



International Civil Aviation Organization

**THE TENTH MEETING OF ASIA/PACIFIC OPMET MANAGEMENT
TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF/10)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 17 – 19 April 2012

Agenda Item 3: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange:

a) ROBEX Handbook

REVIEW UPDATES TO THE ROBEX HANDBOOK

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides proposed updates to the ROBEX Handbook and requests input from the meeting to make additional proposals.

This paper relates to:

Strategic Objectives:

C. Sustainability

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-18 Aeronautical information

GPI-19 Meteorological Systems

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ROBEX Handbook is the main guidance material providing detail on the procedures for OPMET exchange under the ROBEX scheme. The Handbook defines the responsibilities of the ROBEX centres and the procedures to be followed. It defines also the content and format of the ROBEX bulletins.

2. PROPOSED ROBEX HANDBOOK UPDATES

2.1 The ROBEX Handbook is published and kept up-to-date by the ICAO Office, Bangkok in coordination with ICAO Office, Cairo, and was last amended in April 2011. The proposed ROBEX Handbook updates, based on information received from States, are provided in the **Attachment** for review.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the proposed updates to the ROBEX Handbook and provide any additional proposed changes to be included in the next amendment.

ROBEX HB - list of updates (for 2012 amendment)

Black text – change made in draft version

Red text – waiting on response

Purple text – need to consult meeting/States

Table A (METAR)

- Cairo, HECA, SAEG31: add Cairo and delete all other entries in Egypt (as advised by Egypt)
- Cairo, HECA, SAEG32: add bulletin to include all other entries in Egypt apart from Cairo (as advised by Egypt)
- Kuala Lumpur, WMKK, SAMS38: delete the word RMAF from Labuan (as advised by Malaysia)
- Jakarta, WIII, SAID32: replace WADA, MATARAM/Selaparang with WADL, MATARAM/Lombok (as advised by Indonesia)

Table C (Additional Non-AOP Aerodromes)

- Replace MATARAM/Selaparang, WADA with MATARAM/Lombok, WADL (as advised by Indonesia)

Appendix I – ROBEX Focal Points

- updated focal points (require information from States)
- change Japan to:

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