



International Civil Aviation Organization

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

Bangkok, Thailand, 17 – 19 April 2012

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**Agenda Item 2: Review:**

**c) Inter-Regional exchange and new requirement for OPMET information**

**THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE INTER-REGIONAL OPMET EXCHANGE  
BETWEEN ASIA AND AFI REGION**

(Presented by Thailand)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the current status of the Inter-Regional OPMET exchange between ASIA and AFI region via IROG Bangkok and IROG Pretoria.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 With reference to ASIA/PAC ROBEX Handbook, under section *the Inter-Regional OPMET exchange between ASIA/PAC and AFI region*, RODB Bangkok is designated for of Inter-Regional OPMET Gateways (IROG) function to carry out ASIA OPMET information to AFI via IROG Pretoria

1.2 RODB Bangkok could not provide IROG function for AFI region because there was no designated RODB in AFI prior to APIRG/16 meeting (Kigali, Rwanda 19-23 November 2007)

1.3 Conclusion 16/54 of APIRG/16 meeting called for the establishment of an AFI OPMET Management Task Force (AFI MTF) with terms of reference to further develop the AMBEX scheme according to the new operational requirement. In this regard, the regional OPMET Data Bank of Dakar and Pretoria have been attributed the functions of IROG in the AFI region.

1.4 Since May 2011, IROG Bangkok has been receiving AFI OPMET trial information distributed by IROG Pretoria (FAPRYMYX)

## **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The monitoring result of incoming AFI OPMET bulletins received by IROG Bangkok monitored during 1-7 April, 2012 are summarized as follow

One METAR bulletins received

- SAAP32 FAJS Johannesburg (1 out of 10 listed in AMBEX Handbook (7<sup>th</sup> Ed, June 2011))

3 TAF bulletins received

- Addis Ababa FTEA31 HAAB
- Johannesburg FTAP32 FAJS and FTAP39 FAJS  
(3 out of 17 listed in AMBEX Handbook)

2 TAF bulletins received, but not listed in AMBEX bulletins

- FTBC20 FBSK
- FTMZ31 FQMA

2.2 Currently, the status of outgoing OPMET trial exchange carried out by IROG Bangkok is as follows:

- Since May 2011, IROG Bangkok has been relaying only Bangkok METAR and TAF bulletins to IROG Pretoria (FAPRYMYX)

2.3 IROG Bangkok (VTBBYPYX) plans to relay all ASIA METAR and TAF bulletins to IROG Pretoria on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

## **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the information in this paper; and
- b) Suggest required actions to improve OPMET exchange between ASIA/PAC and AFI region.

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