



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**THE SECOND MEETING OF ASIA/PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL  
ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE  
(METWARN/I TF/2)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 19 – 20 April 2012

**Agenda Item Conjoint – SIGMET (c):            Review SIGMET Guide**

**REVIEW UPDATES TO THE SIGMET GUIDE**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper provides proposed updates to the SIGMET Guide and invites the meeting to make additional proposals.

This paper relates to:

**Strategic Objectives:**

- A. Safety
- C. Sustainability

**Global Plan Initiatives:**

- GPI-18 Aeronautical Information
- GPI-19 Meteorological Systems

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1            The Asia/Pacific Regional SIGMET Guide was last amended in July 2011. To keep in line with the yearly cycle of updates as proposed with the ROBEX Handbook, the SIGMET Guide should also be examined for possible updates annually. The SIGMET Guide can be accessed at [http://www.bangkok.icao.int/edocs/sigmet\\_guide4.pdf](http://www.bangkok.icao.int/edocs/sigmet_guide4.pdf)

**2. PROPOSED SIGMET GUIDE UPDATES**

2.1            Since the last amendment, proposed updates to the SIGMET Guide were adopted in September 2011 at APANPIRG/22 in Conclusion 22/44, which states that ICAO consider modifying the SIGMET template in Annex 3 to include an example to report a situation when no ash is expected in the forecast section of a SIGMET and, furthermore, that the Asia/Pacific SIGMET Guide also be amended accordingly with an example of a SIGMET satisfying the same condition, i.e., when no ash is expected in the forecast.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1            The meeting is invited to:

- a)            review the SIGMET Guide; and
- b)            provide necessary changes to be included in the next amendment.

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