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Subject:-

Safety of Civil Aircraft Operating in Airspace under the Authority of the Republic of South Sudan

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Applicability:

This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all Operators and national civil aircraft owners within the Sultanate of Oman.

Affected Airspace:

South Sudan airspace, below flight level (FL) 245

Introduction:

CAA Sultanate of Oman has been made aware of the possible existence of serious risks to the safety of international civil flights operating within the Khartoum Flight Information Region (FIR) over the territory of South Sudan, below flight level (FL) 245, and arriving at or departing from Juba International Airport (HSSJ).

Information received by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from a variety of sources indicates that there has been a disruption to air traffic services and related supporting services within the abovementioned airspace without the benefit of adequate contingency arrangements in place.

The areas of concern are the lack of suitably qualified air traffic control personnel, the non-promulgation of aeronautical information concerning out-of-service or withdrawn navigation equipment and the necessary mitigation arrangements, coordination irregularities with adjacent area control centres, and inadequate airground communications.

Requirements:

For the overall safety of international air traffic, any flights intending to operate within the Republic of South Sudan need to fully assess the potential for risks to flight safety. The primary objective is to ensure safety and security of international civil aviation.

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