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A 009. LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS PROCEDURES WITHIN THE AIRSPACE OF REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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1. General

1.1 Low level flights over the territory of the Republic of Lithuania can be performed by military aircraft of LTU AF, NATO and partner-states. Simultaneous low level flights can be performed only in one or two of four Vilnius FIR sectors (Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga, Šiauliai) and exclusively in the uncontrolled airspace of ICAO class „G“. Total duration of such flights shall not exceed 7 hours per day. Low level flights shall be planned only on workdays: from sunrise till sunset, and on Fridays - from sunrise till 1200 (1100) UTC.

1.2 Low level flights are allowed at altitudes from 500 ft to 2000 ft AGL (above ground level). Altimeter shall be set according to the pressure in an appropriate sector of Vilnius FIR. Low level flights can be conducted at an IAS (indicated air speed) from 250 to 400 knots when visibility is 8 km or more.

Low level flights at speed lower than IAS 250 knots are conducted in accordance with the General Air Traffic (GAT) regulations.

1.3 When low level flights temporarily take place in the controlled airspace, GAT regulations are applicable and crews shall comply with local ATC procedures.

1.4 When low level flights are conducted in the uncontrolled airspace, crews shall contact the relevant Flight Information Service (FIS) provider, to inform on Start / End of specific flight in an appropriate Vilnius FIR sector.

1.5 FIS provider shall provide all airspace users operating in the uncontrolled airspace of an appropriate Vilnius FIR sector with information about AF aircraft performing low level flight procedures.

1.6 When aircraft conducting low level flights are departing from the controlled aerodrome and before entering the uncontrolled airspace, or entering the controlled airspace with intention to land at the controlled aerodrome, - GAT regulations are applicable and crews shall contact an appropriate ATC unit and comply with local ATC procedures. Before entering the controlled airspace the crew shall obtain a clearance from an appropriate ATC unit.

2. Submission of low level flights notification

2.1 Low level flights are subject to advance notification. On the eve of such flights the Air Force Air Base WOC officer on duty shall fill appropriate notification of a specified form and until 1000 (0900) UTC submit it to the Air Traffic Management Unit of the SE „Oro navigacija“ (see Appendix 1).

2.2 Low level flights notification for the next week flights to be performed on the first workday shall be submitted on the last workday of the current week.

2.3 The information about planned low level flights is published by NOTAM.

- 2.4 Notification shall state the following details:
- Vilnius FIR sector(s) name;
 - Planned altitudes: AGL or MSL;
 - Planned date of activity, time of beginning and end of flight;
 - Aircraft type, number, registration marks or call signs;
 - Radar transponder codes if allocated;
 - Other information.

2.5 Low level flights notification is submitted for each flight separately.

3. Restrictions for conducting low level flights

- 3.1 Aircrew conducting low level flights without appropriate permission shall avoid:
- Prohibited areas;
 - Aerodrome traffic zones;
 - Ornithological Reserves and Areas with sensitive fauna);
 - Restricted areas;
 - Danger areas;
 - Special gliding zones;
 - Paragliding and hang-glider towing places.

Descriptions of these areas are given in the sections of AIP Part Two ENR.

Available information about activity of these areas/zones is provided by an appropriate flight information service provider and/or published by NOTAM.

3.2 Low level flights cannot be performed below the lower limits of Vilnius TMA „A“ sector, Kaunas TMA „A“ sector and Palanga TMA „A“ sector. Flights below other sectors of Vilnius, Kaunas and Palanga TMAs shall be performed at levels not higher than the lower sector boundaries established from the MSL (mean sea level). Such flights can be performed only on QNH of appropriate FIR sector.

4. Appendix

Appendix 1 – Notification;

Appendix 2 – Airspace to be avoided when conducting low level flights (500 FT AGL – 2000 FT AGL).

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**NOTIFICATION
FOR ESTIMATED LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS**

_____ Nr. _____
(date)

1. _____
(Vilnius FIR sector(s) name(s))

2. _____
(Planned altitudes: „AGL“ or „MSL“)

3. _____
(Planned date of activity, time of beginning and end of flight)

4. _____
(Aircraft type, number, registration marks or call signs)

5. _____
(Radar transponder codes if allocated)

6. _____
(Other information)

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