

Democratic People's Republic of Korea Plans for Satellite Launch

1. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has been officially advised by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) of its intention to proceed with the launch of an earth observation satellite.
2. In a letter sent to ICAO on 2 February 2016, the DPRK indicated that the launch will take place sometime between 7 and 25 February 2016, and between 2230 and 0330 (coordinated universal time) (8 to 25 February, 0700 – 1200 DPRK standard time). The letter also identifies three potential “falling areas” (first stage, fairing, and second stage, respectively), i.e. danger areas. In ICAO terms, a danger area refers to an airspace of defined dimensions within which activities dangerous to the flight of aircraft may exist at specified times. The three areas in question are described as:

First Stage

1) 36° 04' N	124° 30' E
2) 36° 04' N	124° 54' E
3) 35° 19' N	124° 30' E
4) 35° 19' N	124° 54' E

Fairing

1) 33° 16' N	124° 11' E
2) 33° 16' N	125° 09' E
3) 32° 22' N	124° 11' E
4) 32° 21' N	125° 08' E

Second Stage

1) 19° 44' N	123° 53' E
2) 19° 43' N	124° 51' E
3) 17° 01' N	123° 52' E
4) 17° 00' N	124° 48' E

3. If any further information is received, ICAO will notify affected parties.

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