

## Regulations

### 2.1 Regulations

#### 2.1.1 Airspace Classification

In Riga FIR, only Class (A), (C) and (G) airspace are used. ATS Airspaces are classified and designated in accordance with chapter Regulations, section ATS Airspace Classification, with the following exceptions in Class (G) airspace:

- IFR flights are not used below 4500', except special flights, when authorised by the ATS authority.
- At and below 3000' (or 1000' SFC, whichever is higher):
  - 5 KM VIS, clear of clouds and in sight of ground or water;
  - 3 KM VIS, clear of clouds and in sight of ground or water, speed limitation 140 KT IAS;
  - Cat A and B aeroplanes may be operated if VIS is down to 3 KM, provided the circumstances are such, that the probability of encounters with other traffic is low, and the IAS is  $\leq$  140 KT;
  - HEL may be operated in VIS down to 1500 m by day, provided the circumstances are such, that the probability of encounters with other traffic is low, and the IAS is  $\leq$  140 KT;
  - HEL may be permitted to operate in VIS down to 800 m by day, if the surface is in sight and manoeuvred at a speed that will give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic or any OBST in time to avoid collision.

*NOTE: When flight with VIS < 5 KM is permitted, the forward VIS should not be less than the distance travelled by the HEL in 30 SEC so as to give adequate opportunity to see and avoid OBST.*

- Normally no radio communication requirement. However, in parts of the airspace, designated as TIZ or TIA, continuous two-way radio communication is required.
- Before crossing the Latvian border, it is necessary to establish two-way radio communication.

#### 2.1.2 Cruising Levels

VFR flights within controlled airspace of Class (C) when operated at and above 3000' SFC shall be conducted at an altitude or a flight level appropriate to the track as specified in column "IFR Flights" of the table of cruising levels;

VFR flights within uncontrolled airspace of Class (G) when operated at and above 3500' SFC shall be conducted at an altitude or a flight level appropriate to the track as specified in column "VFR Flights" of the table of cruising levels.

## Entry Requirements

### 1.2 Entry Requirements

#### 1.2.1 Entry, Transit and Departure of ACFT

##### 1.2.1.1 General

ACFT flying into or departing from Latvian territory shall make their first landing at, or their final departure from an international AD/heliport.

##### 1.2.1.2 Non-scheduled Flights

Charter flights may be operated from and to Latvia only upon permission granted by the Aviation Department of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia (see section 1.1 Addresses)

No permission is required for:

- a. Transit flights without landing or making stops in the territory of Latvia for non-traffic purposes;
- b. Flights in connection with an emergency situation;
- c. Taxi flights – irregular commercial passenger flights with an ACFT foreseen for  $\leq$  10 passengers and a weight capacity of  $\leq$  5.7t, or irregular cargo flights with an ACFT of weight capability  $\leq$  5.7t.

##### 1.2.1.3 Private Flights

The information contained in the flight plan is accepted as adequate advance notification of the arrival of incoming ACFT.

#### 1.2.2 Entry, Transit and Departure of Passengers and Crew

##### 1.2.2.1 Customs Requirements

All ACFT, crew members, passengers baggage and load, including cargo, international mail shipments and stores are subject to customs clearance.

For a single person a limit has been set for importation of certain articles. Goods exceeding the permitted limit are subject to sale tax, and a declaration regarding these goods is to be filled in. Importation of these goods is possible through other airports than Riga only if the sales tax has been paid beforehand.

##### 1.2.2.2 Immigration Requirements

A passenger arriving to Latvia shall have:

- A valid passport whose expiry date exceeds the expected residence period in Latvia by at least three months and contains at least two blank pages;
- A valid Latvian visa;
- A valid health and life insurance policy that guarantees covering health care expenses in Latvia, including the return to the foreigners' host country in case of severe illness or death.

No visas are required from:

- Citizens and non-citizens of Latvia;
- The foreign persons who have a valid temporary or permanent residence permit of Latvia;
- Citizens of European Union and European Economic Area Member States;

- Citizens of Andorra, Argentina, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Israel, Japan, Monaco, Panama, Romania, South Korea, Switzerland, Uruguay, holders of Hong Kong SAR passports;

- Citizens of Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Australia, Guatemala, Honduras, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Salvador, San Marino, Singapore, the USA, Vatican, Venezuela and holders of Macao SAR passports;

- Holders of diplomatic or service (official) passports of Armenia;

- Holders of diplomatic passports of Turkey and Ukraine;

- Persons who use the passport of the United Nations or the passport of the European Commission as a travel document;

- Citizens of South Africa, if they hold a valid Estonian or Latvian visa or residence permit;

- Seamen, who hold a Valid Ukrainian identity seamen document and can produce an excerpt of the crew list or call telegram for the seamen.

Foreign ACFT are allowed to land at other Latvian Airports only in case the persons aboard have received visas to visit Latvia beforehand.

##### 1.2.2.3 Public Health Requirements

Vaccination against yellow fever is obligatory for all ACFT crew members carrying out flights to infected areas or countries.



## Communications

## 3.2 RTF/NAV Equipment

Within controlled airspace of Riga FIR, ACFT shall have a serviceable SSR transponder with 4096 response codes in mode A/3 and mode C with automatic transmission of pressure altitude switched on.

## 3.3 Transponder Settings

ACFT about to enter Riga FIR who have not received specific instructions from ATC shall operate a transponder on mode A/3+C code 20 (or 2000) before entry and maintain that code until otherwise instructed.

## 3.4 Radio Communication Failure Procedures

In the event of an ACFT radio receiver failure, a pilot shall select transponder mode A/3+C code 76 (or 00) and follow established procedures. Subsequent control of the ACFT will be based on these procedures.

## 3.5 Communication within Uncontrolled Airspace

ACFT conducting VFR flights within uncontrolled airspace may receive the necessary information by established two-way radio communication with the responding sector of TMA or CTA.

## 3.5.1 Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF)

For VFR flights within uncontrolled airspace, FREQ 123.950 MHz should be used as a common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF) by the pilots for self-announcing of their positions and intentions in the blind or for air-air communication procedures in order to exchange with information.

CTAF FREQ 123.950 MHz is not applicable in Liepaja S, Ventspils ATZ and Liepaja TIZ/ATZ.

For VFR flights within ATZ (an ACFT is conducting IFR or TKOF from ATZ located aerodrome, or is crossing ATZ), a pilot should monitor continuously two-way communication on FREQ 123.950 MHz at least 5 MIN before arrival at ATZ located aerodrome or its crossing in order to be informed about the air traffic situation and transmit blind the following information:

## a. Inbound traffic:

1. altitude, location of the ACFT and further intentions – 3 MIN before entering the traffic circle or 5 NM from the aerodrome;
2. RWY to be used for LDG;
3. entering traffic pattern and altitude (downwind, base legs and final);
4. vacating the RWY.

## b. Outbound traffic:

1. intention of DEP;
2. RWY to be used for TKOF;
3. intended flight direction and altitude of circling.

## 2.3.5.2 VFR Flights within Liepaja FIS, Ventspils ATZ and Liepaja TIZ/ATZ

Liepaja FIC freq 129.400 MHz is used in Liepaja FIS sector, Ventspils ATZ and Liepaja TIZ/ATZ for air-to-ground communications and direct pilot-to-pilot communication.

Whenever considered advantageous by Liepaja FIC, two or more ACFT, operating in Liepaja FIS sector, Ventspils ATZ and Liepaja TIZ/ATZ, may be requested to establish direct pilot-to-pilot communication to inform each other about their intentions and coordinate their operations to prevent collision. Such direct radio communication may also, for the same purpose, be initiated by pilot-in-command.

## Airspace Restrictions

## 2.2 Airspace Restrictions (Prohibited, Restricted, Danger Areas, etc.)

NOTE: Airspace restrictions affecting the airspace above FL 95 are not shown.

Prohibited Areas			
Identification	Upper Limit Lower Limit	1. Times of activity 2. Type of restriction 3. Remarks	
EV-P1 INCUKALNS	2000' SFC	1. H24.	
Restricted Areas			
Identification	Upper Limit Lower Limit	1. Times of activity 2. Type of restriction 3. Remarks	
EV-R1 JURMALA	1500' SFC	1. H24. 3. Permission for flights shall be obtained at least 3 work days before the intended day of OPS at: CAA Tel: 67830 950 Fax: 67830 967	
EV-R2 RIGA	4500' SFC	1. H24. 3. Permission for flights shall be obtained at least 3 work days before the intended day of OPS at: CAA Tel: 67830 950 Fax: 67830 967	
EV-R3 SKEDE WEST	FL 270* SFC	1. By NOTAM. ) FL 95 penetration possible after PPR from Liepaja FIC.	
EV-R4 SKEDE EAST	4500' SFC	1. By NOTAM. 3. Penetration possible after PPR from Liepaja FIC.	
EV-R5 KADAGA	FL 250 SFC	1. Activation and depending on operational requirements upper limit FL 250 or below will be announced by NOTAM not later than 7 days before start of activity.	
EV-R6 IKSHKILE	1500' SFC	1. 01 JUN-30 SEP: Wed 0900-1100LT.	
EV-R7 RUJiena	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R8 SMILTENE	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R9 ALUKSNE-GULBENE	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R10 BALVI-VILANI	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R11 MADONA-PLAVINAS	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R12 JEKABPILS	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	
EV-R13 PREILI-LIVANI	3000' SFC	1. By NOTAM and Mon-Fri SR-SS, not before 0800LT and not later than 1800LT, EXC Hol. Published daily by ATS.	



## Airspace Restrictions

## Restricted Areas (continued)

Identification	Upper Limit Lower Limit	1. Times of activity 2. Type of restriction 3. Remarks
EV-R14 LIVBERZE	1500' SFC	1. Mon-Fri 0430-1830UTC. 3. Coordination with: UAV Factory Ltd. Tel: 26691626
EV-R15 ZALENIEKI	2500' SFC	1. H24, EXC Hol. 3. Coordination with: UAV Factory Ltd. Tel: 26691626
EV-R16 MSOLA	3000' SFC	1. SR-SS. Published daily by ATS. 3. To be used only jointly with EV-TRA16 MSOLA.

## Temporary Reserved Areas (TRA)

Identification	Upper Limit Lower Limit	1. Times of activity 2. Type of restriction 3. Remarks
EV-TRA1 CIRAVA	4500' 1000'	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA2 TUKUMS 2	FL 250 3000'	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA3 TUKUMS 1	FL 60 1000'	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA4 JELGAVA	FL 140 SFC	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA5 ADAZI	FL 60 1000'	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA6 IKSHKILE	FL 90 1500'	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA7 LIELVARDE	FL 130 SFC	1. Published daily by ATS. 3. Alternative routing/vectoring provided by ATC.
EV-TRA8 DAUGAVPILS	FL 90 SFC	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA9 REZEKNE	FL 90 SFC	1. Published daily by ATS.
EV-TRA16 MSOLA	FL 130 3000'	1. SR-SS. Published daily by ATS. 3. To be used only jointly with EV-R16 MSOLA.

## Temporary Segregated Areas (TSA)

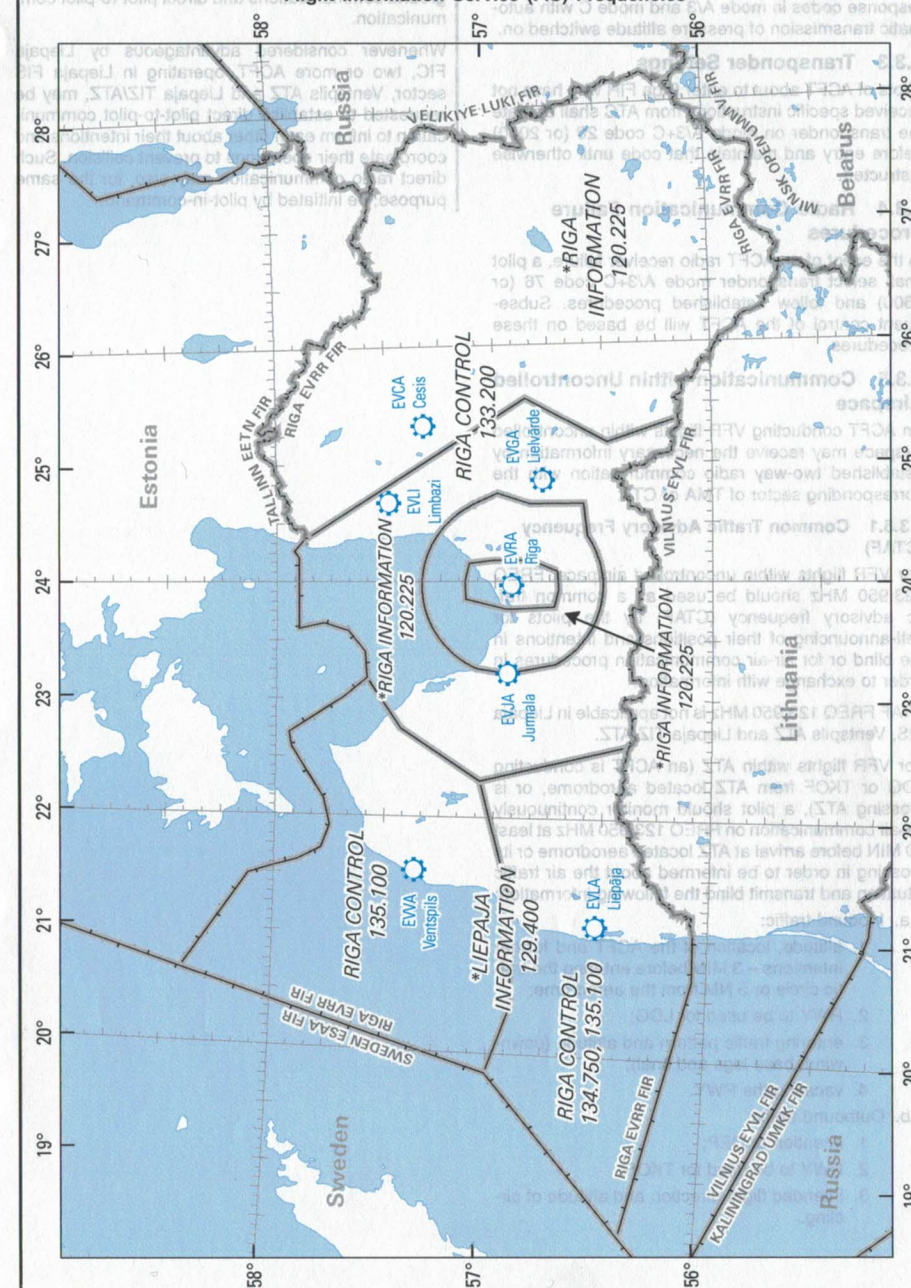
Identification	Upper Limit Lower Limit	1. Times of activity 2. Type of restriction 3. Remarks
EV-TSA3	UNL 2500'	1. Information about activity from Riga ATC. 3. Alternative routing/vectoring provided by ATC.

## Communications

## 2.3 Communications

## 2.3.1 Flight Information Service (FIS)

## Flight Information Service (FIS) Frequencies





## Meteorological Services

### 2.5 Meteorological Services

#### 2.5.1 MET Information for General Aviation Flights

Meteorological information for pre-flight planning can be obtained via Internet:

Latvijas Gaisa Satiksme  
Internet: selfbrief.lgs.lv

or directly by telephone:

Aviation forecaster  
Tel: 67142 005

#### 2.5.2 GAMET Area Forecasts

GAMET forecasts cover the Riga FIR, which is divided into four sub-areas (see chart GAMET Areas), for validity periods 0300–0900 (only from 1 APR to 15 NOV), 0600–1200, 0900–1500, 1200–1800 and 1500–2100 UTC. Availability of the forecast is 1 hr before the beginning of the validity period. GAMET forecasts contain information on en route weather phenomena hazardous to low-level flights (Section I) and additional information (Section II) as defined below:

##### Section I:

- a. widespread maximum surface wind speeds (gusts) are of 30 KT or greater,
- b. widespread horizontal surface visibility less than 5000m, including the weather phenomena causing the reduction of visibility,
- c. thunderstorms (except for that for which SIGMET has already been issued): ISOL TS, OCNL TS, ISOL TSGR, OCNL TSGR,
- d. widespread areas of BKN or OVC clouds with height of base less than 1000' SFC and/or CB/TCU with heights of their bases and tops (SFC),
- e. icing and turbulence (except for that occurring in convective clouds and for severe icing/turbulence for which a SIGMET has already been issued),
- f. SIGMET messages applicable to the Riga FIR (SFC–FL100) and which are effective for the validity period of the forecast.

##### Section II:

- g. pressure centres and fronts, their expected movements and developments, air mass characteristics,
- h. surface wind speed not included in Section I,
- i. upper winds and upper-air temperatures for the altitudes 1000', 2000', 5000' and 10,000',
- j. surface visibility of 5000m or more together with the weather phenomena,
- k. cloud amount, type and heights of the bases and the tops (SFC), not included in Section I,
- l. height indication of 0°C level(s) (AMSL),
- m. forecast of the minimum QNH values for each of two 3-hr periods,
- n. sea-surface temperature and state of the sea for the sub-area S,

- o. location of volcanic eruptions, the name of the volcano and the time of the first eruption, if volcanic ash clouds are significant for air traffic in the Riga FIR,
- p. an outlook concerning hazardous phenomena expected to the end of the next forecast period.

The term "widespread" is to be regarded as a spatial coverage of more than 75 percent of the area concerned. When a hazardous weather phenomenon is observed and/or forecast with a degree of coverage of less than 75 percent of the area concerned, the phenomenon may be included in Section I with the addition LOC (locally). The weather phenomenon location in GAMET/AIRMET is normally given by the sub-areas' letter and numbers, for instance: S, 1, 2 and 3 (see boundaries and identifications on chart GAMET Areas). An outlook is omitted from a GAMET forecast for the validity period 1500–2100 UTC. The forecasts are kept under continuous review and necessary amendments are prepared.

Additionally to the GAMET service, low-level area warnings in a form of AIRMET messages are supplied, when necessary.

## Flight Planning and Preparation

### 2.4 Flight Planning and Preparation

#### 2.4.1 Submission of FPL

A FPL shall be submitted prior to operating:

- a. any flight or portion thereof to be provided with air traffic control service,
- b. any IFR flight outside controlled airspace, any VFR en route flight by night,
- c. any flight within or into designated areas, or along designated routes, when so required by the appropriate ATS authority to facilitate the provision of flight information, alerting and search and rescue services,
- d. any flight within or into designated areas, or along designated routes, when so required by the appropriate ATS authority to facilitate coordination with appropriate military units or with air traffic services units in adjacent States in order to avoid the possible need for interception for the purpose of identification,
- e. any flight across national borders,
- f. any flight outside controlled airspace operating within 15km (8 NM) area from the borders with Belarus and Russia from ground to FL 95.

#### 2.4.2 Time of Submission

A FPL shall be submitted at least 60 minutes prior to departure.

A FPL to or via flow-restricted areas shall be submitted at least 3 hours before EOBT.

If submitted during the flight, a FPL shall be submitted at the time which will ensure it receipt by the appropriate ATS unit at least 10 minutes before the aircraft is estimated to reach:

- the intended point of entry into a control area,
- the point of crossing an airway.

#### 2.4.3 Place of Submission

A FPL shall be submitted at the Air Traffic Services Flight Information Service at the departure aerodrome, or in absence of such office by telephone to:

FIS Riga  
Tel: 67220 294  
67300 642

#### 2.4.4 Arrival Report (Closing of FPL)

A report of arrival shall be made at the earliest possible moment after landing to the airport office of the arrival aerodrome by any flight plan has been submitted except when the arrival has been acknowledged by the local ATS unit.

After landing at an aerodrome which is not the destination aerodrome (diversionary landing) the local ATS unit shall be specifically informed accordingly.

At an aerodrome where air traffic service is not provided, a report of arrival shall be made at the earliest possible moment after landing to AFTN EVRRZDZX or via telephone to 67300 654.



## Aerodrome Directory

### 3.5 Aerodrome Directory

WINTER (25 OCT 15-27 MAR 16) LT - **2 HOURS**  
= UTC (Z)  
SUMMER (27 MAR-30 OCT 16) LT - **3 HOURS** =  
UTC (Z)

#### ADAZI

8' EVAD N5705.9 E02416.0  
Apt Operator 28691360 (mobile), 29209782  
(mobile), Fax 67167675.  
E-Mail [adazi.airpark@inbox.lv](mailto:adazi.airpark@inbox.lv)  
15/33 1936' ASPH/GRAS. LDA 15 1667'. LDA 33  
1568'. TODA 15 2034'. TODA 33 2034'.  
SR-SS.

#### CESIS

367' EVCA N5719.5 E02519.4  
Apt Operator 64127951, 26452405 (mobile), Fax  
64127955.  
E-Mail [lidlauks@mikc.lv](mailto:lidlauks@mikc.lv)  
03/21 2526' GRASS. MTOW-12. TODA 03 2723'.  
TODA 21 2624'.  
Summer 0700-2000LT, Winter SR-SS O/R.

#### IKSHKILE

65' EVPA N56 48.9 E024 31.7  
Apt Operator 29182976 (mobile), 29253166  
(mobile).  
E-Mail [airevpa@gmail.com](mailto:airevpa@gmail.com)  
08/26 1969' GRASS. MTOW-12. TODA 08 2067'.  
TODA 26 2067'.  
SR - SS O/R.

#### LIEPAJA

16' EVLA LPX N56 31.1 E021 05.8  
Apt Operator 63407592 (also Fax). AFIS 63484100,  
Fax 63484074.  
E-Mail [info@liepaja-airport.lv](mailto:info@liepaja-airport.lv)  
Web <http://www.liepaja-airport.lv>  
06/24 6568' ASPH/CONC. PCN 26/F/B/W/T. TODA  
06 7881'. TODA 24 7552'. ASDA 06 6765'. ASDA  
24 7552'. RL, ALS.  
AD 3hr PPR. PPR to be submitted Mon-Fri  
0830-1700LT to Apt Operator, for flights on  
weekends till Fri 1400LT. PPR number must be  
inserted in item 18 of FPL (if FPL submitted). Night  
VFR: Yes. Customs.

#### LIMBAZI

211' EVLI N57 29.1 E024 40.3  
Apt Operator 64062233, 29193228 (mobile), Fax  
64070274.  
E-Mail [info@balticparquet.com](mailto:info@balticparquet.com)  
Web <http://langaci.wordpress.com>  
16/34 2336' GRASS. MTOW-12. TORA 16 1693'.  
TORA 34 1549'. LDA 16 1936'. LDA 34 1690'. TODA  
16 1693'. TODA 34 1549'.  
Summer Mon-Fri 0600-2000LT, Sat Sun O/R. Winter  
Mon-Fri SR - SS.

#### RIGA Apt of Entry

36' EVRA RIX N56 55.4 E023 58.3  
Apt Operator 67207135, Fax 67211767. AIS  
67300645, 67300642, Fax 67300644. TWR  
67300890.  
E-Mail [office@riga-airport.com](mailto:office@riga-airport.com)  
Web <http://www.riga-airport.com>

18/36 10499' ASPH/CONC. PCN 89/F/C/X/T. HIRL.  
HIALS.  
H24. Handling mandatory for all FLT's. Handling  
agents are:

#### RIX Ground Handling

Mobile: 29233018  
Radio: 131.80  
121.75  
E-Mail: [handling@riga-airport.com](mailto:handling@riga-airport.com)

#### Havas Europe

Mobile: 27843576  
Radio: 131.50  
E-Mail: [rixgrd@havas.net](mailto:rixgrd@havas.net)  
Customs.

F-3. Jet A-1. Fire 8.

#### SPILVE

5' EVRS N56 59.5 E024 04.5  
Apt Operator 67630606, 29446915 (mobile), Fax  
67630707.  
E-Mail [info@spilve.org](mailto:info@spilve.org)  
Web <http://www.spilve.org>  
14/32 3281' ASPH. MTOW-12. ASDA 14 3937'.  
Right hand circuit RWY 32.  
Summer 0900-2100LT. Winter SR-SS. 6hr PPR via  
E-mail for non home-based pilots. O/T 18hr PPR.  
F-3.

#### VENTSPILS

19' EVVA VNT N57 21.5 E021 32.4  
Apt Operator 63624262 (also Fax), 27882212  
(mobile).  
E-Mail [airport@ventspils.lv](mailto:airport@ventspils.lv)  
Web <http://www.airport.ventspils.lv>  
03/21 4259' ASPH/CONC. AUW 30T. TODA 03  
5571'. TODA 21 5505'. RL, ALS 21.  
AD 3hr PPR. PPR to be submitted Mon-Fri  
0800-1650LT to Apt Operator, for flights on  
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Jet A-1. ABN.