CIRCULAR 8-2013

SURVEY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC LATERAL OFFSET PROCEDURE

A Survey evaluating the Implementation of Strategic Lateral Offset Procedure (SLOP) in the AFI Region was conducted by ARMA in order to establish the number of FIR's that have officially published and implemented the procedure. The results are required for use in the annual RVSM quantative Collision Risk Assessment.

SLOP reduces the risk of aircraft passing directly over each other thus the possibility of a Large Height Deviation resulting in hull loses is minimised.

States were requested via State Letter Ref. ES AN 4/45 - 0945 to respond not later than 28 February 2013 as to the official status of SLOP within FIR's under their management.

Responses from States have been poor even although numerous reminders have been dispatched to States. The matter was further discussed at the 13th APIRG ATM/AIM/SAR/SG/13 meeting held in Nairobi Kenya, 16 - 19 September 2013 where it was once again proposed that reminders be dispatched which was duly done.

As a last resort this Circular is place on the ARMA Webpage to encourage States to respond to the request of reporting on the implementation status of SLOP in the FIR under their jurisdiction.
For further information an email can be dispatched to afirma@atns.c.za

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