

**Safety Directive (2019-01)**  
**Issue 01**  
**Date of Issue: March 13, 2019**

**Subject:**

Suspension of Commercial Operation of Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircraft in Egyptian Airspace.

**Effective Date:**

March 13, 2019. 08:00 UTC.

**Applicability:**

Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircraft, all serial numbers.

**Context:**

Following the fatal accident of Ethiopian Airline’s Boeing 737-8 “MAX” that occurred on March 10, 2019 and based on the available preliminary information which draws similarities with a previous accident involving the same aircraft type and model; the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) has decided to suspend all flight operations of the Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and the Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircrafts until further notice.<sup>(1)</sup>

Bearing in mind that the investigation is still at the early stages, this decision has been made as a precautionary measure in the interest of safety until further assurances are available that all airworthiness safeguards are in place for the mentioned aircraft model to resume normal operations.

Furthermore, it is important to note that there are currently no Boeing 737-8 “MAX” or Boeing 737-9 “MAX” models that hold an Egyptian Registration.

**Requirements:**

With effect from March 13, 2019 at 08:00 UTC, the operation of Boeing 737-8 “MAX” and Boeing 737-9 “MAX” aircraft is forbidden in the Egyptian Airspace until further notice. No operator shall operate the mentioned aircraft types from, in, to, or over the Egyptian airspace.<sup>(1)</sup>

**Cancellation:**

This directive will remain in force until cancelled by the ECAA only.



**Remark:**

The ECAA will maintain an open and transparent line-of-communications with all relevant safety entities (Civil Aviation Authorities, Manufacturer, and Operators) to ensure awareness and applicability of the latest updates until this safety issue is resolved.

**Notes:**

1. A non-commercial (ferry flight) may be accomplished to return the aircraft to its home base under special authorization from the ECAA only.

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