



IVAO Middle East Region – Special Operations LoA

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1. Introduction

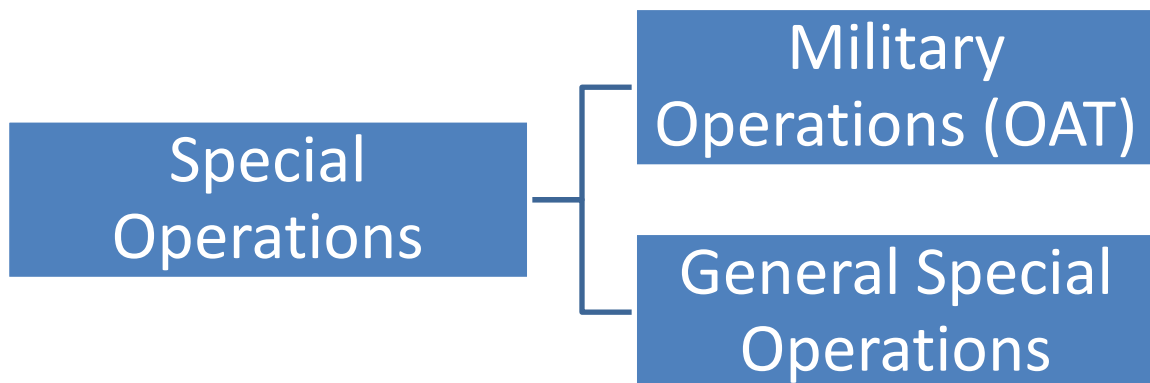
IMPORTANT: THIS LOA WAS PREPARED BASED ON GENERAL RULES EXTRACTED FROM INTERNET AND CAN BE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC, IVAO MIDDLE EAST DIVISION HAS NO INFORMATION OF ANY MILITARY PROCEDURES INSIDE ANY OF THE 4 COUNTRIES DUE TO THEIR CONFIDENTIALITY.

The Special Operations Departments is responsible for all non-civil issues on the networks. This implies but is not limited to all military, police, or rescue operations not complying with the ICAO rules for normal civil procedures.

Please remember to comply with IVAO Rules and Regulations 4.4.5: "On the IVAO Network Hi- Jacking, War Simulation and all other forms of aggression are not allowed."

More information regarding Special Operations Guidelines and Policy shall be read on IVAO HQ site.

2. Types and Definitions of Special Operations



2.1 Military Operations (OAT)

Defined as all military flights which do not comply with the provisions stated for general air traffic (GAT) and for which rules and procedures have been specified by appropriate national authorities.

Examples:

- Air to Air Refueling.
- Formation Flights.
- Aircraft Carrier Operations.
- Low Level Flights.
- Air to Ground Flights.
- AWACS (ATC) Flight.
- Air to Air (intercepts and visual identification).
- Escort Flights for VIP flights.

2.2 General Operations

Defined as all flights –nonmilitary- which do not comply with the provisions stated for general air traffic (GAT) and for which rules and procedures have been specified by appropriate national authorities.

Examples:

- Fire Fighting.
- Police Operations.
- Shipwreck Assistance.
- Medical Assistance.
- SAR Flights.
- VIP Flights.

To know more about each type please refer to IVAO Special Operations General LoA [here](#).

3. Flight Plan

It is mandatory to set your flight type (ITEM 8) into the appropriate type of flight. If you are planning to do any kind of military operations (OAT) please set your flight type to (M – Military), while if you are planning to do a general operations flight, it is preferred to set the flight type to (X – Others).

All GAT (General Aviation Traffic) using military equipment, are requested to set their flight type into (G – General Aviation) in order to avoid any conflicts with active supervisors on the network, it is also preferred to mention it in your remarks.

4. Special Operations Activities

4.1 Jordan

All types of special operations are available to be performed for all local division users only, members out of XM division are required to seek approval from division HQ for any type of OAT.

Military traffic (GAT) are allowed to use Jordanian airspace and airports freely.

OAT WITH NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL WILL BE REPORTED TO IVAO SUPERVISORS INSTANTLY.

4.2 Iraq

All types of special operations are available to be performed for all local division users only, members out of XM division are required to seek approval from division HQ for any type of OAT.

Military traffic (GAT) are allowed to use Iraqi airspace and airports freely.

OAT WITH NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL WILL BE REPORTED TO IVAO SUPERVISORS INSTANTLY.

4.3 Lebanon

All types of special operations are available to be performed for all local division users only, members out of XM division are required to seek approval from division HQ for any type of OAT.

Military traffic (GAT) are allowed to use Lebanese airspace and airports freely.

OAT WITH NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL WILL BE REPORTED TO IVAO SUPERVISORS INSTANTLY.

4.4 Syria

Special operations of all types are not allowed.

Military traffic (GAT) are allowed to use Syrian airspace under the following conditions:

- No use of Syrian airports.
- All traffic should use valid routes to enter and exit Syrian airspace, no direct navigation is accepted.
- No en-route holds should be performed without a valid reason or permission from an active controller.
- No low level passing without a valid reason.
- No kind of operational maneuvers performed inside the airspace.

OAT AND PROVOKING GAT WILL BE REPORTED TO IVAO SUPERVISORS INSTANTLY.

5. Speed Restrictions

Following speed restrictions applies on all airspaces.

5.1 Bellow FL100:

- Maximum speed 300 kts for jetfighters.
- Maximum speed 250 kts for any other aircraft type.

5.2 FL100 to FL350:

- Maximum speed M0.95
- Training or military Area above FL200 no speed restriction.

5.3 Above FL350:

- No speed restriction

ATC CLEARANCE IS NEEDED FOR ANY SUPERSONIC SPEED ACTIVATES SPECIALLY OUTSIDE THE TRAINING AND MILITARY AREAS. IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE THE ATC MAY MODIFY THESE RESTRICTIONS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, SEPARATION OR ADJUSTMENT.

6. Traffic Separation

6.1 Vertical separation:

A) 1000ft:

- Between RVSM approved aircrafts.

B) 2000ft:

- Non-RVSM approved aircraft and any other aircraft operating within the RVSM airspace.
- Jetfighters and any other aircraft operating within the RVSM airspace.
- Formation flights of State Aircraft and any other aircraft operating within the RVSM airspace.
- An aircraft experiencing a communications failure in flight and any other aircraft, when both are operating in RVSM airspace.

6.2 Horizontal separation:

- 5 or more nautical miles between aircrafts.
- The separation to be applied between two military operating aircrafts not flying within a formation must be equal or greater than the one applied to two civil aircrafts, following ICAO standards.

7. Restricted Areas

Training areas are only known in two FIRs at the moment. IVAO XM has no information about training areas in Iraq and Syria.

Please refer to [local procedures](#) document of Jordan and Lebanon to recognize these areas. SEC (2.5)

8. ATC Services

There are no known military ATC stations in any of the four countries. OAT should stay in contact with normal ATC units as long as they are online. OAT should maintain their own separation if there were no ATC units available.

9. Requesting Operational Clearance

Any teams or individuals that are not registered in XM division are required to obtain clearance before any operations in the Middle East.

Clearance can be obtained directly from [XM Userhub](#) . If you are interested fill the required information on our userhub explaining the mission and including all participants with their VIDs.

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