

NOTICE FOR THE PYONGYANG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

Between February and August 2014, North Korea conducted thirteen ballistic missile test launches. The test launches included No Dong medium-range ballistic missiles and SCUD short-range ballistic missiles. Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 79 prohibits U.S. air carriers or commercial operators; persons exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, except such persons operating U.S.-registered aircraft for a foreign air carrier; and operators of aircraft registered in the United States, except where the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier, from flying in the Pyongyang FIR west of 132 degrees east longitude. However, both No Dong medium-range ballistic missiles and SCUD short-range ballistic missiles are capable of flying beyond the boundary of SFAR 79. Some of the recent missiles have impacted outside the SFAR boundary. Prior to these test launches, North Korea did not issue NOTAMs or provide other advanced warning that these hazardous activities would take place within the Pyongyang (ZKKP) Flight Information Region (FIR).

Such activities pose a potential hazard to flight operations, including operators flying on air routes B467 and G711. Additional unannounced North Korean rocket or missile launches into the Pyongyang FIR are possible. U.S. operators are advised to use caution when operating in and around the Pyongyang FIR east of 132 degrees east longitude.

Report any observed rocket or missile launches near the Korean peninsula to the FAA at aeo-citewatch@faa.gov or +1 202 267-3333.