

What About International Notams?

Pilots should review the foreign airspace and entry restrictions published in the International Flight Information Manual during the flight planning process. Foreign airspace penetration without official authorization can involve extreme danger to the aircraft and the imposition of severe penalties and inconvenience on both passengers and crew. You really don't want to do that.

A flight plan on file with ATC authorities does not necessarily constitute the prior permission required by certain authorities to penetrate their airspace. The possibility of fatal consequences cannot be ignored in some areas of the world.

The information contained in the International Notices to Airmen section of Notam listings is derived from international notices and other official sources. International notices are of two types: Class One International Notices are those Notams issued via telecommunications. They are made available to the U.S. flying public by the International Notam Office (Washington, D.C.) through the local Flight Service Station (FSS). Class Two International Notices are Notams issued via postal services and are not readily available to the U.S. flying public.

The International Notices to Airmen draws from both



these sources and also includes information about temporary hazardous conditions which are not otherwise readily available to the flyer. Before any international flight, always update the International Notices to Airmen with a review of Class One International Notices available at your closest FSS.

