



Annual report to CIMA from ISRAEL delegate

Introduction

Israel is CVFR airspace (Controlled VFR) which means that most flying areas are under control of a flight controller. As such, the Microlights and Ultralights are able to fly in a designated flying "bubbles" which are no-control zones limited by a 500 feet ceiling. Above that height and outside the "bubbles" the Microlight and Ultralights are controlled exactly the same as other aircrafts. In recent years, the Micro/Ultralight fleet has increased significantly due to improved regulations, additional airspace and "bubble" areas and improved aeronautical infrastructure (such as airfields, repair shop etc.).

activity

The main activity is organized by the Israeli Light Sports Association, which is a non-profit organization that is aimed in promoting safety, sports activities and development of the hobby in Israel. Under the umbrella of the ILSA are 450 pilots, operating about 150 airplanes in different categories (Microlight, Ultralights, LSAs). The ILSA association hold periodical competitions in the areas of navigation (cooperation with the GA association), precise landings and short landings/takeoff. Other activities include formation flight shows (independence day), teaching flight lessons to teenagers and other community supporting activities.

Significant issues

In the past few years the ILSA has been heavily involved with the IFA authorities to adopt the LSA regulations and update the Israeli aviation law (dated to the 1920's) to a current one. In the last month, a significant progress was made when the Israeli Transport ministry has accepted an updated law regulation frame that includes several issues, one of which is an updated aviation law.

Part of the motivation for this new law approval was the fact that Israel was reduced to a Category II safety level, few years ago, by the FAA and is now improving its entire aviation infrastructure and regulations to be brought back to Category I.

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