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METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP (CNS/MET SG/16) OF APANPIRG**

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Agenda Item 8: World Area Forecast System (WAFS)

USER AUTHORIZATION AND DATA USE POLICY FOR WIFS

(Presented by Japan)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the necessity of the details of user authorization and to clarify the data use policy.

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-19 Meteorological Systems

1. Introduction

1.1 According to the World Area Forecast System (WAFS) Internet File Service (WIFS) Users Guide, in Chapter 4, the company or person that can be approved as a WIFS users are defined as follows ;

- An existing ISCS user
- WAFS Vendor
- State MET Authority
- State National Meteorological & Hydrologic Service Provider
- International Operator and U.S. Flag carriers (domestic and international)
- Vendor listed as Enhanced Weather Information Systems (EWINS)
- Any Vendor identified in OPS SPEC in support of meteorological services for an airline

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1.2 Additionally, in the WIFS registration process, when an commercial company in a foreign State submit its application, the WAFS provider States can ask the MET Authority in the State concerned whether it is appropriate.

2. Discussion

2.1 Since EWINS and OPS SPEC are both certification or qualification in the United States that allows someone to operate aeronautical meteorological services partially or wholly, sometimes it will be very difficult for a MET Authority in other States to give appropriate advice to the WIFS provider States on whether the user application should be approved or not, For this purpose, it is necessary to clarify the details of the EWINS and U.S. OPS SPEC to assist MET Authorities to establish their own criteria to decide appropriateness of the user application..

2.2 In addition to user account issue, some vendors may provide their own commercial services with using date received from the WIFS, for not only aircraft operators and public or the other field entities. However, there are not any regulations or descriptions about date use policy in the WIFS Users Guide. Therefore, it is also preferable to clarify the data use policy.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The group is invited to consider adoption of following draft decision.

Draft Decision 16/xx – WIFS User account and data policy

- a) The WIFS provider State should provide detail description of EWINS, OPS SPEC for the other States’ reference; and
- b) The WIFS provider State is urged to clarify WIFS data use policy in the WIFS Users Guide.

4. Action by the Meeting

4.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.
- c) consider the adoption of relevant Decision.
