

23. NOTICES TO AIRMEN (NOTAM)

1. General

This guideline is aimed to assist in the authorization and reporting of the use of explosives by demining and EOD teams or other organizations, involved in humanitarian demining in Azerbaijan. All explosive demolitions are to be formally coordinated by each organization.

NOTAMs are required only when the total of any one explosive charge exceeds 5 kg.

It is the responsibility of the organization carrying out demolitions to inform and coordinate their activities with the Government of Azerbaijan, as well as local authorities.

Whenever organizations are using explosives, for any reason, on/off a recognized demolition range, with/without a NOTAM, they are to inform ANAMA HQ.

2. NOTAM

Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) are required by national air authorities in order to warn aviators of the use of explosives in any area, so that these areas are not over-flown during demolition operations.

All NOTAM are to be submitted directly to the Civil Aviation Authority of Azerbaijan, with a copy to ANAMA HQ. The following details are required:

- a) Location of demolition. This is to be a geographical map reference (Latitude and Longitude), preceded by the 1:50,000-meter topographic map-square identity. Locations may also be located by triangulation of areas to be used. For example, if the geographical map reference is provided, the triangular-shaped area will be the area to be used for demolitions;
- b) Maximum quantity of explosives to be used in any one detonation. This is to be reported in kilograms;
- c) Planned date of detonation. If demolitions are to be carried out at the same time each day, daily timing should be stated on a consolidated weekly NOTAM;
- d) Planned time of detonation;
- e) Safety distances for used charges. Distances are to be reported in meters. Vertical safety distances are to be calculated by adding 150 meters additional safety distance to the horizontal safety distance. Maximum vertical safety distance allowed within 10km of an airport is 500 meters, unless prior approval is granted through the NOTAM system;
- f) Name, radio call-sign and frequency of demolition supervisor;
- g) Name and telephone number of contact at organization's headquarters or Regional Office;
- h) Additional information. This is to include the reason for demolition, such as destruction of UXO, etc.

Anti-Personnel mines, Anti-Tank mines and UXO for explosive destruction are to be assessed by weight of explosives, contained inside them, as for any explosive charge.

When NOTAMs are required, they are to be forwarded directly to the Civil Aviation Authority by the organization, requesting clearance, at least one working day prior to the planned time for explosive demolition.

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Emergency NOTAM. When demolition is necessary, such as destruction of mine/UXO in a dangerous state or location, then details, required for NOTAM, are to be passed to the Civil Aviation Authority by telephone or Fax as soon as possible.

Normal safety precautions are to be taken whenever explosive destruction of any item of ordnance is carried out. These safety precautions are to include visual inspection of the airspace above and around the demolition area for a distance of minimum 300 meters.

If demolition of explosive charges or explosive destruction of ordnance is carried out within 10 kilometers from airport, the organization, carrying out explosive demolition, should also contact the control tower or the Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) at the airport.