

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
Second Meeting of the AFI Volcanic Ash Steering Group (AFI VOLCEX/SG2)
(Virtual, 18 July 2022)
Agenda Item 3 AFI VOLCEX 23 Framework
WP3.3. Participants including States, International Organizations, airlines and other bodies.
(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This paper provides an update on the participating agencies and their role with regards to the 2023 VA event.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Operational Instructions (OPINS) • AFI VOLCEX 21/01 Report • Doc 9766 Handbook on the IAVW • ToR of AFI VOLCEX SG
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Decision 24/28 of APIRG/24 endorsed the AFI Volcanic Ash Exercise Operational Instructions (OPINS) and Directives to guide the planning and conduct of the volcanic ash exercise.
- 1.2. In accordance with the provision of the OPINS, the volcanic ash exercise should be conducted every two years in the AFI Region. The exercise is led by an Exercise Leader supervising the work of a Directing Staff in charge of negotiating and designing the exercise scenario, conducting the exercise, debriefing the exercise, and writing the Initial Exercise Report.
- 1.3. The conduct of exercise requires involvement of several key stakeholders to ensure the provision of VA information to airspace users.

2. DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1. Volcanic ash exercises should be held at a frequency to be determined by the ICAO region concerned. They should be held at least every three years where the frequency of real eruptions is low and additionally as soon as practicable when significant changes to the procedures have been implemented.
- 2.2. Volcanic ash exercises should be designed to test volcanic activity alerting, aeronautical information service (AIS) and meteorological (MET) message routing, volcanic ash information, air traffic control

procedures, air traffic flow and capacity management and aircraft operator response and the collaborative decision making (CDM) between the various actors in accordance with regional and global procedures.

- 2.3. As such, VA exercise involves several stakeholders including the regulators, the aeronautical meteorological offices, the meteorological watch offices, the NOTAM offices, the ATS, the FIC/ACC, the VA advisory centres, the airlines, the volcano observatory States, the ANSPs, the International Organizations, the ICAO Regional Offices, etc.
- 2.4. The Appendix A to this working paper presents the list of participating agencies for the 2021 VA exercise. It can be used as reference to identify all key stakeholder that might take part of the exercise. The Exercise Leader State is responsible for establishing the list of the participating agencies and should liaise with them to prepare the 2023 VA event.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) review and amend the Appendix A to this working paper for the purpose of the 2023 volcanic ash exercise.

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Appendix A

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