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METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP OF APANPIRG
(CNS/MET SG/9)**

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Agenda Item 12: MET support for operations at aerodromes and terminal areas

**CHANGE IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF
METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICES**

(Presented by USA)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on a change in the area of responsibility of Meteorological Watch Offices provided by the United States.

1. Background

1.1 A decision was made by the U.S. to realign responsibilities for the provision of aviation services in the Pacific. Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Guam no longer has Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) responsibilities. The responsibility for the meteorological watch and provision of Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMETs) for the portion of the Oakland flight information region (FIR) previously provided by Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Guam has moved to WFO Honolulu (PHFO).

1.2 The current MWO responsibility for the FIR is shared by two MWOs provided by the United States:

1.2.1 The MWO at the Aviation Weather Center (KKCI) provides the meteorological watch and SIGMETs for two adjacent areas in the Oakland Oceanic FIR:

- a) north of 30 degrees north latitude and east of 165 degrees east longitude, and
- b) north of 3.5 degrees north latitude and east of 140 degrees west longitude.

1.2.2 The MWO at WFO Honolulu is now responsible for the remainder of the Oakland Oceanic FIR south of 30 north latitude.

2. Discussion

2.1 WFO Honolulu provides the following SIGMETs for the Oakland Oceanic FIR:

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3. Conclusion

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the changes to U.S. MWO responsibility; and,
- b) note the appropriate changes made to MET Table 1B of the FASID.
