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Implementation Task Force (FPL&AM/TF/5)**

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**Agenda Item 3: Review applicable documentation and guidance materials**

**Filing of ORGN in Item 18**

(Presented by Australia)

**SUMMARY**

This discussion paper is to promote a consolidated understanding and use of the ORGN indicator in Item 18 of the flight plan.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Amendment 1 introduces the ORGN indicator in Item 18 of the flight plan. Some guidance is provided as to what this indicator might contain, however there are misinterpretations as to the purpose/content and size of this switch.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 Amendment 1 states that ORGN may be the *“the originator’s 8 letter AFTN address or other appropriate contact details, in cases where the **originator** of the flight plan may not be readily identified....”*.

2.2 Is this meant to only be the 8 character AFTN address of the originator when the flight plan is filed via the departure FIR AFTN distribution address e.g. YBBBZPZX, to allow downstream parties to send questions/information to the real originator of the FPL?

2.3 If this is the case should the ORGN indicator be limited to 8 characters (alpha content only)? If not, should there be guidance that only ASCII characters can be contained in this switch?

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to

- a) Promote discussion on this issue
- b) Propose guidance material in relation to this indicator

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