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JCAA ADVISES OF TEMPORARY AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SPACEX STARSHIP FLIGHT 12 OPERATIONS

The Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA) is advising the public, airline operators, aviation stakeholders and the wider international aviation community that temporary operational restrictions may be implemented today, within portions of Jamaica's airspace (the Kingston Flight Information Region). These restrictions are anticipated in connection with planned SpaceX Starship Flight 12 operations from Starbase, Texas, United States, which are expected to affect aircraft operating through the Caribbean region.

Commercial space launch activity has increased significantly in recent years and occasionally requires the temporary implementation of protective and precautionary measures within the national and regional airspace to ensure continued safety. These restrictions are designed to mitigate potential risks associated with the launch ascent operations, possible debris and other related flight safety hazards.

The United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), through its Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Space Operations unit, has advised that the primary operational window affecting the Kingston Flight Information Region is scheduled for **today, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:43 p.m., once the operation proceeds.** However, once it is an uneventful launch, the airspace will be available within 10-15 minutes.

As it prepares to implement the required air traffic management measures and issue the appropriate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs), stakeholders are being advised that potential impacts may include the following:

1. temporary rerouting or holding of aircraft
2. revision of flight paths
3. possible departure delays for some flights operating within or through the affected airspace

As a precautionary measure, Jamaica may also temporarily suspend certain departures, pending confirmation of the launch status and airspace availability.

The JCAA wishes to emphasise that these measures are preventative and form part of internationally recognised aviation safety protocols associated with commercial space operations.

The Authority continues to maintain close coordination with the FAA, other regional air navigation service providers, airlines, the general aviation community, airport operators, and other aviation stakeholders to minimise disruption, while ensuring the highest levels of aviation safety.

Passengers are encouraged to maintain contact with their respective airlines for the latest flight information, while air operators and other aviation stakeholders should continue to monitor official NOTAM publications and operational advisories.

Further updates will be provided, as necessary.

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