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Implementation Task Force (FPL&AM/TF/3)**

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Agenda Item 4: Aspects of implementation in Asia/Pacific region

Seamless Transition to the ICAO New Flight Plan format

(Presented by Japan)

SUMMARY

This paper draws the meeting's attention to the importance of seamless transition to the ICAO New Flight Plan format. It mentions to the risk of the adjacent states using different flight plan format.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. It is crucial that all the states and airspace users use same flight plan format comply with ICAO Doc 4444 (PANS-ATM) in order to secure safe air transportation. Flight plan and relating ATS messages are common language for air traffic community. We are now preparing for the transition to New Flight Plan format toward the applicable date 15 November 2012.
- 1.2. Problem would happen if some states or some airspace users don't comply with it. The transition should be done by coordinated manners targeting to applicable date. ICAO has established the guidance material for smooth transition, and urging the contracting states to transit for the NEW. We Asia/Pacific region are coordinating to establish our guidance material in order for the states to implement the NEW more smoothly.

2. Discussions

- 2.1. In order for the successful transition in our region, it would be important to share implementation schedules and methodology among the states. However, it is regrettable that only a few States have informed of scheduled date and implementation methodology for transition by 1 July 2010 in accordance with Conclusion 20/8. This situation would be a concern in our region.
- 2.2. If the implementation status is different by states or by regions, it would be the big problem to the operation of air traffic service. Especially, if the adjacent states use different flight plan format, stable air traffic service could not be secured.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. All the states should recognize again that they shall apply the New Flight Plan format after 15 November 2012.
- 3.2. States not notifying their schedule date and implementation methodology should notify to ICAO Bangkok office as early as possible.

3.3. Even though states not having decided precise methodology yet, they should notify their target transition date and draft methodology as early as possible.

4. Action by the meeting

4.1. The meeting is invited to recognize the importance mentioned above again and to adopt the recommendations.

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