


OPERATIONS ADVISORY NOTICE (OAN)		 Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate Flight Operations Inspectorate Security Gate 1 Luqa Airport Luqa LQA 3000 Malta
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Subject: Flight Operations into Volcanic Ash Regions		

1.0 Introduction

This Operations Advisory Notice is being issued to update the OAN No: 04/11 dated 25th May 2011 following a State letter published by ICAO on the 24th January 2013.

2.0 Background Information

The International Volcanic Ash Task Force (IVATF) has completed its work and produced Doc 9974 - '*Flight Safety and Volcanic Ash – Risk Management of Flight Operations with Known or Forecast Ash Contamination*' which replaced the corresponding Guidance Material Draft Version 3.1 on which operators have based their Volcanic Ash Safety Risk Assessment in the past. A copy of the ICAO Doc 9974 can be found in the following link:

http://www.icao.int/publications/Documents/9974_en.pdf

3.0 Requirements

Before conducting flights into known or forecast volcanic ash regions, operators shall develop a Safety Risk Assessment within their Management System by applying the guidelines found the ICAO Doc 9974.

Operators shall submit a VA SRA to the Civil Aviation Directorate for acceptance. Operators holding acceptance letters of VA SRA based on draft version 3.1 would need to re-submit the updated SRA for acceptance.

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