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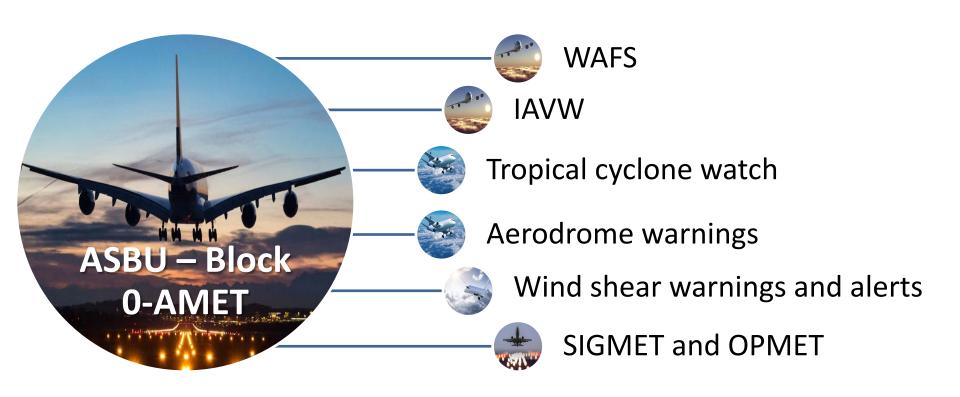
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### **★**AGENDA



#### **WAFS**

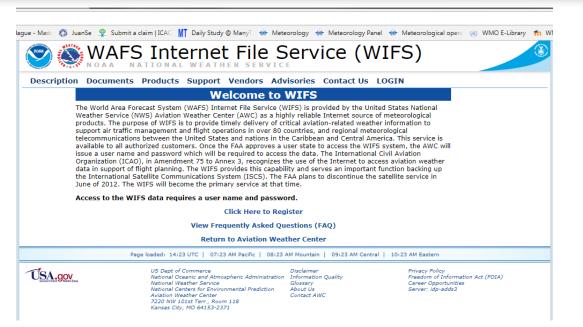
## world area forecast system

★ provide aeronautical meteorological en-route forecasts in uniform standardized formats:

(global gridded forecasts of upper wind, upper-air temperature and humidity, geopotential altitude of flight levels, flight level and temperature of tropopause, direction, speed and flight level of maximum wind, cumulonimbus clouds, icing, and clear-air and incloud turbulence)

- ★ issued 4-times per day, with fixed time validity T+0 to T+36 at 3-hour time-steps
- ★ global forecasts of significant weather (SIGWX) phenomena in binary code form / issued 4-times per day, with validity at T+24.







ADDS temp/wind charts supplement, but do not substitute for, the official winds and temperatures aloft forecast contained in the FB product.

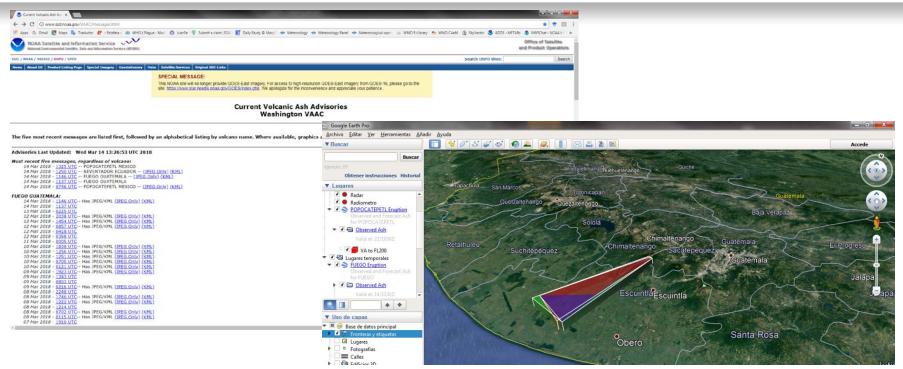
#### **IAVW**

## the International Airways Volcano Watch

- ★ Monitor and provide advisories to MWOs and aircraft operators of volcanic ash in the atmosphere
- ★ Advisories support the issuance of SIGMET on these events by the respective MWOs
- ★ Advisory information on volcanic ash is prepared by VAACs (nine designated VAACs CAR Washington)
- ★ VAAC Responds to a notification that a volcano has erupted, or is expected to erupt or volcanic ash is reported in its area of responsibility
- ★ Based on the cooperation of aviation and non-aviation operational units using information derived from observing sources and networks
- ★ ICAO recognizes the importance of State volcano observatories in their role of providing information on the pre-eruption and eruption of volcanoes.



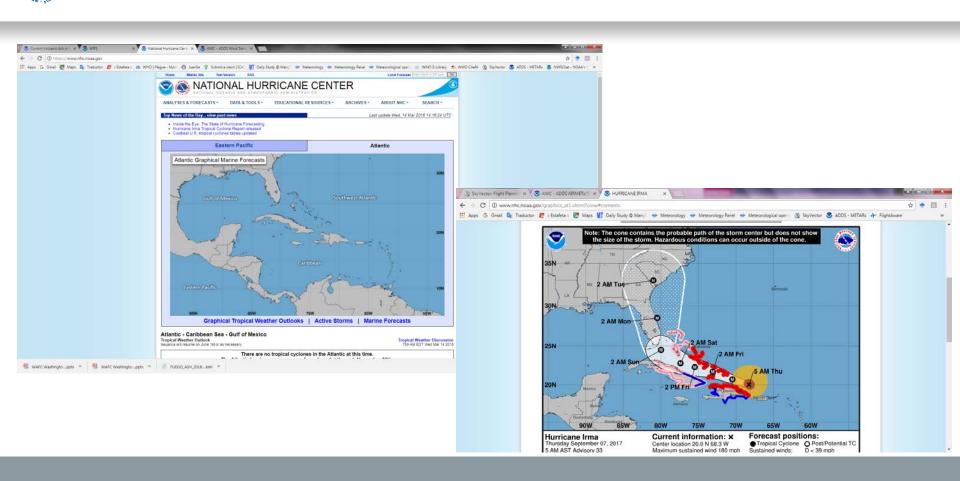
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## **Tropical cyclone watch**

- ★ Monitor the formation, movement and degradation of tropical cyclones
- ★ Advisories support the issuance of SIGMET on these events by the respective MWOs



## **Aerodrome warnings**

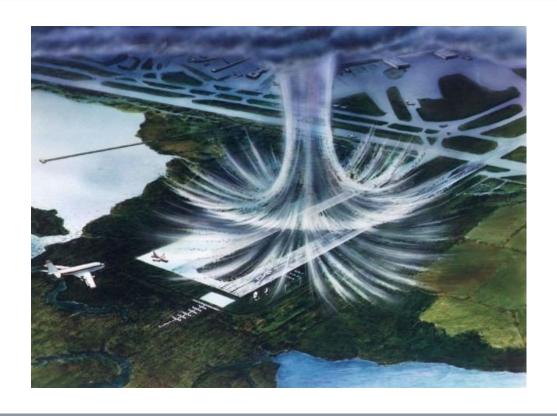
- ★ Give concise information of meteorological conditions that could adversely affect aircraft on the ground, including parked aircraft, and the aerodrome facilities and services
- ★ Aerodrome warnings should relate to the occurrence or expected occurrence of: tropical cyclone, thunderstorm, hail, snow, freezing precipitation, hoar frost or rime, sandstorm, duststorm, rising sand or dust, strong surface wind and gusts, squall, frost, volcanic ash, tsunami, volcanic ash deposition, toxic chemicals, and other phenomena as agreed locally
- ★ validity periods of not more than 24 hours



## Wind shear warnings and alerts

- ★ Prepared for aerodromes where wind shear is considered a factor
- ★ Disseminated within the aerodrome in accordance with local arrangements
- ★ Wind shear conditions are normally associated with:

thunderstorms, microbursts, funnel cloud (tornado or waterspout), and gust fronts, frontal surfaces, strong surface winds coupled with local topography; sea breeze fronts, mountain waves (including low-level rotors in the terminal area) and low-level temperature inversions



### **SIGMET and OPMET**

- ★ Significant Meteorological Conditions and Operational Meteorological Information
- ★ SIGMET information is issued by a MWO for its associated FIR and/or CTA / OPMET is issued by aerodrome meteorological offices
- ★ Messages that describe the location of specified en-route weather phenomena which may affect the safety of aircraft operations
- ★ SIGMETs are required to be issued whenever thunderstorms, turbulence, icing, mountain waves, volcanic ash clouds, tropical cyclones and radioactive clouds occur or are expected to occur
- ★ OPMET information, including METAR/SPECI and TAF, provide information on the observed occurrence of specified meteorological conditions at the aerodrome:
  - surface wind, visibility, weather, cloud, temperature and atmospheric pressure



https://www.aviationweather.gov/sigmet



http://www.metoffice.gov.tt/watches warnings

### **Guidance** material

- ★ ICAO Doc 7192, Training Manual Part F1 Meteorology for Air Traffic Controllers and Pilots
- ★ ICAO Doc 8896, Manual of Aeronautical Meteorological Practice
- ★ ICAO Doc 9161, Manual on Air Navigation Services Economics
- ★ ICAO Doc 9377, Manual on Coordination between Air Traffic Services, Aeronautical Information Services and Aeronautical Meteorological Services
- ★ ICAO Doc 9691, Manual on Volcanic Ash, Radioactive Material and Toxic Chemical Clouds
- ★ ICAO Doc 9766, Handbook on the International Airways Volcano Watch Operational Procedures and Contact List
- ★ ICAO Doc 9817, Manual on Low Level Wind Shear
- ★ ICAO Doc 9855, Guidelines on the Use of the Public Internet for Aeronautical Applications
- ★ ICAO Doc 9328, Manual of Runway Visual Range Observing and Reporting Practices
- ★ ICAO Doc 9837, Manual on Automatic Meteorological Observing Systems at Aerodromes
- ★ ICAO Doc 9873, Manual on the Quality Management System for the Provision of Meteorological Service to International Air Navigation



