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The Fourth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific ICAO Flight Plan and ATS Messages Implementation Task Force (FPL&AM/TF/4)

Bangkok, Thailand, 2 – 3 June 2011

Agenda Item 4: Review available documentation and guidance materials

APAC Guidance Material Editorials and Suggested Amendments

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents corrections and amendments to be considered by the meeting for the Asia/Pacific Guidance Material for the Implementation of Amendment 1.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Asia/Pacific Guidance Material for the Implementation of Amendment 1 contains some errors and omissions. It could also be improved for the reasons of reducing software coding, ambiguity and therefore cost of implementation.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Under section 6 **Conversion from NEW format to PRESENT format** and specifically Conversion of Item 18 table;

2.2 Component STS/ contains extraneous information that significantly increases characters without benefit to the APAC region. When variation is required it should be notified to affected adjacent States via individual agreements.

STS/	STS/ copy over text o Except change “ATFMX” to “ATFMEXEMPTAPPROVED”
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2.3 Propose this is removed,

STS/	STS/ copy over text o Except change “ATFMX” to “ATFMEXEMPTAPPROVED”
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2.3.1 Component ORGN/ contains an omission,

ORGN/	RMK/ORGN
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2.3.2 the following should be added;

ORGN/	RMK/ORGN <text after ORGN/>
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2.4 The conversion of DOF to PRESENT format introduces inconsistency if a NEW format flight plan is submitted more than 24 hours in advance. If a message needs to be sent to a PRESENT only FIR and therefore requires conversion, the current guidance is incompatible with the PRESENT format.

DOF/	Maintain data in DOF/ if possible, otherwise remove. While not a documented PRESENT indicator, it is currently in wide use.
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2.4.1 ICAO Guidelines issued with State Letter AN 13/2.1-09/09 referred to the conversion of DOF; *“CAUTION: Some information will be lost from NEW during conversion, including certain information about capabilities, and information held in Item 18 indicators which do not exist in PRESENT such as DOF, DLE and TALT. As a partial mitigation, any information which would otherwise be lost from NEW may be translated into a single free text following RMK/ in Item 18 of PRESENT.”* It is proposed to change the table to accommodate the ICAO Guidance in preference;

DOF/	Maintain data in DOF/ if possible, otherwise remove. While not a documented PRESENT indicator, it is currently in wide use. RMK/ DOF<numerics>
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3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to

- a) consider the changes proposed, and
- b) agree to amend the APAC Guidance Material

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