

!! SERIOUS AIRSPACE INFRINGEMENT IN THE AREA OF ELSENBORN !!

Yesterday, Tuesday 28 March 2017, the military exercise RINGO STRIKE 17/1 has been stopped because of presence of paragliders in the reserved area TSA 28 ELSENBORN.

The areas EB-TSA28-A & B, Temporary Segregated Area's from ground level to FL 105 are located east from the Coo take-off (cf. AIP extract and map below), were reserved through NOTAM (M1345/17 en B0823/17) and are areas for military CAS-exercises. CAS-exercises (Close Air Support) are exercises where ground troops are supported from the air by means of helicopters, F16 fighter jets, C-130 planes etc. The RINGO STRIKE 17/1 is an international operation.

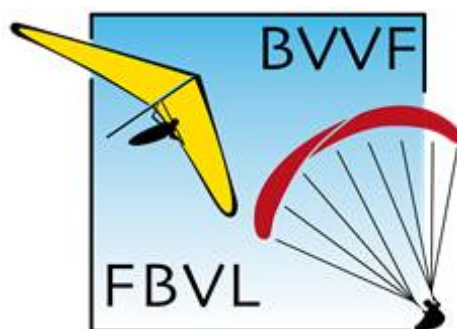
It is obvious that stopping such a large-scale military operation is regarded as a serious incident and implies very high costs. In anticipation of further investigation to understand the precise circumstances of the incident, the involved paragliding pilots and the possible

consequences, this will have an impact on the whole paragliding community and puts the current ongoing negotiations with the military in danger.

It is for the BVVF/FBVL unacceptable that the irresponsible behaviour of some pilots penalizes the whole paragliding community in Belgium. Even more because of the fact that besides the official available tools (AIP & PIB from Belgocontrol) a specific tool for paragliders has been created (FlyXC.Tools) and that on top of that a warning has been issued on Facebook and the forum Paragliding Belge.

This serious incident compromises the possibility of flying paragliders in Belgium.

In anticipation of further investigation, the BVVF/FBVL insists strongly on respecting rigorously all airspace rules.



TSA28A - ELSENBORN 02

Lateral limits	Vertical limits	Type of restriction / nature of hazard	Time of activity
503420N 0055956E - 503754N 0061308E - along the Belgian-German border - 502557N 0062234E - 502557N 0060648E - 503042N 0055956E - 503420N 0055956E.	FL 105 / GND	During UAV activity, prohibited to all manned aircraft. During air exercises, prohibited to non-participating aircraft. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	HX ⁽⁴⁾
<p>(1) During CAS Air exercises, all aircraft (participating or transiting) shall obtain an additional entry clearance from the ALO "RINGO Range" on FREQ 241.700 (back up 281.575).</p> <p>(2) Military aircraft transiting to or from Camp Elsenborn are allowed. Military pilots shall contact Semmerzake ATCC to verify the activity of the area and to obtain transit directives after coordination with the UAV operators.</p> <p>(3) Other traffic may be allowed inside the TSA for transit purposes. At all times the standard radar separation minima must be maintained between the UAV and the other traffic, therefore the manned aircraft flying within this TSA must be under radar control.</p> <p>(4) Announced by NOTAM Activation can be checked with Semmerzake ATCC. This airspace could be activated simultaneously with EBR04, therefore UAV operators shall contact Elsenborn Sécurité des tirs, TEL + 32 (0) 80 44 21 25 and FREQ 138.975MHZ to coordinate UAV operations with gunnery/destruction activities.</p>			

TSA28B - ELSENBORN 03 ⁽¹⁾

Lateral limits	Vertical limits	Type of restriction / nature of hazard	Time of activity
503042N 0055956E - 502557N 0060648E - 502557N 0062234E - along the Belgian-German border - 501011N 0060832E - 501324N 0060343E - 501955N 0055956E - 503042N 0055956E.	FL 105 / GND	During UAV activity, prohibited to all manned aircraft. During air exercises, prohibited to non-participating aircraft. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	HX ⁽⁴⁾
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FROM: 27 MAR 2017 11:00 TILL: 31 MAR 2017 10:00
 SCHEDULE: 27 1100-1500, 28-30 0700-1500, 31 0700-1000
 TSA28A-ELSENBORN 02 AND TSA28B-ELSENBORN 03 ACT
 Lower limit: GND Upper limit: FL105

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