



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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Department for Transport Security Advice to Air Operators

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC Holders and Operators who Fly Internationally
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Department for Transport provides security guidance to UK operators flying internationally.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Safety Notice is to alert UK aircraft operators to the international security threat and risk information available from the Department for Transport (DfT).

2 Action to be Taken

- 2.1 Any aircraft operators intending to fly internationally, particularly to countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, should consider contacting the DfT for security advice.

3 Background

- 3.1 The DfT is the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Appropriate Authority for Civil Aviation, including security, and as such advises UK carriers on security risks overseas, principally on terrorism. The scope of this advice and the way it is arrived at and disseminated has been reviewed in the light of the loss of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 over Ukraine in July this year, to ensure consistent coverage of the range of threats to civil aircraft, including improvised explosive devices placed on board and surface-to-air missiles.

- 3.2 The DfT offers guidance to industry on these threats across the world and operators should, in their operational planning processes, now consider contacting the Department if they intend flights to, or over, areas of concern. The contact details are as follows:

Contact	Number	Time
DfT Threats Office	0207 944 2872	08.30-17.30, Monday – Friday
Threats Office On-Call officer via the DfT Duty Office	0207 944 5999	at other times

Or

Contact	Number	Time
International team, Aviation Security Division	0207 944 3260	08.30-16.30, Monday – Friday

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to the Department for Transport.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Safety Notice will remain in force until further notice.