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24th August 2021

SPECIAL DIRECTION

(ISSUED BY DGCA UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION ACT NO. 14 OF 2010)

DGCA &CEO Issued by: **Classification**: URGENT & IMPORTANT

Issued to: All AOC holders in Sri Lanka

Subject: Refrain from Overflying Kabul FIR and/or Landing at Afghanistan Airports

Legal Reference: This Direction is issued under the powers vested in the Director General of Civil Aviation in

terms of the section 121 of the Civil Aviation Act No: 14 of 2010.

Description of the Direction:

1. Air Traffic Services, Aeronautical Information Services including NOTAM services are currently **NOT** being provided within the Kabul (Afghanistan) Flight Information Region (FIR), ICAO Location Indicator OAKX, due to current political situation in Afghanistan.

- 2. Presently, Kabul International Airport (OAKB) facilitate Visual Flight Rules (VFR)-only operations provided by external organizations currently on site.
- 3. Airline operations/dispatch offices preparing Pre-flight Information Bulletins (PIBs) or other pilot briefing products are hereby informed that the Afghanistan NOTAM service is not available and also there may be other significant, unknown changes to information published in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) of Afghanistan.
- 4. Considering the interest of flight Safety, all the operators are hereby informed to refrain from Overflying Kabul FIR and/or Landing at Afghanistan Airports.
- 5. Should there be any special/exceptional circumstances which necessitate operating humanitarian flights to Afghanistan, such flights shall be operated through special approval from the relevant authorities including CAASL.

Actions Required: Strict Compliance

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