



Nineteenth Meeting of the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS/19)
 Online, 27 – 29 October 2021

Agenda Item 4: Global and Interregional Activities

GLOBAL AND INTERREGIONAL ACTIVITIES (GRF, SNOWNOTAM, GLOBAL NOTAM CAMPAIGN)

(Presented by Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This working paper presents to the Meeting on the Implementation and issuance of the Global Reporting Format (GRF), SNOWTAM and the Global Campaign for the Improvement of NOTAM (NOTAM2021) the one for the ICAO CAR Region, applicable from November 4, 2021, in accordance with Amendment 42 to ICAO Annex 15	
Action:	Action required in Section 4.
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency • Safety
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 11 - Air Traffic Services • Annex 14 Vol. I - Aerodrome design and operations • Annex 15 - Aeronautical Information Services • Doc 10066 - PANS AIM • Doc 4444 - PANS-ATM • Doc 8126 - Aeronautical Information Services Manual • ICAO Circular 355 • SNOWTAM Emission Guide prepared by the ICAO EURNAT Office

1. Introduction

1.1 During the Fourth Meeting of the Task Force for the Implementation of Aeronautical Information Management (AIM/TF/4) of the North America, Central America and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG), held online on 11 May 2021, the Rapporteur presented important information on how, through the Global NOTAM 2021 Campaign at ICAO Headquarters. It has been indicated that, in one day, there may be some 35,000 active NOTAMs circulating in the global air transport system.

1.2 On April 8, 2021, ICAO Headquarters launched a new Global Campaign on NOTAM Improvement (NOTAM2021) at the start of Phase 1, with a global webinar, in collaboration with its seven Regional Offices on old NOTAMs.

1.3 The first presentations and recordings of the World NOTAM Campaign Webinar are available at:
<https://www.icao.int/Meetings/NOTAM2021/Pages/default.aspx>

1.4 Moreover Amendment 39-B of Annex 15 refers to the Amendment relating to the use of a Global reporting format for the assessment and reporting of the condition of the runway surface (GRF).

1.5 Later with Amendment 42 to Annex 15, the General Secretariat communicates, on 30 July 2020, that it postponed the applicability of the new SNOWTAM format to 4 November 2021, considering the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1.6 Follow-up webinars were scheduled for 16 June, 31 August, 28 October, and 15 December 2021. Follow-up Webinar registration links, as well as other information about the campaign, including a tool NOTAMeter, is presented on the ICAO NOTAM website:

<https://www.icao.int/airnavigation/information-management/Pages/GlobalNOTAMcampaign.aspx>

2. Discussion

2.1 The objective of the Campaign is to reduce the number of old NOTAMs in circulation. Duplicate NOTAMs also add to the large number of NOTAMs that a flight crew must read before the flight.

2.2 The Secretariat has brought up the issue of the new SNOWTAM format during the NACC regional meetings where AIM and AIM TF issues are discussed. In common, the States of the CAR and SAM Regions have indicated that, by modifying the SNOWTAM format, and including other phenomena, other than snow, in the scope of the new SNOWTAM, an additional effort is needed for the States that do not have experience with the management of this type of NOTAM.

2.3 The Secretariat, with the support of the AIM heads of the States, analyzed the preparation of a SNOWTAM Emission Guide, based on the contents of ICAO Annexes 14, 15, of the PANS AGA, PANS AIM Documents, ICAO Circular 355 and the SNOWTAM Emission Guide prepared by the ICAO EURNAT Office.

2. Tasks related to the global NOTAM campaign

3.1 The tasks related to the Global NOTAM Campaign within the AIM/TF are to seek the development of means to help States minimize outstanding, old or permanent (permanent) NOTAMs and to ensure that NOTAMs are published in accordance with the Standards established in Annex 15 and the new edition of Doc 8126 as well as with Doc 10066 - PANS-AIM.

3.2 State Letter Ref.: *E.OSG - NACC86055* was issued, dated 10 June 2021, informing the start of Phase 1 on the old NOTAMs, and inviting the States to participate at upcoming events on this topic. There are also tasks to participate in the Global NOTAM 2021 Campaign, providing additional presentations and developments within the region on this topic.

3.3 The AIM/TF Rapporteur has developed a tool in MS-Excel format, the NOTAM Validity Tracking Tool, which helps the data originator to keep a record of the NOTAMs it has published. This tool provides a start to help minimize duplicate NOTAMs.

4. Suggested actions

4.1 Based on the above, the Meeting is invited to:

- a) review the information available on the GRF, SNOWTAM and discuss any relevant related matters as appropriate;
- b) consider the approval of the SNOWTAM emission guide for the ICAO CAR/SAM Regions;
- c) urge States, Territories and International Organizations to participate in the Global NOTAM 2021 Campaign; and
- d) urge the Civil Aviation Administrations of the States to carry out the necessary actions to implement or participate in the provisions indicated in items a), b) and c).

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