

Thessaloniki Airport

IFALPA has been made aware of major construction taking place at Thessaloniki Airport (SKG-LGTS) in Greece.

Runway 16/34 is closed and the parallel taxiway of runway 10R – 28L is being used as a temporary runway 10L-28R. There is basic runway lighting but no approach lights and the PAPIs have been reported as inaccurate.

There are temporary approaches, Tempo VOR A and B, which do not have a DME distance table and there is no MDA/distance depicted for the circling approaches. This has been reported as difficult to program in the FMC.

The approaches lack Missed Approach guidance regarding high terrain in Northeast, East, and Southeast sectors and the Southwest sector, Mount Olympus 2960m approx 10,000ft is southwest of the field.

The approaches are the main safety concern. The VOR on the field, MKR, is decommissioned so the off field TSL VOR has to be used instead.

- An approach VOR A 16 circle to land RWY 10L requires a turn of 130 degrees to get on left downwind for RWY 10L.
- An approach VOR B 34 circle to land RWY 10L requires descending over sloping terrain, this is also the case for circle to land RWY 28R.

These reports have been entered into IFALPA Annex 29 and the airport is now classified as Deficient.