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CBVL published all available information about the military exercises on its social media and widely disseminated it to all pilots, especially to the support teams (winch operators).

Among Brazilians, especially among winch operators, there was extensive discussion in WhatsApp groups about the prohibitions, so no one can claim that they were not aware of the limitations, the risks inherent in flying in these areas and the consequences of violating aeronautical legislation.

Just as a reminder, the military exercise COMAO (Composite Air Operations), which involves several aircraft and combat simulations, began on October 15. CRUZEX, one of the largest military air events in Brazil, with multinational training and a large number of aircraft in coordinated maneuvers, will be held between November 1 and 15 and involves several simulated war exercises.

The Brazilian Air Force has issued a specific rule for this exercise, a public document available to everyone at <https://publicacoes.decea.mil.br/publicacao/AIC-A-2124>. In addition, all NOTAMs are published for consultation by anyone at <https://aisweb.decea.mil.br/?i=notam>. CBVL replicated the publication on all its channels.

Any and all unauthorized aircraft entering prohibited areas, especially those reserved for military exercises, are not only violating Brazilian laws, but are also putting their own lives, the lives of military personnel involved in the operations, and the lives of residents on the ground below them at risk.

It is important to emphasize that in Brazil informal authorization for overflight of any area is completely unprotected by the law, this type of authorization does not exist. Any and all authorization for the use of airspace must be made following the procedures provided for in aeronautical legislation (ICA 100-38). "Verbal" authorizations have no legal basis and are therefore null and void.

Regarding the actions taken, the Brazilian Air Force, through its Department of Airspace Control and Air Defense, is in constant conversation with CBVL in an attempt to identify all pilots who violate the airspace so that the appropriate measures can be taken by the Brazilian authorities. Also, CBVL has informed the XCONTEST administration of the prohibitions and areas, and has asked them to invalidate all flights that have been made, even partially, within the prohibited areas on their servers and championships, to which they responded that they will pay attention and will invalidate such flights.

Therefore, especially for foreigners flying in the northeast at this time, be aware that in addition to violating Brazilian legislation and being subject to the corresponding sanctions, you are putting the lives and property of several people and nations at risk, in addition to contributing to a huge damage to the image of Free Flight before the Brazilian aeronautical authorities. Everyone must set an example and respect the law, even if this means limiting their vacations, losing the money invested or even failing to earn the money expected from providing services in these areas. We ask all pilots in the international community, especially Brazilians, if they identify flights carried out within these areas, to contact CBVL via email [contato@cbvl.com.br](mailto:contato@cbvl.com.br) and the XCONTEST administration via email [info@xcontest.org](mailto:info@xcontest.org).

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