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FLIGHT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING SYSTEM UPDATE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an update on the preparedness of Asia/Pacific (APAC) administrations to implement Amendment 1 to Doc 4444.

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 The ICAO Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) has been developed to provide a mechanism to collate information on State preparedness to implement Amendment 1 to the *Procedures for Air Navigation Service – Air Traffic Management* (Doc 4444).

1.2 The FITS web site is located at <http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Regional Office has issued a series of State letters in the last 18 months to highlight the need to raise awareness in the APAC Regions, and to urge the facilitation of information indicating the preparedness of APC administrations to the Regional Office in order to support FITS:

- a) on 8 January 2010, State Letter Ref: T3/10.0, T3/10.1.20 – AP003/10 (ATM), recognizing a pressing need to increase awareness amongst States about the complexities involved and encouraging them to commence work on implementation, APANPIRG/20 adopted the following Conclusion:

Conclusion 20/7 – Adopt Interim Strategy for Implementation of New Flight Plan Format

That the ‘Interim Strategy for the Implementation of new ICAO Flight Plan Format and Supporting ATS Messages’ provided in Appendix A to the APANPIRG/20 Report on Agenda Item 3.2 be adopted and published as the interim edition, and States and users be urged to commence implementation planning based on the interim strategy.

- b) on 28 July 2010, State Letter Ref: T3/10.1, T3/10.1.20 – AP119/10 (ATM), highlighting an additional conclusion as follows:

Conclusion 20/8 – Notification of State Transition Date to New Flight Plan Format

That, in order to align regional implementation planning, States inform the Regional Office by 1 July 2010 of their scheduled date and implementation methodology for transition to the new Flight Plan and ATS Message formats.

- c) on 24 September 2010, State Letter Ref: T3/10.0, T3/10.1.20 – AP147/10 (ATM), to highlight the Conclusion regarding the *Asia/Pacific Guidance Material for the Implementation of Amendment 1 to Procedures for Air Navigation Service – Air Traffic Management*:

Conclusion 21/4 – Regional Guidance Material for the Implementation of Amendment 1 to PANS-ATM

That, in order for States to clearly understand what is intended in Amendment 1, the ‘Asia/Pacific Guidance Material for the Implementation of Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)’ provided in Appendix B to the APANPIRG/21 Report on Agenda Item 3.2 be adopted and published as regional guidance material.

- d) on 7 October 2010, State Letter Ref: T3/10.0, T3/10.1.20 – AP152/10 (ATM), to draw the attention of States to the following APANPIRG Conclusions:

Conclusion 21/5 – Strategy for Implementation of New Flight Plan Format

That, the ‘Strategy for the Implementation of new ICAO Flight Plan Format and Supporting ATS Messages’ provided in Appendix C to the APANPIRG/21 Report on Agenda Item 3.2 be adopted and published. States and users to be urged to continue implementation planning based on the strategy.

Conclusion 21/6 – Notification of State Transition Date to the NEW Flight Plan Format

That, in order to keep the ICAO Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) website updated, States which have not yet provided data, inform the Regional Office of the initial set of data required in the FITS website, such as scheduled date and contact person, by 22 October 2010, and subsequently update the data as required.

Conclusion 21/14 – Enhancement of the Global Coordination for Implementation of the NEW Flight Plan Format

That, in light of the varying degree of States in implementing the NEW flight plan format, ICAO:

- i) urge all the States, including those outside the Asia/Pacific Region, to record their readiness in the FITS;*
- ii) take action to ensure that any States or ICAO regions not use non-standard local procedures; and*
- iii) ensure appropriate coordination take place between ICAO regional planning and implementation groups (PIRGs) to address implementation issues.*

2.2 In addition, APANPIRG/21 agreed the following Conclusion, which emphasised the need for urgent and appropriate coordination (refer to FPL & AM TF/4 WP05):

Conclusion 21/13 – Coordination for the Transition to the NEW Flight Plan Format among States

That, as the global and the regional harmonization is crucial in implementing the NEW flight plan format by 15 November 2012, States start close coordination soon with adjacent States/FIRs on transition about, but not limited to:

- i) difference of timing for transition between the States/FIRs;*
- ii) operations in the mixed environment of PRESENT and NEW;*
- iii) operational transition for AIDC; and*
- iv) procedures when ATS messages are not processed properly.*

2.3 To date, the following State’s Points of Contact are indicated as unknown on the FITS website: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka (6 States). The following State’s implementation status is unknown on the FITS website: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, and Sri Lanka (4 States). China has notified by letter dated 24 December 2010 that their transition testing period would commence in October 2012, which is the current status on the FITS website.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) discuss the information contained in this paper; and
- b) develop strategies for non-responsive States.

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