



TELECONFERENCE
6th FPL2012 Follow-up Teleconference
(16 October 2012, 1500 UTC)

References:

1. Common New Flight Plan website: <http://www.mexico.icao.int/ATM.html#FPL/>
2. ICAO FITS Website
3. Summary of Discussion FPL2012 Follow-up Meeting 4-6 Sep 2012

Agenda:

1. Review updates to FPL2012 implementation status (Regional webpage and FITS)/ last Monthly teleconf action items
2. News on testing by Flight Filers and ANPS and AIS-R update available (USA)
3. ICAO organization for coordination and monitoring of this implementation
4. Other concerns and preparations

Participants:

- Aruba: Leonel Jarzagaray, Nelson Kelly, Joselito Andrade
- Canada: David Rose
- Curacao: Percy Lorenz, Cedric Ballentien, Jacques Lasten, and Jean Baptist Getrouw
- Cuba: Jorge Centella, Victor Machado
- Dom Rep: Fernando Casso
- Jamaica: Gordon Grant
- Mexico: Bruce Magallon, Arturo Henríquez, Alberto Romero, Jose Gil; Manuel Cruz, Hector Garcia
- Sint Maarten: Raul van Heyningen
- United States: Ray Ahlberg
- Aeromexico: Raul Aguirre
- COCESNA: Mayda Avila, Oscar Villela
- ICAO: Julio C. Siu, Jacques Boursiquot

Discussions:

Last Monthly teleconf action items / Review updates to FPL2012 implementation status (Regional webpage and FITS)

1. Follow up to the previous monthly teleconference:
ACT 05/01: Regarding some problems detected with Flight plans from Lima, COCESNA, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Salvador, Cuba will provide more details on the detected problems to ICAO by 21 Sep 2012. **VALID.** Cuba will send result summary by **October 24.**
ACT05/02: ICAO will coordinate with the United States for the corresponding AMHS testing and cutover for Curacao and Jamaica to facilitate the communication mean preparation for the operation of the AMHS (18 Sep 2012). **Completed**
ICAO coordinated with United States and MEVA Service Provider, and States were to send their formal request. Curacao completed that no Virtual Private Network (VPN) circuit will be implement and only a dedicated circuit with a estimated date to install the AMHS by December 2012, meanwhile a FPL2012 converter for the ATS System will be used. Jamaica: cards available for AMHS over AFTN and circuit to be implemented in early 2013.
ACT 05/03: Turks and Caicos will copy ICAO of the publication issued to inform about the beginning of their transition mode no later than 21 Sept 2012. **Completed**
ACT05/04: United States will provide details to ICAO of the problems identified during the transition mode by 21 Sep 2012. **Completed**
ACT05/05: Canada to report to ICAO their relevant results of their transition mode started in Sep 15. **Completed.**

2. ICAO informed that the final version of the summary of discussion of the FPL2012 Follow-up Meeting of Sep 2012 was now available (<http://www.mexico.icao.int/Meetings/Seminars/FPWsep2012/SummaryImplemNFP.pdf>) as well as the updates to the ICAO NACC regional tables and ICAO FITS websites:

- <http://www.mexico.icao.int/ATM/SystemImpactSummaryTable-26Sep12.pdf>
- <http://www.mexico.icao.int/ATM/NAMCARTestingSchedules-25Sep12.pdf>
- <http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/Status-by-State.aspx>



A quick review was made of these websites. In general, all of the States/ANSPs are implementing on schedule and some are accepting both formats as shown graphically in the FITS geographical Status Map.

3. From the Sep 2012 FPL2012 Meeting Summary of Discussion, the following progress was informed as detailed in the attachment to this minute.
4. The following updates to the implementation Status were provided:
- Aruba is still updating their FDP System and hope to be accepting both formats by the end of October. Aruba commented that in the FITS it appears in white- no color.
 - Canada informed about their ongoing testing status with users (like British Airways) and indicated it is currently exchanging new format flight plan messages with the United States.
 - Cuba reported having successfully performed testing within their platform activation period (14 September-14 October 2012). However, the testing platform remains available on request. Coordination can be processed through Jorge Centella.
 - Curacao informed its platform is expected to be upgraded with a new UBITECH program version by Oct 23, which will allow performing testing on the new flight plan format. However, it can now receive the new flight plan format but cannot transmit in the new format. This same situation applies to Jamaica, Sint Maarten and Dominican Republic because of the same system manufacturer. ICAO clarified the use of EST messages to Curacao under the FPL2012 implementation. Curacao pointed out its difficulties to complete coordination with Venezuela on the flight plan issues. **ACT 06/01:** ICAO will raised these matters and FPL2012 testing with Venezuela and the ICAO SAM office in a way to facilitate coordination through a teleconference with all the concerned parties (25 Oct)
 - Dominican Republic reported the completion of their training.
 - Jamaica informed also they are in contact with the FAA regarding the use of AMHS and that they will follow up on sharing the contingency measures adopted with Cayman Islands to the rest of the adjacent FIRS as agreed in the multilateral teleconference JAM-Cayman-Rep Dom-Curacao-Haiti.
 - Haiti informed it completed satisfactory testing with many adjacent States, including Cuba, Dominican Republic, Turks and Caicos and Curacao. It expected to receive both flight plan formats starting November 1, 2012.
 - Mexico informed about the tests made with Aeromexico, TACA, Jetblue as well as their planning to test with Cuba by 22 October. The Systems are being upgraded and a new date for accepting both formats is scheduled for 6 November. Mexico, Cuba, United States and COCESNA indicated that there are not using RPLs under the FPL2012 implementation.
 - COCESNA informed about the tests made with Colombia, Panama, Jeppsen, Delta, TACA and American Airlines. Also that all the States in Central America except Salvador (for end of October) are currently ready to operate the new format with the AMHS System and the Converters for the ATS Systems. Also their web-based application for filing FPLs (CASS) is ready to be used for

FPL2012. Several operational observations when using the Converters were mentioned for the Controllers to be aware. Central America will accept both formats by the 30 of October as scheduled.

ACT 06/02: All States/ANSPs will review the updates made in the FPL2012 ICAO Regional NACC Webpage and ICAO FITS page and inform ICAO of any update by **24 October**.

News on testing by Flight Filers and ANPS and AIS-R update available (USA)

5. United States informed on the results of the Flight Plan Filer testing as given on the monthly briefing and that the next test dates will be at the end of October. Interested States/ANSPs should contact Ray Ahlberg for the specific dates. Specific individual tests can be carried out also.
6. Regarding the FPL2012 upgrade of the AIS-R application, United States informed it is only waiting for an internal approval to release the FPL2012 compliant AISR version which is expected to be straightforward and user-friendly, therefore not requiring any particular training. The United States AISR office will be issuing instructions to the users..

ACT 06/03: United States will inform all current AIS-R users on the date and instructions to follow for the FPL2012 upgrade version no later than **26 Oct 2012**.

ICAO organization for coordination and monitoring of this implementation

7. ICAO informed of the FPL2012 Monitoring and Coordination Center:
 - 1) ICAO HQ in Montreal will be the only center;
 - 2) Ready from 11 Nov, but only manned 24/7 from 13-16 Nov. (Min staffing: ICAO x2 , IATA X 1, CANSO TBD) Shifts: (8-5) (5-12) (12-8);
 - 3) ICAO will be overall lead in center;
 - 4) ICAO to provide "process within center";
 - 5) ICAO, IATA, CANSO to provide contact details to center for executive decision makers,
 - 6) Each Regional Office will feed the center on a regular basis, not only if there is a crisis. (designated Phone, e mail etc.);
 - 7) ANSP's and States are responsible for the Technical work, report to ICAO Regional Offices, who then feed HQ with information;
 - 8) Airlines will feed IATA RO's who will then feed the Com center through representatives ;
8. IATA has e mail address FPL2012@IATA.ORG; ICAO has FPL2012@ICAO.INT

ACT 06/03 ICAO will develop Electronic bulletin providing the details of the operation of the Center (PoC, procedures, etc.) by the **end of October/ Nov**.

ACT 06/04 Due to the importance to have the Point of Contact (PoC) information current for the monitoring and coordination Centre activities, States/ANPs to review the existing list PoCs (<http://www.mexico.icao.int/ATM/PoCs.pdf>) and advise of any changes no later than **2 November 2012**.

Other concerns and preparations

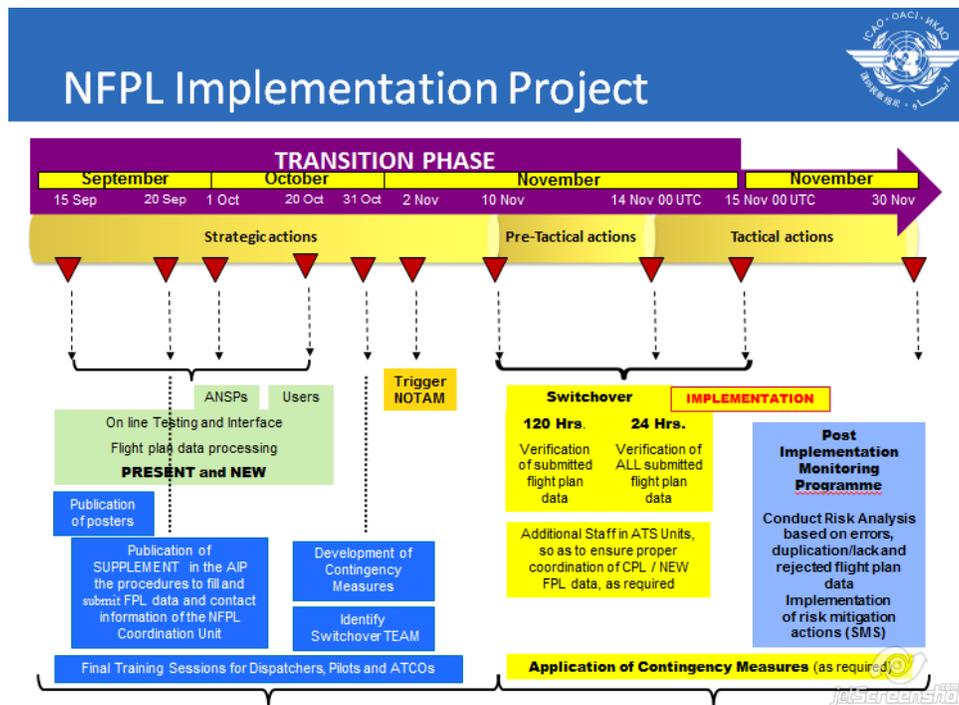
ACT 06/05 ICAO will send a draft NOTAM Trigger form to all as a reference by **25 Oct 2012**

Next meeting: Last monthly teleconference will be on 7 November at 15 UTC.
Report Monitoring Teleconference on 16 Nov at 18 UTC

ATTACHMENT

Sep 2012 FPL2012 Meeting Summary of Discussion highlights/ Progress

- a. Reports on regional FPL2012 publications, training and contingency measures were updated.
- b. Regarding the Switchover Stage, it was recalled that:
 - Switchover Stage begins on 10 November, due to the 120 hours maximum filing time;
 - From November 10, ANSPs should
 - establish NFPL Coordination Unit with appropriate communication tools for air operators and users, as needed;
 - Identify their Switchover Team to implement this Switchover Stage activities;
 - At November 14, minimum 24 hours prior the implementation, every ANSP should:
 - Maintain active their NFPL Coordination Unit, where available, and Switchover Team to coordinate mitigation and contingency measures
 - Provide last minute briefings to all staff in ATS Units;
 - Reinforce technical and operational staffing in ATS units;
 - monitor the duplication, errors and missing flight plan data;
 - ensure coordination with air operators and other ATS Units;
 - ensure that the way of the change system is in one-step switching;
 - From 0000 UTC of November 15:
 - ALL Stakeholders should comply with the New ICAO FPL form
 - All ANSPs should establish their corresponding monitoring programme, based on SMS risk analysis and management methodologies;
 - At 1800 UTC of November 16 ICAO will organize a regional teleconference to monitor the first report of the NFPL implementation and provide assistance, as required.



- c. For the effective Application of New FPL2012 Contingency Measures: updates to ATS Contingency, active POC's and follow-up to the minimum considerations when developing their contingency measures:
 - additional operational staff resources to verify compliance with the Amendment 1 requirements;

- a convertor system which will allow ANSPs to accept the New ICAO Flight Plan without rejection. However, this short term solution is not in accordance with the purpose of the amendment; and
 - manual intervention to translate PRESENT to New FPL.
 - Update Action Plan for transition Phase and Post implementation Phase
- d. ICAO assisted with the following bilateral/multilateral FPL2012 teleconferences on specific aspects:
- Curacao-Dominican Republic- Haiti- Jamaica, Aruba: 20 September at 1500 UTC: Contingency activities, coordination with SAM States, Ubitech common testing, FPL2012 testing
 - Aruba- Curacao: 19 September at 1500 UTC : AMHS implementation, FPL2012 testing, common publication
 - Cayman Islands- Jamaica: 19 September at 18 UTC: AMHS implementation, LOA update
 - Eastern Caribbean States/territories: 17 September