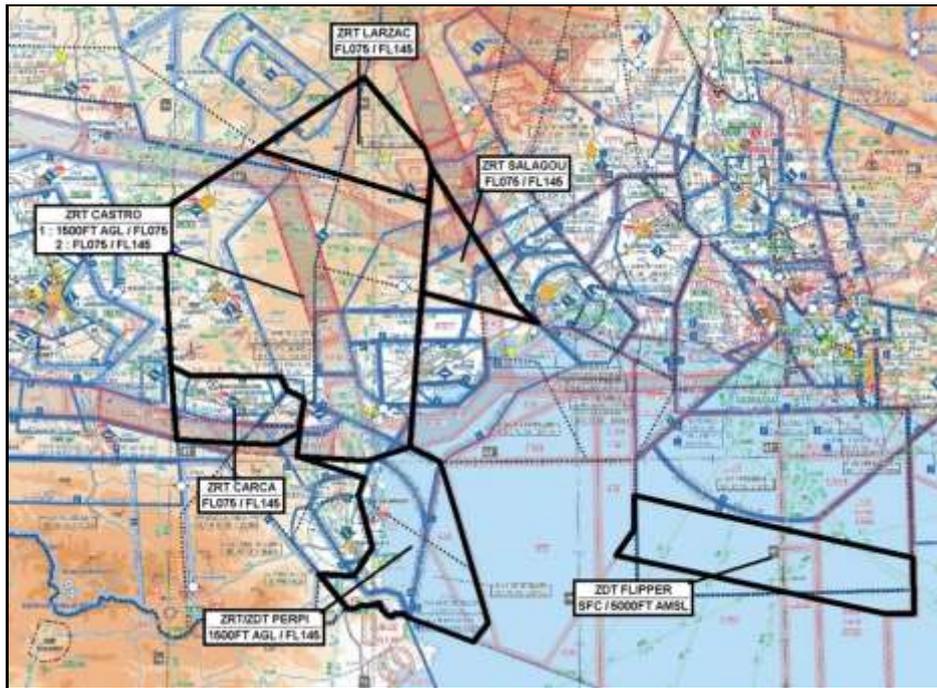
Several temporary Dangerous and Restricted areas will be created. For a dynamic management, they will be separated in layers.



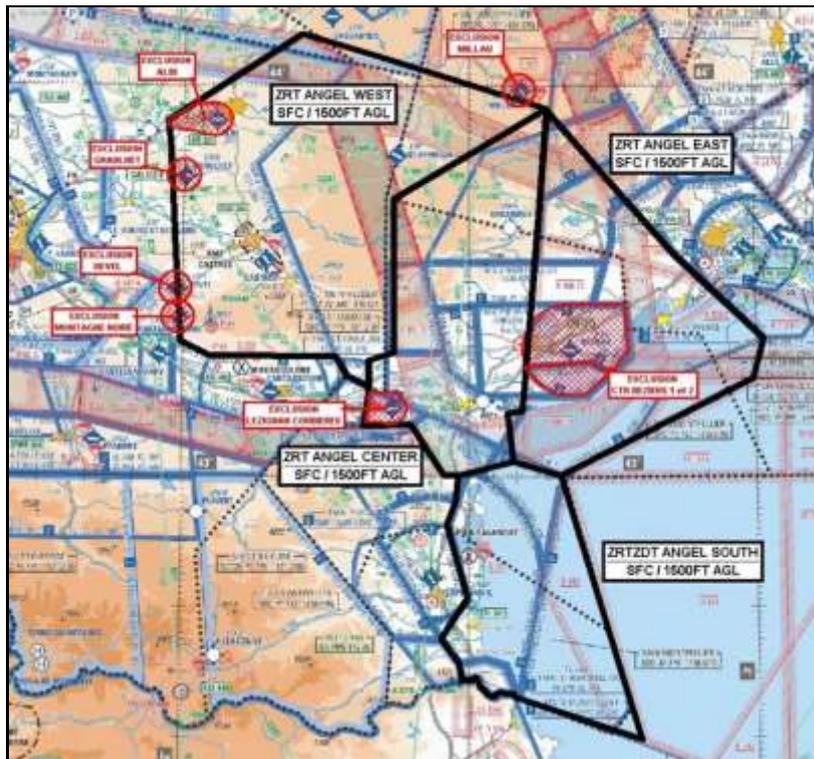
Upper airspace areas



Mid-Altitude areas



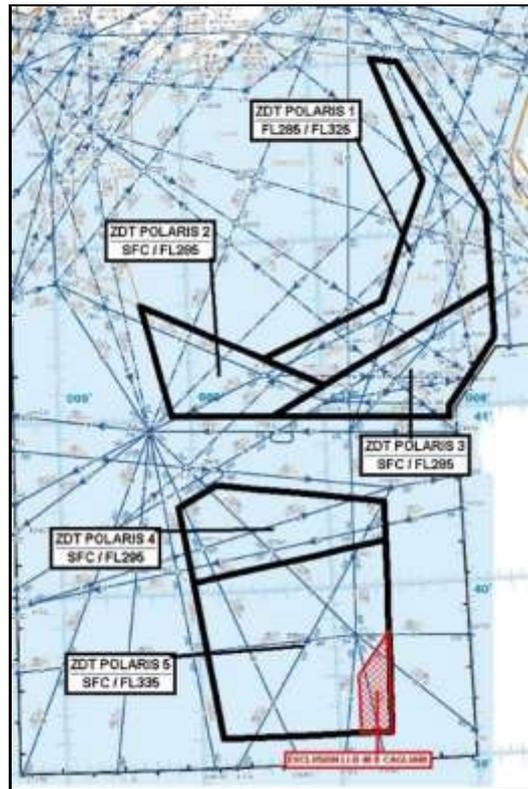
Low-Altitude areas



Very Low-Altitude areas

Areas coordinates as well as activation slots are described in the final AIP SUP project which is provided with the present letter.

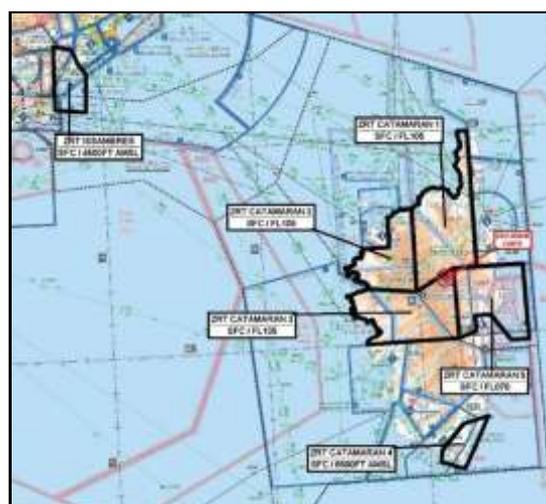
2. MEDITERRANEAN AREAS



Mediterranean maritime areas

Areas coordinates are described in the AIP SUP project which is provided with the present letter. Note : in addition, permanent areas as LF-D54 will also be activated.

TDA POLARIS 1, POLARIS 2, POLARIS 3, POLARIS 4, POLARIS 5 real activations will be confirmed at D-1 via NOTAM. The expected slots are: from February 24, 2023 to March 01, 2023 from 08h00 to 10h00, 11h30 to 13h00, 14h30 to 1700 and from 19h00 to 21h00.



Catamaran and Issambres areas

Areas coordinates are described in the final AIP SUP project which is provided with the present letter.

TRA CATAMARAN 1 to 5 real activations will be confirmed at D-1 via NOTAM. The expected slot is: February 21, 2023 from 08h00 to 23h59, with a possible report of 24 or 48 hours.

TRA ISSAMBRES (spare area) real activation will be confirmed at D-1 via NOTAM. The expected slots are: from February 22, 2023 to February 24, 2023 from 07h00 to 09h00, 13h00 to 15h00, and from 19h00 to 21h00.



Valensole areas

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TRA VALENSOLE 1 real activation will be confirmed at D-1 via NOTAM. The expected slots are: from February 27, 2023 to February 28, 2023 from 08h00 to 10h00, 14h30 to 17h00, and from 19h00 to 21h00.

TRA VALENSOLE 2 real activation will be confirmed at D-1 via NOTAM. The expected slots are: from February 27, 2023 from 19h00 à 21h00 and February 28, 2023 from 08h00 to 10h00.

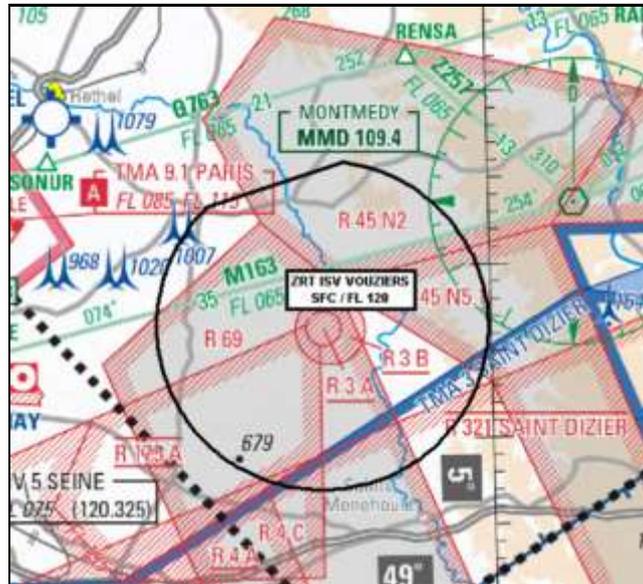
3. CENTRE AREAS



Centre areas

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4. NORTH-EAST AREA



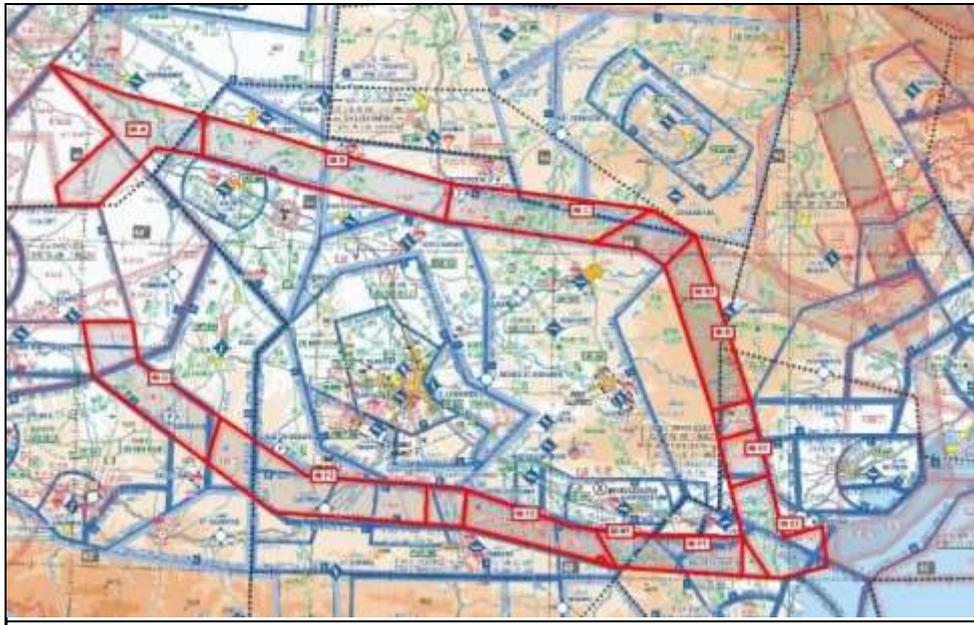
ISV Vouziers area

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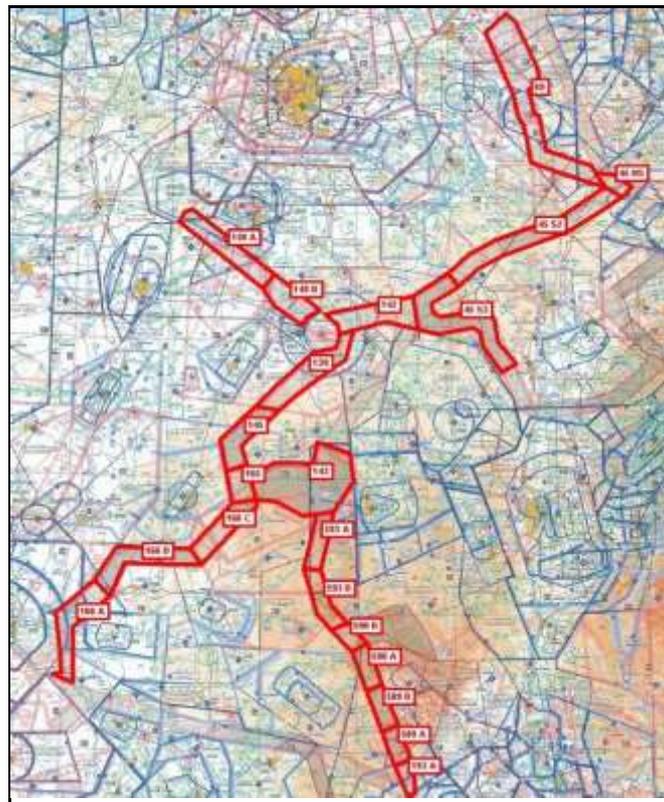
TRA ISV VOULZIERS is active March 06, 2023 from 05h30 to 07h30, with a possible report of 24 hours.

5. VERY LOW LEVEL NETWORK AREAS

Existing areas will be used but creation of TRA's are necessary as the areas are used out of the AIP timeline.



Very Low Level Network – South part



Very Low Level Network – Centre and North-East parts

Areas coordinates as well as activation slots (active and activable at D-1) are described in the final AIP SUP project which is provided with the present letter.

6. ADDITIONAL AREAS

Several existing areas will also be activated for ORION2.

For the upper airspace: TRA22, TRA200 and TRA24 in the North-East, TRA43 and TRA10 in the Centre area, TRA34A/N in the South-West and TRA40, TRA41, TRA46N/S and TRA44 in the South-East.

For the lower airspace : LF-R213 volume A, LF-R321 et LF-R175 A in the North-East, LF-R68 in the Centre area, LF-R34 in the South-West, LF-R108 E1 and LF-D67 in the South-East.

Activations slots are described in the final AIP SUP project which is provided with the present letter. They will be declared via the regular AUP/UUP process as usual.

7. INFORMATION PRECISION

For a better comprehension of the airspace part of the exercise, more detailed information's will be daily published on SIA website (maps and/or in a tabular form).