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**INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ONLINE
THE GATEWAY TO THE FAA's INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

(Presented by the United States of America)

SUMMARY

This paper introduces "International Aviation Online," the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) clearinghouse for its international activities, programs and resources on the Internet. As a component of the FAA's web-site (http://www.faa.gov), "International Aviation Online" provides a gateway to activities that may be of interest to civil aviation officials, non-U.S. operators, and travelers by providing concise descriptions and easy to follow links. A sample page from "International Aviation Online" is also included as a reference.

1.0   INTRODUCTION

1.1   As the use of the Internet for governmental information purposes grew, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) undertook an effort to improve its web-site for all users.   This effort simplified access to information created by the numerous offices and programs within the agency.

2.0   "INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ONLINE"

2.1   The FAA's web-site (http://www.faa.gov), an excellent resource for operators, civil aviation officials and travelers, provides access to regulations and guidance materials on-line and the improved format allows for easy access.

2.2   The Office of International Aviation, as the focal point of the FAA's international activities, took this opportunity to create a clearinghouse for the agency's international activities and provide visitors with pertinent information. Using the experience of our international staff offices in Washington, DC and representatives overseas, "International Aviation Online" (http://www.intl.faa.gov) was created for civil aviation officials, non-U.S. operators and travelers.   This site provides necessary information to individuals, governments and organizations that interact with the FAA.

2.3   The Office of International Aviation continually updates and maintains "International Aviation Online" (http://www.intl.faa.gov) to ensure that it includes the most current information and includes the following features:

2.3.1   Current International News is the home page for "International Aviation Online" and includes information on the most recent FAA and United States Government activities affecting international aviation. An archive of past items is also available;

2.3.2   Frequent Questions includes answers to questions most commonly asked by civil aviation officials, non-U.S. operators, and travelers. Most answers include links to the appropriate office within the FAA;

2.3.3   International Links provides access to other international resources and includes the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI), and the International Council of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations (IAOPA);

2.3.4   Information for Civil Aviation Officials lists information on activities that may interest foreign civil aviation authorities and includes links to the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs), the FAA's model aviation regulations, overflight fees, major program initiatives (e.g. Safer Skies), the Global Aviation Information Network (GAIN) and programs such as the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Foreign Airport Assessment Programs;

2.3.5   Information for Non-US Operators lists general information for foreign air carriers operating in the United States, including links to applicable regulations and the U.S. Aeronautical Information Manual;

2.3.6   Regions – Americas lists specific programs, policies, and meetings that the Office of International is engaged in and includes information on the Caribbean Community Common Market (CARICOM), the North American Aviation Trilateral (NAAT), the Caribbean and South America and Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS) and the Central American Corporation for Air Navigation Services (COCESNA); and

2.3.7   General Information links visitors to information on specific programs and/or the particular offices responsible for the listed program.

3.0   CONCLUSION

3.1   Over the last year and a half, the Office of International Aviation has been developing "International Aviation Online" based upon input from the FAA's international staff and program offices. The FAA is now seeking feedback from our Latin American and Caribbean partners and encourages them to visit and explore the web-site (http://www.intl.faa.gov) and provide comments and suggestions, by e-mail, to 9-AWA-AIA-COMMENTS@FAA.GOV.

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