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Agenda Item 3: Foreign Air Operator Surveillance Database

FOREIGN AIR OPERATOR SURVEILLANCE DATABASE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper discusses the progress on the 45th DGCA Conference Action Item 45/1 which calls for ICAO APAC Office to establish and manage a database for the use by APAC States for sharing of foreign air operator surveillance data.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the 45th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions, held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), 24-28 November 2008 a discussion paper, 45/DP/1/9 was presented on “A Common Checklist and Database for Foreign Aircraft Surveillance”.

1.2 Recognizing the importance of information sharing and exchange, to enhance surveillance of foreign aircraft, the Directors General adopted Action Item 45/1 that;

- a) urged Asia Pacific States to adopt the ICAO ramp inspection checklist in Doc 8335 for foreign operators; and
- b) requested that ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office look into developing a database for the voluntary sharing of ramp inspection data, taking into account the need to protect such safety data.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ICAO APAC office in close coordination with ICAO Headquarters and ICAO South American Office has completed and tested the FAOS Database.

2.2 The “Manual of Procedures and Use of the FAOSD Programme” was circulated among APAC member States and all the comments have been compiled to be presented to the DGCA Conference for consideration.

2.3 This programme is based on ramp safety inspections of aircraft, conducted within the legal framework stipulated in Article 16 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, “Search of Aircraft”, which states that: “The appropriate authorities of each of the contracting States shall have the right, without unreasonable delay, to search aircraft of the other contracting States on landing or departure, and to inspect the certificates and other documents prescribed by this Convention and the

SARPs on Foreign Air Operator Surveillance addressed in Annexes 6, 7, 8, 16 and 18 of the Convention.

2.4 The first FAOSD training programme is scheduled to be held at ICAO APAC Regional Office facilities from 17 to 21 September 2012. The first three days of training will be on the conduct of Foreign Air Operator Surveillance and the last two days of training will be on the “Manual of Procedures and Use of the FAOSD Programme”.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Recognise that transparency and sharing of safety information is one of the fundamental tenets of a safe air transportation system and accordingly, to share critical safety information with other APAC States by participating in the FAOSD programme;
- b) Forward any comments on the FAOSD programme to the ICAO Secretariat to be presented at the 49th DGCA Conference to be held in New Delhi, India from 08 – 12 October 2012; and
- c) To note the dates for the first FAOSD training programme scheduled for 17-21 September 2012.

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