



International Civil Aviation Organization

**NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP
(MET SG/19) OF APANPIRG**

Bangkok, Thailand, 3 – 6 August 2015

Agenda Item 6.3: Forecasts, advisories and warnings

USE OF HEADERS DURING BACKUP OF DARWIN VAAC BY WELLINGTON VAAC

(Presented by New Zealand)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the WMO Abbreviated Headers Wellington VAAC will use when backing up the Darwin VAAC.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In August 2013, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Meteorological Service of New Zealand Ltd (MetService), who operate the Wellington VAAC, and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), who operate the Darwin VAAC.

1.2 Backup functionality between the two VAACs is a component of the MoU, where the Wellington VAAC will provide a backup service across the Darwin VAAC area of responsibility, south of latitude 20S. The Tokyo VAAC provides backup services north of latitude 20S.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 When issuing a VAA and VAG on behalf of Darwin VAAC, the Wellington VAAC proposes to use the following WMO Abbreviated Headers for the VAA and VAG bulletins:

VAA	VAG
FVAU04 ADRM	PFXD04 ADRM
FVAU05 ADRM	PFXD05 ADRM
FVAU06 ADRM	PFXD06 ADRM

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 In view of the discussion above, the meeting is invited to consider the following draft conclusion;

Draft Conclusion 19/xx – WMO Abbreviated Headers for Wellington/Darwin VAAC Backup;

That, the Secretariat request ICAO to update Document 9766, Handbook on the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW), Table 4-3, to include the new WMO Abbreviated Headers for VAA and VAG bulletins issued by the Wellington VAAC when backing up the Darwin VAAC.

4 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 4.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate; and
 - c) consider the proposed draft conclusion for adoption.
