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**Subject: Global Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Aircraft Approval Survey December 2011**

**Action Required: To take action as necessary**

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to invite your attention to the global RVSM aircraft approvals survey which will be conducted during December 2011 by all RVSM Regional Monitoring Agencies, and to indicate that in this regard, Regional Monitoring Agencies (RMAs) will be auditing flight plans and where available, safety assessment of air traffic flow data that will be checked against Regional RVSM approvals databases. During the same period, the AFI RMA (ARMA) will also be surveying the AFI RVSM height monitoring status for each AFI State.
2. The results of the global RVSM aircraft approvals survey will be consolidated and presented at the 2012 ICAO Global RMA Co-ordination meeting. Subsequently, the ARMA will present a comprehensive report on the survey, at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Air Traffic Management/Aeronautical Information Management/Search and Rescue Sub-group (ATM/AIM/SAR/SG/13) in 2012.
3. It will be recalled that, as part of their RVSM safety obligations, civil aviation authorities are expected to ensure that all aircraft intending to operate in RVSM airspace are *RVSM approved* and that information on such approvals has been provided to the ARMA using forms developed for such purpose. States may view the AFI RVSM approvals and height monitoring database on the ARMA webpage [www.atns.co.za/afi-rvsm](http://www.atns.co.za/afi-rvsm). States are also reminded of the provisions for *bone fide* State aircraft that are non-RVSM approved, which are intended to be operated in the RVSM airspace.

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4. In order to facilitate the above-mentioned survey, States are urged to ensure that established RVSM procedures are adhered to. Queries and requests for information relating to the survey may be directed to the ARMA at the following address:

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Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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