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**A 007. BORDER GUARD OPERATIONS**

This Aeronautical Information Circular presents co-ordination procedures established by Letter of Agreement between State Enterprise Oro Navigacija and State Border Guard Service at the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania concerning FRONTEX mission and border guard operations.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LoA) is to define the responsibilities and establish detailed co-ordination procedures to be applied between the Participants (including the European Border and Coast Guard Agency FRONTEX, acting on behalf of VSAT) and the air traffic control (ATC) entities for the safe and effective execution of border guard aircraft operations within Vilnius flight information region (FIR) airspace (Vilnius sector) and Vilnius aerodrome control zone (CTR), Terminal control area (TMA) of the Republic of Lithuania.
2. These procedures are in addition to those specified by ICAO, European and Lithuanian regulations.
3. The Annex Visual approach chart form an integral part of this Letter of Agreement.

**II. AIRSPACE AND AREA OF OPERATIONS**

4. Border guard aircraft will operate Classes G and C airspace.
5. The main area of operations of Border guard flights are in the vicinity of Lithuanian border with the Republic of Belarus (Aol).

**III. OPERATIONAL COORDINATION WITH ATC**

6. Vilnius International Airport and Paluknys Helipad will be main operation bases (MOB) for border guard aircraft take-off, landing and emergency landing operations.
7. Border guard aircraft operation shall be in compliance with the general rules according to Commission implementing regulation (EU) No 923/2012 laying down the common rules of the air and operational provisions regarding services and procedures in air navigation and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1035/2011 and Regulations (EC) No 1265/2007, (EC) No 1794/2006, (EC) No 730/2006, (EC) No 1033/2006 and (EU) No 255/2010 and additional Lithuanian regulations.
8. Air traffic services for them will be provided by:
  - 8.1 Vilnius Area Control center (ACC) Flight Information Service (FIS) for the part of the flight within Vilnius FIR Vilnius sector. Call sign – Vilnius Information, frequency – 123.850 MHz.
  - 8.2 Kaunas Tower (ATC) Flight Information Service (FIS) for the part of the flight within Vilnius FIR Kaunas sector. Call sign – Kaunas Information, frequency – 124.600 MHz.
  - 8.3 Vilnius Tower (ATC) provides Air Traffic Services at Vilnius CTR and Vilnius TMA. Vilnius CTR call sign – Vilnius TOWER, frequency 118.205 MHz; Vilnius TMA call sign Vilnius Approach frequency – 120.705 MHz.
9. VHF radio is primary mean of communication between ATC and border guard aircraft pilot during

operations.

10. In any case and at any phase of border guard flight, when radio contact on main frequency/ channel with ATC is lost or unavailable, border guard crew shall contact ATC on VHF guard -121.500 MHz (contingency situation).

11. A separate FPL should be submitted to Air navigation information division (Vilnius ARO) for each flight. Border guard aircraft will submit ICAO flight plan (FPL) according to the procedures published in AIP Lithuania.

12. Border guard aircraft will use Mode C and A transponder code at all times. ATC will allocate separate transponder code for each border guard aircraft/ flight.

13. Border guard aircraft call sign shall be written in the 7 field of FPL. Each flight should use different call sign for identification and ATC reasons.

14. After prior coordination with ATC, border guard flights will use one of below dedicated recommended routes between MOB and AoI (see Annex):

14.1 via AZUOL entry/ exit/ coordination point: 54 46 55N 025 32 58E;

14.2 via EPINI entry/ exit/ coordination point: 54 36 50N 025 25 54E;

14.3 3 via ATGEL entry/ exit/ coordination point: 54 33 11N 025 23 21E;

14.4 via ALISI entry/ exit/ coordination point: 54 35 46N 025 06 19E;

14.5 via LEDVI entry/ exit/ coordination point: 54 38 15N 025 08 06E.

15. It should be noted, that coordination point AZUOL is ascribed to this particular procedure only and will be not published for other users as part of Aeronautical Information Publication.

16. Border guard crew shall comply with all ATC clearances and instructions at Vilnius FIR.

17. ATC clearance at Vilnius international airport shall be obtained 5 minutes before departure.

18. ATC clearance shall be obtained 2 minutes before entry from uncontrolled airspace to Vilnius FIR Vilnius CTR and Vilnius TMA.

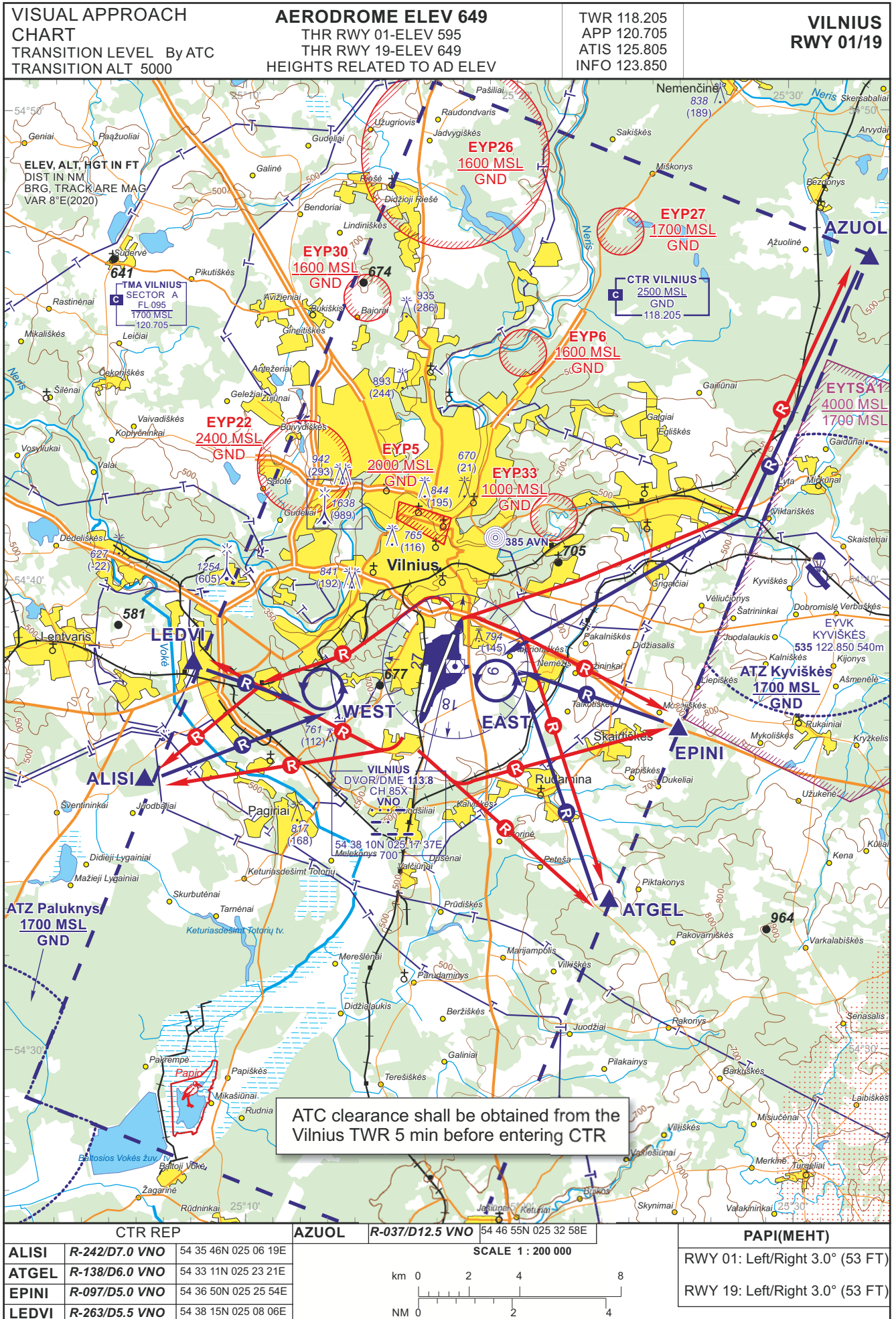
19. Border guard flight transit to/ from Vilnius (as MOB) and AoI shall be performed by VILNIUS QNH. VILNIUS QNH can be received from ATC or ATIS (125.805 MHz).

20. Within TMA, ATC will provide 1000 FT vertical and 3 NM horizontal separation between border guard flights and other IFR traffic.

21. In case of flight emergency, pilot will make every effort to reach MOB (Vilnius, Paluknys or other suitable VSAT border guard station helipad). Pilot, in coordination with ATC will be guided to land at MOB. Nothing in this LoA prevents the pilot or ATC from using discretion in case of emergency. The Participants shall be urgently notified of any deviations from the agreed procedures as soon as possible.

Annex. Visual approach chart.

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