



**Thirteenth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning
and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/13)**

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Agenda Item 2.1: ATS/AIS/SAR Matters

REVISED ICAO GUIDELINES ON USE OF LATERAL OFFSETS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper considers a need for a survey to be carried out by the Asia/Pacific Regional Office of State plans to implement lateral offset procedures taking into account the ICAO revised guidelines on the use of lateral offsets and the effect on airspace safety.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Guidelines on the use of lateral offsets and the effect on airspace safety were prepared by the Review of the General Concept of Separation Panel (RGCSP) and approved by the Air Navigation Commission. The guidelines were circulated to States and international organizations under cover of State Letter AN 13/11/6-00/96 dated 3 November 2000, and were presented to APANPIRG/12, under Agenda Item 2.1.

1.2 In the light of information provided by States and further analysis, which had been undertaken since promulgation of the original guidelines, a review of the guidelines was undertaken by the Separation and Airspace Safety Panel (SASP). Revised guidelines were issued by ICAO in State letter AN 13/11.6-02/21 dated 31 May 2002.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 APANPIRG/12 under **Decision 12/9 – Development of lateral offset procedures for application in the Asia/Pacific Region** tasked the ATS/AIS/SAR Sub-Group, as a matter of urgency to develop lateral offsets procedures for application in the region, and in coordination with other regional planning groups and bodies concerned, develop global offset procedures. It should be noted that the SASP is continuing its work to develop global guidelines, and it should not be necessary to develop global procedures at a regional level. However, close coordination should be continued with ICAO Headquarters on the development of the global offset procedures.

2.2 At the ATS/AIS/SAR SG/12 meeting (24-28 June 2002) under Agenda Item 3, paragraph 3.3.9, the meeting considered that States should coordinate and harmonize implementation of lateral offset procedures based on the ICAO guidelines on a sub-regional basis. It was noted that ISPACG had proposed to member States, that consideration be given to implement 1 NM lateral offset in the South Pacific airspace on 5 September 2002. Further, the Sub-Group was of the opinion

that the results of this implementation effort should be carefully analysed before proceeding with a regional implementation programme.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 To facilitate ATS/AIS/SAR/ SG developing a regional implementation programme, a survey should be carried out by the Regional Office to obtain information from States on their planning to implement offset procedures. Further, States should be reminded that implementation of lateral offsets at a regional and sub-regional level should be undertaken in a coordinated and harmonized manner based on the ICAO guidelines, and planning by States in adjacent regions should also be taken into account.

4 ACTION BY APANPIRG/13

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the ICAO revised guidelines on lateral offsets issued in State letter AN 13/11.6-02/21 dated 31 May 2002;
- b) consider the Regional Office undertaking a survey of State planning to implement lateral offset procedures; and
- c) remind States that implementation of lateral offset procedures should be done in a coordinated and harmonized manner based on the ICAO guidelines, and taking into account planning by States in adjacent regions.
