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AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT PLAN PROCESSING ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2012 TRANSITION

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents transitional implementation assumptions used by Australia.

This paper relates to –

Strategic Objectives:

A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety

C: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-12 Functional integration of ground systems with airborne systems

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Australia is committed to the transition timetable detailed in the Asia Pacific Guidance Material and will be implementing the full extent of changes detailed in Amendment 1.

1.2 Australia will be introducing the NEW format flight plan to domestic airspace users from 26th July 2012. All users who utilise internet briefing for flight plan submission will be guided through NEW format only. Other operators that file directly via the AFTN will be able to plan in either NEW or PRESENT formats until 15th November 2012.

1.3 Although the Asia Pacific Guidance Material Version 2 is comprehensive in detailing various software coding considerations and conversion, there still remains areas of ambiguity that cannot be overcome until actual planning and configuration changes are made that highlight gaps in knowledge of how messages and flight plans will be received.

1.4 This paper presents the assumptions that Australia has made in regard to flight plan and message handling and seeks to encourage general discussion on the various issues so as to achieve a consensus that will assist a harmonised transition.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The assumptions made by Australia for the transition are listed below.

General

- a) Australia will accept NEW format flight plans from 26th July 2012.
- b) Where a received flight plan satisfies both NEW and PRESENT formats, it will be processed as NEW.
- c) Any messages sent from Australia will be sent in the format received by the filer except when the immediately adjacent FIR is not NEW capable. Messages will be converted to PRESENT in this case.
- d) If a NEW format message is received when only a PRESENT flight plan is held, information will be extracted and converted to update the PRESENT flight plan.
- e) Australia intends to discontinue support for PRESENT format after 15 November 2012.

DOF

- a) Date of Flight, as a single element from Field 18, will be sent when filed in NEW format and contained in the original notification for DEP, DLA, CHG, RQP, RQS and CNL.
- b) If Date of Flight is not filed for NEW format then “-0” will be sent for the above message types.

AIDC

- a) Australia will be including DOF, when the flight plan is filed in NEW format, in any Field 18 amendment (Field 22) for;
 - i. PAC
 - ii. ABI
 - iii. CDN
 - iv. MAC
- b) Where an adjacent ANSP is not NEW capable Field 10 and Field 18 will be converted to PRESENT format.
- c) Existing Letters of Agreement with neighbouring ANSPs may be utilised for special procedures where necessary.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the content of this paper; and
- b) discuss any aspects of this paper as required.

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