

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE OF AIRSPACE BY THE FINNISH DEFENCE FORCES

This Appendix specifies the standard procedures related to airspace use by the Finnish Defence Forces. The procedures are in effect until further notice. Area group priority may be granted if the reservation was submitted according to the reservation procedures at the pre-tactical level.

1 DEFENCE FORCES PRIORITY AREAS

The following TSAs, TRAs and CBAs are areas prioritised for use by the Defence Forces to ensure the availability of airspace necessary for Defence Forces air activities.

General and recreational aviation have a seasonal priority for these areas between 1 May and 30 September, during which time the lower limit for a TSA may be no less than FL65. At other times, the lower limit for a TSA may be no less than 3000 FT MSL. The Defence Forces may, however, conduct flight operations under these lower limits.

A TSA may be granted exemptions from the lower limits specified above through the strategic level planning and negotiation process.

TSAs and TRAs	Name of area block
EFTSAJ01, EFTSAJ02, EFTSAH01, EFTSAH44	SAVU
EFTSAH02, EFTSAH03, EFTSAH05, EFTSAH06, EFTSAH07, EFTSAH08, EFTSAH09, EFTSAH10	RUKA
EFTRAG23, EFTRAH21, EFTRAH22, EFTSAG20, EFTSAH23	MERI
EFTSAH51, EFTSAM16, EFTSAM41, EFTSAM46, EFTSAM47, EFTSAM70, EFTSAM71, EFTSAM72, EFTSAM73	KIURU*
EFTSAM01, EFTSAM02, EFTSAM03, FTSAM04, EFTSAM05, EFTSAM06, EFTSAM07	KOLI
EFTSAG11, EFTSAG12	POKA
EFTSAG06, EFTSAG07, EFTSAG14, EFTSAG15, EFTSAG16, EFTSAG26, EFTSAH36, FTSAH37, EFTSAM61, EFTSAM62, EFTSAM63, EFTSAM65	HAKA*
EFTSAM25, EFTSAN02, EFTSAN03, EFTSAN04, EFTSAN05, EFTSAN06	SAIMA**
CBAs	Name of area block
EUCBA11 and EUCBA12	Bothnia
EUCBA10	Lapland

- * In priority areas within Jyväskylä CTA, the lower limit may be 2000 FT MSL, irrespective of CTA activity.
- ** Depending on traffic, the lower limit may be at the lowest between FL95-FL120. The upper limit is FL270 and, if the air traffic situation permits it, reservations to higher altitudes may also be granted but they will not be granted airspace use priority. In addition, the SAIMA area includes areas EFTSAN30 and EFTSAN31 without priority.

2 DEFENCE FORCES PRIORITY AREA AND CDR1 ATS ROUTES

2.1 Priority area RUKA – T89

Area reservation RUKA, submitted acceptably through advance notification, takes priority over all other traffic except from abroad to Kuusamo and vice versa.

2.2 Priority area MERI

The priority area block MERI has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- T320
- T70
- P998
- L85
- P853
- T95
- Y364

The ATS route Y370 has airspace priority over the priority area block MERI.

2.3 Priority area KIURU/HAKA/POKA – N5, N8, N15, N850

Before 13:00 LMT, the following route segments will be closed as required for actual needs:

- N5 BAVMO-BAKLA FL285 - FL335
- N8 XEVLO-EMPOM FL285 - FL335
- N15 GATRI-DIVEG FL285 - FL335
- N850 BAVMO - XEVLO FL285 - FL335
- N850 XEVLO - UXETI FL285 - FL660

After 13:00 LMT the AMC may, after analysing the existing traffic flow patterns, set an upper limit for the priority areas. The purpose of this is to coordinate scheduled traffic with the activities of the Defence Forces, yet retaining the prioritisation of activities within these areas over other traffic. If it is necessary to set an upper limit lower than FL340 within these areas after 13:00 LMT, this will be done in a manner that minimises inconvenience to the parties concerned.

2.4 Priority area POKA

P998 has priority over the Defence Forces priority area POKA.

The priority area block POKA has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- Y363
- Y367

2.5 Priority area KIURU

The priority area block KIURU has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- L85
- P853
- Y364

2.6 Priority area HAKA

The priority area block HAKA has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- T95
- Y364
- Y366
- Y367

2.7 Priority area SAIMA

The priority area block SAIMA has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- T82

2.8 Priority area SAVU

The priority area block SAVU has airspace use priority over the following ATS routes:

- P35

3 DEFENCE FORCES PRIORITY AREA AND PERMANENT ATS ROUTES

PERM ATS routes have priority over area blocks that are available for daily use.

4 DEFENCE FORCES PRIORITY AREA AND FRA/DCT ROUTINGS

The Defence Forces priority areas take airspace use priority over FRA/DCT routings, provided that the areas have been reserved in accordance with the reservation procedure at the pre-tactical level. IFPS will reject any flight plans for which the trajectories fall on priority areas reserved in advance or on their protective zones.