



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**FIRST MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL  
ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE  
(METWARN/I TF/1)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 23 – 25 March 2011

**Agenda Item Conjoint: b) Regional participation in SIGMET advisory trial (monitoring and coordination)**

**RODB COORDINATION FOR REGIONAL SIGMET ADVISORY TRIAL**

(Presented by Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

ICAO is requesting coordination and cooperation with the APAC RODBs, in particular Bangkok, Singapore and Tokyo, for routing SIGMET to Hong Kong, China that is essential in analyzing the results of the Regional SIGMET Advisory Trial.

**1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

1.1 Reference is made to Working Paper 8 to the METWARN/I TF/1 meeting that introduces the reason for a Regional SIGMET Advisory Trial initiated by the Meteorological Warnings Study Group (METWSG). In the Asia/Pacific Region, SIGMET advisories for thunderstorms, severe icing, severe turbulence and severe mountain waves will be issued by the host State of China from 4 May 2011 00 UTC to 30 Jul 2011 00UTC.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 In order to assess whether or not the number and quality of SIGMET issued by Meteorological Watch Offices from 9 States (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam) in the APAC Region improves, all SIGMET issued in the trial needs to be routed to Hong Kong, China.

2.2 The Regional OPMET Data Banks (RODBs) Bangkok, Singapore and Tokyo are requested to route all SIGMET to the following address:

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during the trial period. The reason for involving more than one RODB is that some MWOs do not provide SIGMET to all RODBs (even though it is stated in the SIGMET Guide that all SIGMET be routed to all RODBs in the Region). For preparation purposes, it is most preferable that all SIGMET be routed to Hong Kong, China beginning the **end of March 2011**.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper; and
- b) confirm RODB coordination via an action item to route all SIGMET to Hong Kong China in preparation for and during the SIGMET advisory trial.

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