MODEL ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FLIGHT PLAN FORMAT

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper contains a model action plan for the implementation of the new flight plan format, which the States of the Region can use to prepare the national plans for the implementation of the new flight plan format.

References:

- Report of the SAM/IG/4 meeting (Lima, Peru, 19-23 October 2009);
- Report of the SAM/IG/5 meeting (Lima, Peru, 10-14 May 2010); and
- Report of the CNS/ATM/SG/1 meeting (Lima, Peru, 15-19 March 2010).

ICAO Strategic Objectives:

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1. Introduction

1.1 The SAM/IG/4 meeting, upon analysing the implementation of the new flight plan format, formulated Conclusion SAM/IG/4-11 – *Action plan for the implementation of Amendment 1 to Doc. 4444*, urging SAM States to start the development of their respective action plan for the implementation of said amendment.

1.2 In order to ensure a homogeneous and timely transition by States/Territories/International Organisations from the current to the new ICAO FPL format, the CNS/ATM/SG/1 meeting adopted Conclusion CNS/ATM/1-8 - *Implementation of the new flight plan format in the CAR/SAM Regions*, which, in view of the need to take immediate action with respect to the draft conclusions formulated by the GREPECAS Subgroups, was approved by the CAR/SAM States/Territories/International Organisations through the GREPECAS fast-track procedure, according to paragraph 1.2.3.7 b) of the GREPECAS Procedural Handbook.

1.3 The conclusion, *inter alia*, urges States/Territories/International Organisations to develop action plans, taking into account the CAR/SAM regional strategy for the harmonious implementation of the new ICAO flight plan format and the associated ATS messages.

1.4 At the SAM/IG/5 meeting, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay presented their initial plans for the implementation of the new flight plan format.
2. Analysis

2.1 In order for the action plans to be developed by the States to be in harmony with the CAR/SAM regional strategy of the SAM regional implementation plan and contain similar requirements, a model action plan has been prepared, which is shown in the Appendix to this working paper.

2.2 The model action plan contains eight sections. The first four sections (objectives, scope, background and reference documentation for the implementation of the action plan) and the eighth section (attachments) contain common information that could be included in all the action plans of the States of the Region.

2.3 Section 5 - Identification of the activities preceding the implementation of the new flight plan format, Section 6 - Activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format and Section 7 - Timetable of activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format, would be developed by the States following the instructions contained in the model.

3. Suggested action

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

   a) Take note of the information contained in this paper;
   b) Analyse the model action plan shown in the appendix to this working paper so that it may be used as a standard model for the development of national plans for the implementation of the new flight plan format; and
   c) Analyse other related matters that the Meeting may deem necessary.
APPENDIX

MODEL ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FLIGHT PLAN FORMAT (AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FIFTEENTH EDITION OF ICAO DOCUMENT 4444)

Instructions for the development of the action plan

The attached document shows a model action plan for the implementation of the new flight plan format so that all SAM States may use the same format.

The model action plan contains eight sections. The content of the first four sections (objectives, scope, background and reference documentation for the implementation of the action plan) and of the eighth section (attachments) is suggested as standard material to be included in all action plans of the States.

In order to develop the action plan, the States should complete the content of Section 5 - Identification of activities to be carried out before the implementation of the new flight plan format, Section 6 - Activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format and Section 7 - Timetable for the execution of the activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format following the instructions shown in the model.
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1. **Objective**

1.1 To present the plan for the implementation of the new flight plan format specified in Amendment 1 to the Fifteenth Edition of ICAO Document 4444, following ICAO guidance contained in State Letter AN 13/2.1-09/9 of 6 February 2009, as well as the CAR/SAM implementation strategy and the action plan for the implementation of the new flight plan format of the SAM Region.

2. **Scope**

2.1 This document contains the action plans for the implementation of the new flight plan format during the time period comprised between 2010 and 15 November 2012.

3. **Background**

3.1 Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the PANS-ATM – Doc 4444 was published on 25 June 2008 in ICAO State Letter AN13/2.1-08/50. The amendment seeks mainly to update the ICAO flight plan format to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems.

3.2 Although Amendment 1 has been published, all the information contained in Document 4444 concerning the flight plan format remains unchanged until the implementation of the new format on 15 November 2012.

3.3 The implementation of the new format warrants a change in the systems involved in the flight plan process, as well as a transition period in which both the new and current flight plans will operate until the new flight plan will be the only one operating.

3.4 Both airspace users and air navigation service providers are involved in this process. The implementation of the new flight plan format is a joint task of users and air navigation service providers at national, regional and inter-regional level.

3.5 In order to support the States in the transition to the new flight plan format, ICAO has developed guidance for the implementation of flight plan information, in keeping with Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the PANS-ATM – Doc 4444. This guidance is contained in ICAO State letter AN 13/2.1-09/9 of 6 February 2009.

3.6 This guidance was developed in order to make it easier for airspace users and air navigation service providers to use concurrently the current and the new information of flight data processing systems during the transition period.

3.7 At national level, in relation to the implementation of the amendment, the GREPECAS/15 meeting formulated Conclusion 15/35 - *Implementation of the new ICAO flight plan model*, with a view to the development of a regional strategy for the transition to the new flight plan model in the CAR/SAM Regions.

3.8 The CNS/ATM/SG/1 meeting, held in Lima, Peru, on 15-19 March 2010, adopted the *Strategy for the implementation of Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the ICAO PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) in the CAR/SAM Regions* through Conclusion CNS/ATM/1-8, which was approved by the States/Territories/International Organisations through the GREPECAS fast-track procedure.
4. **Reference documentation for the development of the action plan**

4.1 The following documentation has been used as reference for the formulation of the action plan:

4.1.1 ICAO State letter AN/13/2.1-08/50 of 25 June 2008 (Amendment 1 of the Procedures for air navigation services — *Air traffic management*, 15th Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)).

4.1.2 ICAO State letter AN/13/2.1-09/9 of 6 February 2009 (Guidance for implementation of flight plan information to support Amendment 1 of the *Procedures for air navigation services — Air traffic management*, 15th Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)).

4.1.3 Strategy for the implementation of Amendment 1 of the 15th Edition of the ICAO PANS-ATM (Document 4444) in the CAR/SAM Regions.

4.1.4 Action plan for the implementation of the new flight plan format in the SAM Region - Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the ICAO PANS-ATM (Document 4444).

5. **Identification of the activities to be carried out before the implementation of the new flight plan format**

5.1 **Identification of the installed equipment that may be affected by the new flight plan format**

5.1.1 This section would contain a list of possible equipment installed at the various ATS units at national level that might be affected by the implementation of the new flight plan format. For each piece of equipment identified, indicate model, manufacturer, year of installation, place where it is installed, and possible block configuration.

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<th>Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>AFTN system</td>
<td>Syseca</td>
<td>1995</td>
<td>AFTN equipment terminals containing the FPL template are installed at all aerodromes, control towers, APP and ACCs at national level.</td>
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<td>FDP Processor, terminal equipment, display systems</td>
<td>INDRA Aircom 2000</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>FDP terminals installed in the ACC, APP, and ... towers</td>
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5.2 **Tests to assess the impact of the implementation of the new flight plan format on the equipment identified**

5.2.1 This section will provide information about the tests to be carried out in order to analyse the impact of the implementation of the new flight plan format on each of the changes foreseen for each possible equipment identified in the flight plan process, using as a possible model the table shown in Attachment E.
5.3 Identification of the changes required in the systems involved in the flight plan during the transition period when the NEW and CURRENT flight plan formats are in operation

5.3.1 This section will identify in what systems involved in the flight plans will changes be required during the transition period during which both the CURRENT and the NEW flight plan formats are to be used.

5.4 Identification of the national team that will carry out the implementation of the new flight plan format

5.4.1 This section will include a list of the individuals involved in the implementation of the new flight plan format, identifying the responsibilities assigned to each of them. The designated personnel should come from both the air navigation service provider and the users.

5.5 Identification of the training activities required for the implementation of the new flight plan format

5.5.1 This section will describe the training activities foreseen for the operational and technical personnel of air navigation service providers involved in flight plan management and in the required training of airspace users.

5.6 Development of contingency procedures and technical/operational considerations for the transition

5.6.1 This section will provide information about the contingency procedures to be implemented in case the activities contemplated for the implementation of the new flight plan format are not implemented on time.

6. Activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format

6.1 Process for the implementation of the new flight plan format

6.1.1 This section must contain information about the process that the State will carry out for the implementation of the new flight plan format, as well as the processing capacity during the transition period of the CURRENT and NEW flight plan format, describing whether it will be carried out by staff of the aeronautical administration itself or through a bidding process.

6.2 Operational tests with the NEW and CURRENT flight plan formats

6.2.1 This section should contain information about the national and inter-State tests on the NEW and CURRENT flight plans, with a view to the concurrent operation of the CURRENT and NEW flight plan formats from 1 July 2012 to 15 November 2012.
7. **Timetable for the execution of activities for the implementation of the new flight plan format**

7.1 This section will describe the estimated dates for the implementation of the activities described in Sections 5 and 6 of the action plan. To this end, it is suggested that the GANTT of Microsoft Project be used. It is important to note that, for a harmonious implementation of the flight plan in all the States of the Region, implementation dates must be aligned with those established in the regional action plan for the SAM Region.

8. **Attachments**
Subject: Approval of Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM

Action required: a) Implementation of the amendment on 15 November 2012; b) Publication of any differences as of 15 November 2012

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to inform you that the Air Navigation Commission, acting under delegated authority, at the first and second meetings of its 177th Session, on 22 and 24 January 2008, approved Amendment 1 to the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management, Fifteenth Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) for applicability on 15 November 2012. The amendment was approved on 27 May 2008 by the President of the Council on behalf of the Council in accordance with established procedure.

2. Amendment 1 stems from the work of the Flight Plan Study Group (FPLSG). The nature and scope of the amendment is to update the ICAO model flight plan form in order to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, while taking into account compatibility with existing systems, human factors, training, cost and transition aspects.

3. Copies of the interim edition of the amendment are available as attachments to the electronic version of this State letter on the ICAO-NET (www.icao.int/icaonet). The interim edition contains the text as it was approved by the Council and provided to you pending the issue of the replacement pages for the PANS-ATM in which the amendment will be incorporated. Please note that the attached amendment consists solely of a change to the ICAO model flight plan form, related ATS messages and procedures and has an applicability date of 15 November 2012. As the existing ICAO flight plan will remain in use during the interim period it is deemed premature for ICAO to distribute the blue cover State letter containing the replacement pages associated with the amendment. Therefore, the replacement pages will be distributed in October 2012. In the meantime, you may wish to use the amendment contained in this letter to begin updating your flight data processing systems to meet the new requirements which will be applicable in 2012.
4. In accordance with the decision of the 26th Session of the Assembly, I would like to bring to your attention the Organization’s long-standing practice of providing documentation to States upon request. In this regard, I wish to refer you to the ICAO-NET website (www.icao.int/icaonet) where you can access all relevant documentation. The practice of dispatching printed copies of such documentation has now been discontinued.

5. Your Government is invited by the Council to implement the provisions of PANS-ATM as amended. In this connection, I draw your attention to the decision taken by the Council, on 1 October 1973, to discontinue the publication of differences in Supplements to the PANS documents and, instead, to request States to publish up-to-date lists of significant differences from PANS documents in their Aeronautical Information Publications.

6. May I, therefore, invite your Government to publish in your Aeronautical Information Publication a list of any significant differences which will exist on 15 November 2012 between the amended provisions of PANS-ATM and your national regulations and practices.

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

Taïeb Chérif
Secretary General

Enclosure:
Amendment to the Foreword of the PANS-ATM
AMENDMENT TO THE FOREWORD OF THE PANS-ATM, FIFTEENTH EDITION

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The text of Amendment No. 1 to the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444) was approved by the President of the Council of ICAO on behalf of the Council on 27 May 2008 for applicability on 15 November 2012. This interim edition is distributed to facilitate implementation of the amendment by States. Replacement pages incorporating Amendment No. 1 are expected to be distributed in October 2012. (State letter AN 13/2.1-08/50 refers.)
NOTES ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The text of the amendment is arranged to show deleted text with a line through it and new text highlighted with grey shading, as shown below:

1. Text to be deleted is shown with a line through it  
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2. New text to be inserted is highlighted with grey shading  
   new text to be inserted

3. Text to be deleted is shown with a line through it followed by the replacement text which is highlighted with grey shading.  
   new text to replace existing text
CHAPTER 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

4.4 FLIGHT PLAN

4.4.1 Flight plan form

Note.— Procedures for the use of repetitive flight plans are contained in Chapter 16, Section 16.4.

4.4.1.3 Operators and air traffic services units should comply with:

a) the instructions for completion of the flight plan form and the repetitive flight plan listing form given in Appendix 2; and

b) any constraints identified in relevant Aeronautical Information Publications (AIPs).

Note 1.— Failure to adhere to the provisions of Appendix 2 or any constraint identified in relevant AIPs may result in data being rejected, processed incorrectly or lost.

Note 2.— The instructions for completing the flight plan form given in Appendix 2 may be conveniently printed on the inside cover of flight plan form pads, or posted in briefing rooms.

4.4.2 Submission of a flight plan

4.4.2.1 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

4.4.2.1.1 Flight plans shall not be submitted more than 120 hours before the estimated off-block time of a flight.

4.4.2.1.2 Except when other arrangements have been made for submission of repetitive flight plans, a flight plan submitted prior to departure should be submitted to the air traffic services reporting office at the departure aerodrome. If no such unit exists at the departure aerodrome, the flight plan should be submitted to the unit serving or designated to serve the departure aerodrome.

4.4.2.1.3 In the event of a delay of 30 minutes in excess of the estimated off-block time for a controlled flight or a delay of one hour for an uncontrolled flight for which a flight plan has been submitted, the flight plan should be amended or a new flight plan submitted and the old flight plan cancelled, whichever is applicable.
CHAPTER 11. AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES MESSAGES

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11.4 MESSAGE TYPES AND THEIR APPLICATION  

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11.4.2 Movement and control messages  

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11.4.2.2 MOVEMENT MESSAGES  

11.4.2.2.2 FILED FLIGHT PLAN (FPL) MESSAGES  

Note.— Instructions for the transmission of an FPL message are contained in Appendix 2.  

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11.4.2.2.4 MODIFICATION (CHG) MESSAGES  

A CHG message shall be transmitted when any change is to be made to basic flight plan data contained in previously transmitted FPL or RPL data. The CHG message shall be sent to those recipients of basic flight plan data which are affected by the change. Relevant revised basic flight plan data shall be provided to such affected entities not previously having received this.  

Note.— See 11.4.2.3.4 concerning notification of a change to coordination data contained in a previously transmitted current flight plan or estimate message.  

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APPENDIX 2. FLIGHT PLAN

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2. Instructions for the completion of
the flight plan form

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2.2 Instructions for insertion
of ATS data

Complete Items 7 to 18 as indicated hereunder.

Complete also Item 19 as indicated hereunder, when so required by the appropriate ATS authority or when otherwise deemed necessary.

Note 1.— Item numbers on the form are not consecutive, as they correspond to Field Type numbers in ATS messages.

Note 2.— Air traffic services data systems may impose communications or processing constraints on information in filed flight plans. Possible constraints may, for example, be limits with regard to item length, number of elements in the route item or total flight plan length. Significant constraints are documented in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication.

ITEM 7: AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION
(MAXIMUM 7 CHARACTERS)

INSERT one of the following aircraft identifications, not exceeding 7 alphanumeric characters and without hyphens or symbols:

a) the nationality or common mark and registration marking of the aircraft (e.g. EIAKO, 4XBCD, N2567GA), when:

1) in radiotelephony the call sign to be used by the aircraft will consist of this identification alone (e.g. OOTECGAIJS), or preceded by the ICAO telephony designator for the aircraft operating agency (e.g. SABENAOOTEBLIZZARDCGAIJS);

2) the aircraft is not equipped with radio;

OR  

b) the ICAO designator for the aircraft operating agency followed by the flight identification (e.g. KLM511, NGA213, JTR25) when in radiotelephony the call sign to be used by the aircraft will consist of the ICAO telephony designator for the operating agency followed by the flight identification (e.g. KLM511, NIGERIA213, HERBIESTER25).

Note 1.— Standards for nationality, common and registration marks to be used are contained in Annex 7, Chapter 2.

Note 2.— Provisions for the use of radiotelephony call signs are contained in Annex 10, Volume II, Chapter 5. ICAO designators and telephony designators for aircraft operating agencies are contained in Doc 8585 — Designators for Aircraft Operating Agencies, Aeronautical Authorities and Services.
ITEM 8: FLIGHT RULES AND TYPE OF FLIGHT (ONE OR TWO CHARACTERS)

Flight rules

INSERT one of the following letters to denote the category of flight rules with which the pilot intends to comply:

- **I**: if it is intended that the entire flight will be operated under the IFR
- **V**: if it is intended that the entire flight will be operated under the VFR
- **Y**: if the flight initially will be operated under the IFR first, followed by one or more subsequent changes of flight rules
- **Z**: if the flight initially will be operated under the VFR first, followed by one or more subsequent changes of flight rules

Specify in Item 15 the point or points at which a change of flight rules is planned.

Type of flight

INSERT one of the following letters to denote the type of flight when so required by the appropriate ATS authority:

- **S**: if scheduled air service
- **N**: if non-scheduled air transport operation
- **G**: if general aviation
- **M**: if military
- **X**: if other than any of the defined categories above.

Specify status of a flight following the indicator STS in Item 18, or when necessary to denote other reasons for specific handling by ATS, indicate the reason following the indicator RMK in Item 18.

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Radio communication, navigation and approach aid equipment and capabilities

**INSERT** one letter as follows:

- **N** if no COM/NAV/approach aid equipment for the route to be flown is carried, or the equipment is unserviceable,

- **OR** **S** if standard COM/NAV/approach aid equipment for the route to be flown is carried and serviceable (see Note 1),

**AND/OR**

**INSERT** one or more of the following letters to indicate the serviceable COM/NAV/approach aid equipment and capabilities available and serviceable:

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<td>Z</td>
<td>Other equipment carried or other capabilities (<em>see Note 25</em>)</td>
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Any alphanumeric characters not indicated above are reserved.
Note 1.— If the letter S is used, standard equipment is considered to be VHF RTF, ADF, VOR and ILS, unless another combination is prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

Note 2.— If the letter G is used, the types of external GNSS augmentation, if any, are specified in Item 18 following the indicator NAV/ and separated by a space.

Note 25.— If the letter Z is used, specify in Item 18 the other equipment carried or other capabilities, preceded by COM/ and/or NAV/ and/or DAT, as appropriate.

Note 3.— If the letter J is used, specify in Item 18 the equipment carried, preceded by DAT/ followed by one or more letters as appropriate. See RTCA/EUROCAE Interoperability Requirements Standard For ATN Baseline 1 (ATN B1 INTEROP Standard – DO-280B/ED-110B) for data link services air traffic control clearance and information/air traffic control communications management/air traffic control microphone check.

Note 4.— Information on navigation capability is provided to ATC for clearance and routing purposes.

Note 5.— Inclusion of If the letter R is used, the performance based navigation levels that can be met are specified in Item 18 following the indicator PBN/. Guidance material on the application of performance based navigation to a specific route segment(s), route(s) and/or area concerned is contained in the Performance-Based Navigation Manual (Doc 9613).

Surveillance equipment and capabilities

INSERT N if no surveillance equipment for the route to be flown is carried, or the equipment is unserviceable.

OR

INSERT one or two more of the following letters/descriptors, to a maximum of 20 characters, to describe the serviceable surveillance equipment carried and/or capabilities on board:

SSR equipment
SSR Modes A and C

N  Nil
A  Transponder — Mode A (4 digits — 4 096 codes)
C  Transponder — Mode A (4 digits — 4 096 codes) and Mode C

SSR Mode S

X  Transponder — Mode S without both aircraft identification and pressure-altitude transmission
E  Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude and extended squitter (ADS-B) capability
H  Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude and enhanced surveillance capability
I  Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, but no pressure-altitude capability
L  Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude, extended squitter (ADS-B) and enhanced surveillance capability
P  Transponder — Mode S, including pressure-altitude, but no aircraft identification
transmission capability

I Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification transmission, but no pressure-altitude transmission

S Transponder — Mode S, including both pressure altitude and aircraft identification transmission

X Transponder — Mode S with neither aircraft identification nor pressure-altitude capability

Note.— Enhanced surveillance capability is the ability of the aircraft to down-link aircraft derived data via a Mode S transponder.

**ADS-B**

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<td>ADS-B with dedicated 1090 MHz ADS-B “out” and “in” capability</td>
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<td>U1</td>
<td>ADS-B “out” capability using UAT</td>
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<td>U2</td>
<td>ADS-B “out” and “in” capability using UAT</td>
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<td>V1</td>
<td>ADS-B “out” capability using VDL Mode 4</td>
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<td>G1</td>
<td>ADS-C with ATN capabilities</td>
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</table>

**ADS equipment**

D — ADS capability

Alphanumeric characters not indicated above are reserved.

Example: ADE3RV/HB2U2V2G1

Note.— Additional surveillance application should be listed in Item 18 following the indicator SUR/.

**ITEM 13: DEPARTURE AERODROME AND TIME (8 CHARACTERS)**

Insert the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the departure aerodrome as specified in Doc 7910, *Location Indicators*.

*OR.* if no location indicator has been assigned,

Insert ZZZZ and specify, in Item 18, the name and location of the aerodrome preceded by DEP/.

*OR.* the first point of the route or the marker radio beacon preceded by DEP/..., if the aircraft has not taken off from the aerodrome.

*OR.* if the flight plan is received from an aircraft in flight,

Insert AFIL, and specify, in Item 18, the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the location of the ATS unit from which supplementary flight plan data can be obtained, preceded by DEP/.
THEN, WITHOUT A SPACE,

INSERT for a flight plan submitted before departure, the estimated off-block time (EOBT).

OR, for a flight plan received from an aircraft in flight, the actual or estimated time over the first point of the route to which the flight plan applies.

ITEM 15: ROUTE

INSERT the first cruising speed as in (a) and the first cruising level as in (b), without a space between them.

THEN, following the arrow, INSERT the route description as in (c).

(a) Cruising speed (maximum 5 characters)

INSERT the True Air Speed for the first or the whole cruising portion of the flight, in terms of:

- Kilometres per hour, expressed as K followed by 4 figures (e.g. K0830), or
- Knots, expressed as N followed by 4 figures (e.g. N0485), or
- True Mach number, when so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority, to the nearest hundredth of unit Mach, expressed as M followed by 3 figures (e.g. M082).

(b) Cruising level (maximum 5 characters)

INSERT the planned cruising level for the first or the whole portion of the route to be flown, in terms of:

- Flight level, expressed as F followed by 3 figures (e.g. F085; F330), or
- *Standard Metric Level in tens of metres, expressed as S followed by 4 figures (e.g. S1130), or
- Altitude in hundreds of feet, expressed as A followed by 3 figures (e.g. A045; A100), or
- Altitude in tens of metres, expressed as M followed by 4 figures (e.g. M0840), or

for uncontrolled VFR flights, the letters VFR.

*When so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authorities.

(c) Route (including changes of speed, level and/or flight rules)

Flights along designated ATS routes

INSERT, if the departure aerodrome is located on or connected to the ATS route, the designator of the first ATS route.
if the departure aerodrome is not on or connected to the ATS route, the letters DCT followed by
the point of joining the first ATS route, followed by the designator of the ATS route.

THEN

INSERT each point at which either a change of speed and/or level is planned to commence, or a change
of ATS route, and/or a change of flight rules is planned.

Note.— When a transition is planned between a lower and upper ATS route and the routes are
oriented in the same direction, the point of transition need not be inserted.

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by the designator of the next ATS route segment, even if the same as the previous one,

OR by DCT, if the flight to the next point will be outside a designated route, unless both points are
defined by geographical coordinates.

Flights outside designated ATS routes

INSERT points normally not more than 30 minutes flying time or 370 km (200 NM) apart, including
each point at which a change of speed or level, a change of track, or a change of flight rules
is planned.

OR, when required by appropriate ATS authority(ies),

DEFINE the track of flights operating predominantly in an east-west direction between 70°N and 70°S
by reference to significant points formed by the intersections of half or whole degrees of
latitude with meridians spaced at intervals of 10 degrees of longitude. For flights operating in
areas outside those latitudes the tracks shall be defined by significant points formed by the
intersection of parallels of latitude with meridians normally spaced at 20 degrees of
longitude. The distance between significant points shall, as far as possible, not exceed one
hour’s flight time. Additional significant points shall be established as deemed necessary.

For flights operating predominantly in a north-south direction, define tracks by reference to
significant points formed by the intersection of whole degrees of longitude with specified
parallels of latitude which are spaced at 5 degrees.

INSERT DCT between successive points unless both points are defined by geographical coordinates or
by bearing and distance.

USE ONLY the conventions in (1) to (5) below and SEPARATE each sub-item by a space.

(1) **ATS route (2 to 7 characters)**

The coded designator assigned to the route or route segment including, where appropriate, the coded
designator assigned to the standard departure or arrival route (e.g. BCN1, Bl, R14, UB10, KODAP2A).

Note.— Provisions for the application of route designators are contained in Annex 11, Appendix 1,
whilst guidance material on the application of an RNP type to a specific route segment(s), route(s) or
area is contained in the Manual on Required Navigation Performance (RNP) (Doc 9613).
(2) Significant point (2 to 11 characters)

The coded designator (2 to 5 characters) assigned to the point (e.g. LN, MAY, HADDY), or, if no coded designator has been assigned, one of the following ways:

— Degrees only (7 characters):

2 figures describing latitude in degrees, followed by “N” (North) or “S” (South), followed by 3 figures describing longitude in degrees, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. 46N078W.

— Degrees and minutes (11 characters):

4 figures describing latitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes followed by “N” (North) or “S” (South), followed by 5 figures describing longitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. 4620N07805W.

— Bearing and distance from a navigation aid significant point:

The identification of the navigation aid (normally a VOR) significant point, in the form of 2 or 3 characters, THEN followed by the bearing from the aid point in the form of 3 figures giving degrees magnetic, THEN followed by the distance from the aid point in the form of 3 figures expressing nautical miles. In areas of high latitude where it is determined by the appropriate authority that reference to degrees magnetic is impractical, degrees true may be used. Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros — e.g. a point 180° magnetic at a distance of 40 nautical miles from VOR “DUB” should be expressed as DUB180040.

(3) Change of speed or level (maximum 21 characters)

The point at which a change of speed (5% TAS or 0.01 Mach or more) or a change of level is planned to commence, expressed exactly as in (2) above, followed by an oblique stroke and both the cruising speed and the cruising level, expressed exactly as in (a) and (b) above, without a space between them, even when only one of these quantities will be changed.

Examples:  LN/N0284A045
          MAY/N0305Fl80
          HADDY/N0420F330
          4602N07805W/N0500F350
          46N078W/M082F330
          DUB180040/N0350M0840

(4) Change of flight rules (maximum 3 characters)

The point at which the change of flight rules is planned, expressed exactly as in (2) or (3) above as appropriate, followed by a space and one of the following:
VFR if from IFR to VFR
IFR if from VFR to IFR

Examples: LN VFR
LN/N0284A050 IFR

(5) Cruise climb (maximum 28 characters)

The letter C followed by an oblique stroke; THEN the point at which cruise climb is planned to start, expressed exactly as in (2) above, followed by an oblique stroke; THEN the speed to be maintained during cruise climb, expressed exactly as in (a) above, followed by the two levels defining the layer to be occupied during cruise climb, each level expressed exactly as in (b) above, or the level above which cruise climb is planned followed by the letters PLUS, without a space between them.

Examples: C/48N050W/M082F290F350
C/48N050W/M082F290PLUS
C/52N050W/M220F580F620.

ITEM 16: DESTINATION AERODROME AND TOTAL ESTIMATED ELAPSED TIME, DESTINATION ALTERNATE AERODROME(S)

Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time (8 characters)

INSERT the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the destination aerodrome followed, without a space, by the total estimated elapsed time as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators.

OR, if no location indicator has been assigned, INSERT ZZZZ followed, without a space, by the total estimated elapsed time, and SPECIFY in Item 18 the name and location of the aerodrome, preceded by DEST/.

THEN WITHOUT A SPACE

INSERT the total estimated elapsed time.

Note.— For a flight plan received from an aircraft in flight, the total estimated elapsed time is the estimated time from the first point of the route to which the flight plan applies to the termination point of the flight plan.

Destination alternate aerodrome(s) (4 characters)

INSERT the ICAO four-letter location indicator(s) of not more than two destination alternate aerodromes, as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators, separated by a space, OR, if no location indicator has been assigned to the destination alternate aerodrome(s).
**INSERT ZZZZ and SPECIFY in Item 18 the name and location of the destination alternate aerodrome(s), preceded by ALTN/.**

**ITEM 18: OTHER INFORMATION**

*Note.— Use of indicators not included under this item may result in data being rejected, processed incorrectly or lost.*

Hyphens or oblique strokes should only be used as prescribed below.

**INSERT 0 (zero) if no other information,**

**OR,** any other necessary information in the preferred sequence shown hereunder, in the form of the appropriate indicator selected from those defined hereunder followed by an oblique stroke and the information to be recorded:

**STS/ Reason for special handling by ATS, e.g. a search and rescue mission, as follows:**

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<tr>
<td>ATFMX</td>
<td>for a flight approved for exemption from ATFM measures by the appropriate ATS authority;</td>
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<tr>
<td>FFR</td>
<td>fire-fighting;</td>
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<tr>
<td>FLTCK</td>
<td>flight check for calibration of navaids;</td>
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<tr>
<td>HAZMAT</td>
<td>for a flight carrying hazardous material;</td>
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<td>HEAD</td>
<td>a flight with Head of State status;</td>
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<td>HOSP</td>
<td>for a medical flight declared by medical authorities;</td>
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<td>HUM</td>
<td>for a flight operating on a humanitarian mission;</td>
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<td>MARSA</td>
<td>for a flight for which a military entity assumes responsibility for separation of military aircraft;</td>
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<td>MEDEVAC</td>
<td>for a life critical medical emergency evacuation;</td>
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<tr>
<td>NONRVS</td>
<td>for a non-RVSM capable flight intending to operate in RVSM airspace;</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAR</td>
<td>for a flight engaged in a search and rescue mission; and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATE</td>
<td>for a flight engaged in military, customs or police services.</td>
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</table>

Other reasons for special handling by ATS shall be denoted under the designator RMK/.

**PBN/ Indication of RNAV and/or RNP capabilities. Include as many of the descriptors below, as apply to the flight, up to a maximum of 8 entries, i.e. a total of not more than 16 characters.**

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### C3
RNAV 2 DME/DME

### C4
RNAV 2 DME/DME/IRU

### D1
RNAV 1 all permitted sensors

### D2
RNAV 1 GNSS

### D3
RNAV 1 DME/DME

### D4
RNAV 1 DME/DME/IRU

### RNP SPECIFICATIONS

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<td>RNP APCH</td>
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<td>S2</td>
<td>RNP APCH with BARO-VNAV</td>
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<td>T1</td>
<td>RNP AR APCH with RF (special authorization required)</td>
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<td>T2</td>
<td>RNP AR APCH without RF (special authorization required)</td>
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Combinations of alphanumeric characters not indicated above are reserved.

**EET/** Significant points or FIR boundary designators and accumulated estimated elapsed times to such points or FIR boundaries, when so prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements, or by the appropriate ATS authority.

Examples:  EET/CAP0745 XYZ0830  
            EET/EINN0204

**RIF/** The route details to the revised destination aerodrome, followed by the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the aerodrome. The revised route is subject to reclearance in flight.

Examples: RIF/DTA HEC KLAX  
          RIF/ESP G94 CLA YPPH  
          RIF/LEMD

**REG/** The registration markings of the aircraft, if different from the aircraft identification in Item 7.

**SEL/** SELCAL Code, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

**OPR/** Name of the operator, if not obvious from the aircraft identification in Item 7.

**STS/** Reason for special handling by ATS, e.g. hospital aircraft, one engine inoperative, e.g. STS/HOSP, STS/ONE ENG INOP.

**TYP/** Type(s) of aircraft, preceded if necessary by number(s) of aircraft, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 9.

**PER/** Aircraft performance data, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.
COM/ Significant data related to communication equipment as required by the appropriate ATS authority, e.g. COM/UHF only.

DAT/ Significant data related to data link capability, using one or more of the letters S, H, V and M, e.g. DAT/S for satellite data link, DAT/H for HF data link, DAT/V for VHF data link, DAT/M for SSR Mode S data link.

NAV/ Significant data related to navigation equipment, other than specified in PBN/, as required by the appropriate ATS authority. Indicate GNSS augmentation under this indicator, with a space between two or more methods of augmentation, e.g. NAV/GBAS SBAS.

COM/ Indicate communications applications or capabilities not specified in Item 10a.

DAT/ Indicate data applications or capabilities not specified in 10a.

SUR/ Include surveillance applications or capabilities not specified in Item 10b.

DEP/ Name and location of departure aerodrome, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 13, or the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the location of the ATS unit from which supplementary flight plan data can be obtained, if AFIL is inserted in Item 13. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location as follows:

With 4 figures describing latitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes followed by “N” (North) or “S” (South), followed by 5 figures describing longitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. 4620N07805W (11 characters).

OR, Bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as follows:

The identification of the significant point followed by the bearing from the point in the form of 3 figures giving degrees magnetic, followed by the distance from the point in the form of 3 figures expressing nautical miles. In areas of high latitude where it is determined by the appropriate authority that reference to degrees magnetic is impractical, degrees true may be used. Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. a point of 180° magnetic at a distance of 40 nautical miles from VOR “DUB” should be expressed as DUB180040.

OR, The first point of the route (name or LAT/LONG) or the marker radio beacon, if the aircraft has not taken off from an aerodrome.

DEST/ Name and location of destination aerodrome, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described under DEP/ above.

DOF/ The date of flight departure in a six figure format (YYMMDD, where YY equals the year, MM equals the month and DD equals the day).

REG/ The nationality or common mark and registration mark of the aircraft, if different from the aircraft identification in Item 7.
EET/ Significant points or FIR boundary designators and accumulated estimated elapsed times from take-off to such points or FIR boundaries, when so prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements, or by the appropriate ATS authority.

Examples: EET/CAP0745 XYZ0830  
EET/EINN0204

SEL/ SELCAL Code, for aircraft so equipped.

TYP/ Type(s) of aircraft, preceded if necessary without a space by number(s) of aircraft and separated by one space, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 9.

Example: TYP/2F15 5F5 3B2

ALTN/ Name of destination alternate aerodrome(s), if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16.

RALT/ Name of en-route alternate aerodrome(s).

CODE/ Aircraft address (expressed in the form of an alphanumerical code of six hexadecimal characters) when required by the appropriate ATS authority. Example: “F00001” is the lowest aircraft address contained in the specific block administered by ICAO.

DLE/ Enroute delay or holding, insert the significant point(s) on the route where a delay is planned to occur, followed by the length of delay using four figure time in hours and minutes (hhmm).

Example: DLE/MDG0030

OPR/ ICAO designator or name of the aircraft operating agency, if different from the aircraft identification in item 7.

ORGN/ The originator’s 8 letter AFTN address or other appropriate contact details, in cases where the originator of the flight plan may not be readily identified, as required by the appropriate ATS authority.

Note.— In some areas, flight plan reception centres may insert the ORGN/ identifier and originator’s AFTN address automatically.

PER/ Aircraft performance data, indicated by a single letter as specified in the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS, Doc 8168), Volume I — Flight Procedures, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

ALTN/ Name of destination alternate aerodrome(s), if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

RALT/ ICAO four letter indicator(s) for en-route alternate(s), as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators, or name(s) of en-route alternate aerodrome(s), if no indicator is allocated. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

TALT/ ICAO four letter indicator(s) for take-off alternate, as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators, or name of take-off alternate aerodrome, if no indicator is allocated. For aerodromes
not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

RIF/ The route details to the revised destination aerodrome, following by the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the aerodrome. The revised route is subject to reclearance in flight.

Examples: RIF/DTA HEC KLAX  
RIF/ESP G94 CLA YPPH

RMK/ Any other plain language remarks when required by the appropriate ATS authority or deemed necessary.

ITEM 19: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

4. Instructions for the transmission of a supplementary flight plan (SPL) message

Items to be transmitted

Transmit items as indicated hereunder, unless otherwise prescribed:

a) AFTN Priority Indicator, Addressee Indicators <<, Filing Time, Originator Indicator << and, if necessary, specific identification of addressees and/or originator;

b) commencing with << (SPL:

all symbols and data in the unshaded areas of boxes 7, 13, 16 and 18, except that the ‘)’ at the end of box 18 is not to be transmitted, and then the symbols in the unshaded area of box 19 down to and including the )<< of box 19,

additional alignment functions as necessary to prevent the inclusion of more than 69 characters in any line of Items 18 and 19. The alignment function is to be inserted only in lieu of a space, so as not to break up a group of data,

letter shifts and figure shifts (not pre-printed on the form) as necessary;

c) the AFTN Ending, as described below:

End-of-Text Signal

a) one LETTER SHIFT

b) two CARRIAGE RETURNS, one LINE FEED

Page-feed Sequence

Seven LINE FEEDS

End-of-Message Signal
Four of the letter N.

7. Instructions for the completion of the repetitive flight plan (RPL) listing form

7.4 Instructions for insertion of RPL data

ITEM G: SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AT

INSERT name and appropriate contact details of contact entity where information normally provided under Item 19 of the FPL is kept readily available and can be supplied without delay.
1.2 The standard types of field

The standard fields of data permitted in ATS messages are as shown in the following table. The numbers in column 1 correspond with those in the reference table on page A3-30.

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<td>Amendment</td>
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1.6 Data conventions

1.6.3 *The expression of position or route*

The following alternative data conventions shall be used for the expression of position or route:

a) from 2 to 7 characters, being the coded designator assigned to an ATS route to be flown;

b) from 2 to 5 characters, being the coded designator assigned to an en-route point;
c) 4 numerics describing latitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes, followed by “N” (meaning “North”) or “S” (South), followed by 5 numerics describing longitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). The correct number of numerics is to be made up, where necessary, by the insertion of zeros, e.g. “4620N07805W”;

d) 2 numerics describing latitude in degrees, followed by “N” (North) or “S” (South), followed by 3 numerics describing longitude in degrees, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). Again, the correct number of numerics is to be made up, where necessary, by the insertion of zeros, e.g. “46N078W”;

e) 2 or 3 to 5 characters being the coded identification of a navigation aid (normally a VOR) significant point, followed by 3 decimal numerics giving the bearing from the point in degrees magnetic followed by 3 decimal numerics giving the distance from the point in nautical miles. The correct number of numerics is to be made up, where necessary, by the insertion of zeros, e.g. a point at 180° magnetic at a distance of 40 nautical miles from VOR “FOJ” would be expressed as “FOJ180040”.

Field Type 8 — Flight rules and type of flight

* Format:—  a b

SINGLE HYPHEN

(a)  Flight Rules
1 LETTER as follows:
I if IFR it is intended that the entire flight will be operated under the IFR
V if VFR it is intended that the entire flight will be operated under the VFR
Y if IFR first the flight initially will be operated under the IFR, followed by one or more subsequent changes of flight rules
Z if VFR first the flight initially will be operated under the VFR, followed by one or more subsequent changes of flight rules

Note.— If the letter Y or Z is used, the point or points at which a change of flight rules is planned is to be shown as indicated in Field Type 15.

* This field shall be terminated here unless indication of the type of flight is required by the appropriate ATS authority.

Field Type 10 — Equipment and Capabilities

Format:—  a / b
(a) Radio Communication, Navigation and Approach Aid Equipment and Capabilities

1 LETTER as follows:

N no COM/NAV/approach aid equipment for the route to be flown is carried, or the equipment is unserviceable

OR S Standard COM/NAV/approach aid equipment for the route to be flown is carried and serviceable (See Note 1)

AND/OR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING LETTERS to indicate the serviceable COM/NAV/approach aid equipment serviceable and capabilities

A (Not allocated) GBAS landing system
B (Not allocated) LPV (APV with SBAS)
C LORAN C
D DME
E1 (Not allocated) FMC WPR
E2 D-FIS ACARS
E3 PDC ACARS
F ADF
G (GNSS) (See Note 2)
H HF RTF
I Inertial Navigation (Data link)
J1 (Data link) CPDLC ATN VDL
J2 CPDLC FANS 1/A HF
J3 CPDLC FANS 1/A VDL
J4 CPDLC FANS 1/A VDL
J5 CPDLC FANS 1/A SATCOM
J6 CPDLC FANS 1/A SATCOM
K
L ILS
M1 Omega ATC RTF SATCOM (INMARSAT)
M2 ATC RTF (MTSAT)
M3 ATC RTF (Iridium)
N
O VOR
P1–P9 (Not allocated) Reserved for RCP
Q
R
S
T
U
V
W
X
Y
Z

Note 1.— If the letter S is used, Standard equipment is considered to be VHF RTF, ADF, VOR and ILS, unless another combination is prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

Note 2.— If the letter G is used, the types of external GNSS augmentation, if any, are specified in Item 18 following the indicator NAV/ separated by a space.

Note 25.— If the letter Z is used, specify in Item 18 the other the equipment carried or other capabilities to be specified in Item 18, preceded by COM/ | and/or NAV/ and/or DAT, as appropriate.

Note 3.— If the letter J is used, specify in Item 18 the equipment carried, preceded by DAT/ followed by one or more letters as appropriate. See RTCA/EUROCAE Interoperability Requirements Standard For ATN Baseline 1 (ATN B1 INTEROP Standard – DO-280B/ED-110B) for data link services air traffic control clearance and information/air traffic control communications management/air traffic control microphone check.
Note 4.— Information on navigation capability is provided to ATC for clearance and routing purposes.

Note 5.— Inclusion of the letter R is used, the performance based navigation levels that can be met are specified in Item 18 following the indicator PBN. Guidance material on the application of performance-based navigation to a specific route segment(s), route(s) and/or area concerned is contained in the Performance-Based Navigation Manual (Doc 9613).

(b) Surveillance Equipment and capabilities

ONE OR TWO LETTERS MORE of the following descriptors, to a maximum of 20 characters, to describe the serviceable surveillance equipment carried and/or capabilities on board:

SSR equipment Modes A and C

| N | Nil |
| A | Transponder — Mode A (4 digits — 4 096 codes) |
| C | Transponder — Mode A (4 digits — 4 096 codes) and Mode C |

SSR Mode S

| X | Transponder — Mode S without both aircraft identification and pressure-altitude transmission |
| E | Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude and extended squitter (ADS-B) capability |
| H | Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude and enhanced surveillance capability |
| I | Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, but no pressure-altitude capability |
| L | Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure-altitude, extended squitter (ADS-B) and enhanced surveillance capability |
| P | Transponder — Mode S, including pressure-altitude, but no aircraft identification transmission capability |
| I | Transponder — Mode S, including aircraft identification transmission, but no pressure-altitude transmission |
| S | Transponder — Mode S, including both pressure altitude and aircraft identification transmission capability |
| X | Transponder — Mode S with neither aircraft identification nor pressure-altitude capability |

Note.— Enhanced surveillance capability is the ability of the aircraft to down-link aircraft derived data via a Mode S transponder.

ADS-B

| B1 | ADS-B with dedicated 1090 MHz ADS-B “out” capability |
| B2 | ADS-B with dedicated 1090 MHz ADS-B “out” and “in” capability |
U1 ADS-B “out” capability using UAT
U2 ADS- “out” and “in” capability using UAT
V1 ADS-B “out” capability using VDL Mode 4
V2 ADS-B “out” and “in” capability using VDL Mode 4

**ADS-C**

D1 ADS-C with FANS 1/A capabilities
G1 ADS-C with ATN capabilities

**ADS equipment**

Add ADS capability

Alphanumeric characters not indicated above are reserved.

Note.— Additional surveillance application should be listed in Item 18 following the indicator SUR/.

Examples: – S/A
– SCH/CDB1
– SAFI/SDV1

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**Field Type 13 — Departure aerodrome and time**

* * *

Format:–   

SINGLE HYPHEN

(a) **Departure Aerodrome**

4 LETTERS, being

the ICAO four-letter location indicator allocated to the departure aerodrome as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators, or

ZZZZ if no ICAO location indicator has been allocated (see Note 1) or if the departure aerodrome is not known, or

AFIL if the flight plan has been filed in the air (see Note 2).

Note 1.— If ZZZZ is used, the name and location of the departure aerodrome is to be shown in the Other Information Field (see Field Type 18) if this Field Type is contained in the message.

Note 2.— If AFIL is used, the ATS unit from which supplementary flight data can be obtained is to be shown in the Other Information Field (Field Type 18).
This field shall be terminated here in message types CHG, CNL, ARR, CPL, EST, CDN, and ACP and RQS. It shall be terminated here in message type RQP if the estimated off-block time is not known.

(b) **Time**

4 NUMERICS giving

the estimated off-block time (EOBT) at the aerodrome in (a) in FPL, ARR, CHG, CNL, and DLA and RQS messages transmitted before departure and in RQP message, if known, or

the actual time of departure from the aerodrome in (a) in ALR, DEP and SPL messages, or

the actual or estimated time of departure from the first point shown in the Route Field (see Field Type 15) in FPL messages derived from flight plans filed in the air, as shown by the letters AFIL in (a).

Examples: –EHAM0730
–AFIL1625

Field Type 14 — Estimate data

Format:– a / b c d e

SINGLE HYPHEN

(a) **Boundary Point (see Note 1)**

The BOUNDARY POINT expressed either by a designator consisting of 2 to 5 characters, in Geographical Coordinates, in Abbreviated Geographical Coordinates, or by bearing and distance from a designated significant point (e.g., a VOR).

*Note 1.— This point may be an agreed point located close to, rather than on, the FIR boundary.*

*Note 2.— See 1.6 for data conventions.*
Field Type 16 — Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s)

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Format:– a b (sp) c

See Note in margin on page A3-20.

### FIELD TYPE 16

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*** Only in case of a diversionary landing.

### SINGLE HYPHEN

(a) **Destination Aerodrome**

4 LETTERS, being

the ICAO four-letter location indicator allocated to the destination aerodrome as specified in Doc 7910, Location Indicators, or

**ZZZZ** if no ICAO location indicator has been allocated.

Note.— *If ZZZZ is used, the name and location of the destination aerodrome is to be shown in the Other Information Field (see Field Type 18).*

* This field is to be terminated here in all message types other than ALR, FPL and SPL.

...
(c) **Destination Alternate Aerodrome(s)**

4 LETTERS, being

the ICAO four-letter location indicator allocated to an alternate aerodrome, as specified in Doc 7910, *Location Indicators* or

`ZZZZ` if no ICAO location indicator has been allocated.

*Note.— If `ZZZZ` is used, the name and location of the destination alternate aerodrome is to be shown in the Other Information Field (see Field Type 18).*

Examples: –EINN0630  
–EHAM0645 EBBR  
–EHAM0645 EBBR EDDL

**Field Type 17 — Arrival aerodrome and time**

Format:–  

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  a  b (sp)  c
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**SINGLE HYPHEN**

(a) **Arrival Aerodrome**

4 LETTERS, being

the ICAO four-letter location indicator allocated to the arrival aerodrome as specified in Doc 7910, *Location Indicators*, or

`ZZZZ` if no ICAO location indicator has been allocated.

*Note.— If `ZZZZ` is used, the name or location of the arrival aerodrome is to be shown in the Other Information Field (see Field Type 18).*

(b) **Time of Arrival**

4 NUMERICS, giving

the actual time of arrival.

*This field is to be terminated here if an ICAO location indicator has been allocated to the arrival aerodrome.*
Field Type 18 — Other information

Note.— Use of indicators not included under this item may result in data being rejected, processed incorrectly or lost.

Hyphens or oblique strokes should only be used as prescribed below.

Format:—

\[ a \]


\[ \text{SINGLE HYPHEN} \]

(a) 0 (zero) if no other information,

OR,

Any other necessary information in the preferred sequence shown hereunder, in the form of the appropriate indicator selected from those defined hereunder followed by an oblique stroke and the information to be recorded:

STS/ Reason for special handling by ATS, e.g. a search and rescue mission, as follows:

- ALTRV: for a flight operated in accordance with an altitude reservation;
- ATFMX: for a flight approved for exemption from ATFM measures by the appropriate ATS authority;
- FFR: fire-fighting;
- FLTCK: flight check for calibration of nav aids;
- HAZMAT: for a flight carrying hazardous material;
- HEAD: for a flight with Head of State status;
- HOSP: for a medical flight declared by medical authorities;
- HUM: for a flight operating on a humanitarian mission;
- MARSA: for a flight for which a military entity assumes responsibility for separation of military aircraft;
- MEDEVAC: for a life critical medical emergency evacuation;
- NONRVSM: for a non-RVSM capable flight intending to operate in RVSM airspace;
- SAR: for a flight engaged in a search and rescue mission; and
- STATE: for a flight engaged in military, customs or police services.

Other reasons for special handling by ATS shall be denoted under the designator RMK/.

PBN/ Indication of RNAV and/or RNP capabilities. Include as many of the descriptors below, as apply to the flight, up to a maximum of 8 entries, i.e. a total of not more than 16 characters.
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Combinations of alphanumeric characters not indicated above are reserved.

**EET/** Significant points or FIR boundary designators and accumulated estimated elapsed times to such points or FIR boundaries, when so prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements, or by the appropriate ATS authority.

Examples: EET/CAP0745 XYZ0830
          __________ EET/EINN0204

**RIF/** The route details to the revised destination aerodrome, followed by the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the aerodrome. The revised route is subject to reclearance in flight.

________ Examples: RIF/DTA HEC KLAX
________ Examples: RIF/ESP G94 CLA YPPH
________ Examples: RIF/LEMD
REG/ — The registration markings of the aircraft, if different from the aircraft identification in Item 7.

SEL/ — SELCAL Code, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

OPR/ — Name of the operator, if not obvious from the aircraft identification in Item 7.

STS/ — Reason for special handling by ATS, e.g. hospital aircraft, one engine inoperative, e.g. STS/HOSP, STS/ONE ENG INOP.

TYP/ — Type(s) of aircraft, preceded if necessary by number(s) of aircraft, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 9.

PER/ — Aircraft performance data, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

COM/ — Significant data related to communication equipment as required by the appropriate ATS authority, e.g. COM/UHF only.

DAT/ — Significant data related to data link capability, using one or more of the letters S, H, V and M, e.g. DAT/S for satellite data link, DAT/H for HF data link, DAT/V for VHF data link, DAT/M for SSR Mode S data link.

NAV/ — Significant data related to navigation equipment, other than specified in PBN/, as required by the appropriate ATS authority. Indicate GNSS augmentation under this indicator, with a space between two or more methods of augmentation, e.g. NAV/GBAS SBAS.

COM/ — Indicate communications applications or capabilities not specified in Item 10a.

DAT/ — Indicate data applications or capabilities not specified in Item 10a.

SUR/ — Include surveillance applications or capabilities not specified in Item 10b.

DEP/ — Name and location of departure aerodrome, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 13, or the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the location of the ATS unit from which supplementary flight plan data can be obtained, if AFIL is inserted in Item 13. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location as follows:

With 4 figures describing latitude in degrees and tens of minutes followed by “N” (North) or “S” (South), followed by 5 figures describing longitude in degrees and tens and units of minutes, followed by “E” (East) or “W” (West). Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. 4620N07805W (11 characters).

OR — Bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as follows:

The identification of the significant point followed by the bearing from the point in the form of 3 figures giving degrees magnetic, followed by the distance from the point in the form of 3 figures expressing nautical miles. In areas of high latitude where it is determined by the appropriate authority that reference to degrees magnetic is impractical, degrees true may be used. Make up the correct number of figures, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. a point of 180° magnetic at a distance of 40 nautical miles from VOR “DUB” should be expressed as DUB180040.
**OR** The first point of the route (name or LAT/LONG) or the marker radio beacon, if the aircraft has not taken off from an aerodrome.

**DEST/** Name and location of destination aerodrome, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described under DEP/ above.

**DOF/** The date of flight departure in a six figure format (YYMMDD, where YY equals the year, MM equals the month and DD equals the day).

**REG/** The nationality or common mark and registration mark of the aircraft, if different from the aircraft identification in Item 7.

**EET/** Significant points or FIR boundary designators and accumulated estimated elapsed times from take-off to such points or FIR boundaries, when so prescribed on the basis of regional air navigation agreements, or by the appropriate ATS authority.

Examples: EET/CAP0745 XYZ0830
          EET/EINN0204

**SEL/** SELCAL Code, for aircraft so equipped.

**TYP/** Type(s) of aircraft, preceded if necessary without a space by number(s) of aircraft and separated by one space, if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 9.

Example: –TYP/2F15, 5F5, 3B2

**ALTN/** Name of destination alternate aerodrome(s), if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16.

**RALT/** Name of en-route alternate aerodrome(s).

**CODE/** Aircraft address (expressed in the form of an alphanumerical code of six hexadecimal characters) when required by the appropriate ATS authority. Example: “F00001” is the lowest aircraft address contained in the specific block administered by ICAO.

**DLE/** Enroute delay or holding, insert the significant point(s) on the route where a delay is planned to occur, followed by the length of delay using four figure time in hours and minutes (hhmm).

Example: –DLE/MDG0030

**OPR/** ICAO designator or name of the aircraft operating agency, if different from the aircraft identification in item 7.

**ORGN/** The originator’s 8 letter AFTN address or other appropriate contact details, in cases where the originator of the flight plan may not be readily identified, as required by the appropriate ATS authority.

Note.— In some areas, flight plan reception centres may insert the ORGN/ identifier and originator’s AFTN address automatically.
PER/ Aircraft performance data, indicated by a single letter as specified in the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Aircraft Operations* (PANS-OPS, Doc 8168), *Volume I — Flight Procedures*, if so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority.

ALTN/ Name of destination alternate aerodrome(s), if ZZZZ is inserted in Item 16. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

RALT/ ICAO four letter indicator(s) for en-route alternate(s), as specified in Doc 7910, *Location Indicators*, or name(s) of en-route alternate aerodrome(s), if no indicator is allocated. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

TALT/ ICAO four letter indicator(s) for take-off alternate, as specified in Doc 7910, *Location Indicators*, or name of take-off alternate aerodrome, if no indicator is allocated. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant Aeronautical Information Publication, indicate location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance from the nearest significant point, as described in DEP/ above.

RIF/ The route details to the revised destination aerodrome, following by the ICAO four-letter location indicator of the aerodrome. The revised route is subject to reclearance in flight.

Examples:– RIF/DTA HEC KLAX – RIF/ESP G94 CLA YPPH

RMK/ Any other plain language remarks when required by the appropriate ATS authority or deemed necessary.

Examples:– 0 – STS/MEDEVAC – EET/015W0315 020W0337 030W0420 040W0502 – STS/ONE ENG INOP – DAT/S

Field Type 22 — Amendment

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RULES FOR THE COMPOSITION OF ATS MESSAGES
(See Sections 1.3 to 1.8 of this Appendix)

STANDARD ATS MESSAGES AND THEIR COMPOSITION

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The expression of position or route

The following alternative data conventions shall be used for the expression of position or route:

(e) 2 or 3 to 5 characters being the coded identification of a significant point, followed by 3 decimal numerics giving the bearing from the point in degrees magnetic followed by 3 decimal numerics giving the distance from the point in nautical miles. The correct number of numerics is to be made up, where necessary, by insertion of zeros, e.g. a point at 180° magnetic at a distance of 40 nautical miles from VOR “FOJ” would be expressed as “FOJ180040”. 

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2. Examples of ATS messages

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2.2 Emergency messages

2.2.1 Alerting (ALR) message

2.2.1.1 Composition

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| 16 | Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |

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2.2.1.2 Example

The following is an example of an alerting message relating to an uncertainty phase, sent by Athens Approach Control to Belgrade Centre and other ATS units, in respect of a flight from Athens to Munich.

(ALR-INCERFA/LGGGZAZX/OVERDUE
–FOX236/A360024-IM
–C141/H-S/CD
–LGAT1020
–N0430F220 B9 3910N02230W/N0415F240 B9 IVA/N0415F180 B9
–EDDM0227 EDDF
–REG/A43213 EET/LYBE0020 EDMI0133 REG/A43213 OPR/USAF RMK/NO
POSITION REPORT SINCE DEP PLUS 2 MINUTES
–E/0720 P/12 R/UV J/LF D/02 014 C ORANGE A/SILVER C/SIGGAH
–USAF LGGGZAZX 1022 126.7 GN 1022 PILOT REPORT OVER NDB ATS UNITS ATHENS FIR ALERTED NIL)

2.2.1.2.1 Meaning

Alerting message — uncertainty phase declared by Athens due no position reports and no radio contact since two minutes after departure — aircraft identification FOX236 — IFR, military flight — Starlifter, heavy wake turbulence category, equipped with standard communications, navigation and approach aid equipment for the route, SSR transponder with Modes A (4096 code capability) and C — ADS capability — last assigned Code 3624 — departed Athens 1020 UTC — cruising speed for first portion of route 430 knots, first requested cruising level FL 220 — proceeding on airway Blue 9 to 3910N2230W where TAS would be changed to 415 knots and FL240 would be requested — proceeding on airway Blue 9 to Ivanic Grad VOR where FL 180 would be requested, maintaining TAS of 415 knots and FL240 would be requested — proceeding on airway Blue 9 to Munich, total estimated elapsed time 2 hours and 27 minutes — destination alternate is Frankfurt — aircraft registration A43213 — accumulated estimated elapsed
times at the Belgrade and Munich FIR boundaries 20 minutes and 1 hour and 33 minutes respectively — aircraft registration A43213 — the aircraft is operated by the USAF — no position report has been received since 2 minutes after departure — endurance 7 hours and 20 minutes after take-off — 12 persons on board — portable radio equipment working on VHF 121.5 MHz and UHF 243 MHz is carried — life jackets fitted with lights and fluorescein are carried — 2 dinghies with orange covers are carried, have a total capacity for 14 persons — aircraft colour is silver — pilot’s name is SIGGAH — operator is USAF — Athens approach control was the last unit to make contact at 1022 UTC on 126.7 MHz when pilot reported over GN runway locator beacon — Athens approach control have alerted all ATS units within Athens FIR — no other pertinent information.

2.3 Filed flight plan and associated update messages

2.3.1 Filed flight plan (FPL) message

2.3.1.1 Composition

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- 9 Type of aircraft and wake turbulence category

- 10 Equipment and capabilities

- 13 Departure aerodrome and time

- 15 Route (using more than one line if necessary)

- 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s)

- 18 Other information (using more than one line if necessary)

2.3.1.2 Example

The following is an example of a filed flight plan message sent by London Airport to Shannon, Shanwick and Gander Centres. The message may also be sent to the London Centre or the data may be passed to that centre by voice.

(FPL-TPRACA101-IS – B707MB773/H-CHOPV/CD – EGLL1400 – N0450F310 G1 UGL9 UL9 STU285036/M082F310 UG1UL9 52N015W LIMRI)
Filed flight plan message — aircraft identification TPRACA101 — IFR, scheduled flight — a Boeing 707, medium 777-300, heavy wake turbulence category equipped with Loran C, HF RTF, VOR, Doppler, VHF RTF and SSR transponder with Modes A (4 096 code capability) and C — ADS capability — departure aerodrome is London, estimated off-block time 1400 UTC — cruising speed and requested flight level for the first portion of the route are 450 knots and FL 310 — the flight will proceed on Airways Green 1 Lima 9 and Upper Green 1 Lima 9 to a point bearing 285 degrees magnetic and 36 NM from the Strumble VOR. From this point the flight will fly at a constant Mach number of .82, proceeding on Upper Green 1 Lima 9 to 52N15W LIMRI; then to 52N20W; to 52N30W; to 50N40W; to 49N50W; to destination Gander, total estimated elapsed time 4 hours and 55 minutes — destination alternate is Goose Bay — captain has notified accumulated estimated elapsed times at significant points along the route, they are at the Shannon FIR boundary 26 minutes, at the Shanwick Oceanic FIR boundary 1 hour and 11 minutes, at 20W 1 hour and 36 minutes, at the Gander Oceanic FIR boundary 2 hours and 28 minutes, at 40W 3 hours and 30 minutes and at 50W 4 hours and 15 minutes — SELCAL code is FJEL.

2.3.2 Modification (CHG) message

2.3.2.1 Composition

- 3 Message type, number and reference data
- 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code
- 13 Departure aerodrome and time
- 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s)
- 18 Other information (using more than one line if necessary)
- 22 Amendment etc. (using more than one line if necessary)

2.3.2.2 Example

The following is an example of a modification message sent by Amsterdam Centre to Frankfurt Centre correcting information previously sent to Frankfurt in a filed flight plan message. It is assumed that both centres are computer-equipped.

(CHGA/F016A/F014-GABWE/A2173-EHAM0850-EDDF-DOF/080122-8/I-16/EDDN)

2.3.2.2.1 Meaning

Modification message – Amsterdam and Frankfurt computer unit identifiers A and F, followed by serial number (016) of this message sent by Amsterdam, repeat of computer unit identifiers followed by serial number (014) of the related filed flight plan message – aircraft identification GABWE, SSR Code 2173
operating in Mode A, en route from Amsterdam to Frankfurt date of flight 22 Jan 2008 – Field Type 8 of the related filed flight plan message is corrected to IFR – Field Type 16 of the related filed flight plan is corrected, the new destination is Nürnberg.

2.3.3 Flight plan cancellation (CNL) message

2.3.3.1 Composition

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- 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s)

- 18 Other information (using more than one line if necessary)

2.3.3.2 Example 1

The following is an example of a flight plan cancellation message sent by an ATS unit to all addressees of a filed flight plan message previously sent by that unit.

(CNL-DLH522-EDBB0900-LFPO-0)

2.3.3.2.1 Meaning

Flight plan cancellation message – cancel the flight plan of aircraft identification DLH522 – flight planned from Berlin EOBT0900 to Paris – no other information.

2.3.3.3 Example 2

The following is an example of a flight plan cancellation message sent by a centre to an adjacent centre. It is assumed that both centres are equipped with ATC computers.

(CNLF/B127F/B055-BAW580-EDDF1430-EDDW-0)

2.3.3.3.1 Meaning

Flight plan cancellation message – identifiers of sending and receiving ATC computer units F and B, followed by serial number (127) of this message, repeat of computer unit identifiers followed by serial number (055) of current flight plan message previously transmitted – cancel the flight plan of aircraft identification BAW580 – flight planned from Frankfurt EOBT1430 to Bremen – no other information.

2.3.4 Delay (DLA) message

2.3.4.1 Composition

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2.3.4.2  Example

The following is an example of a delay message from a departure aerodrome, or from a parent unit handling communications for a departure aerodrome, to each addressee of a filed flight plan message.

(DLA-KLM671-LIRF0900-LYDU-0)

2.3.4.2.1  Meaning

Delay message – aircraft identification KLM671 – revised estimated off-block time Fiumicino 0900 UTC destination Dubrovnik – no other information.

2.3.5  Departure (DEP) message

2.3.5.1  Composition

( 3 Message type, number and reference data – 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code – 13 Departure aerodrome and time

– 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s)

– 18 Other information (using more than one line if necessary)

2.3.5.2  Example

The following is an example of a departure message from a departure aerodrome, or from a parent unit handling communications for a departure aerodrome, to each addressee of a filed flight plan message.

(DEP-CSA4311-EGPD1923-ENZV-0)

2.3.5.2.1  Meaning

2.3.6 Arrival (ARR) message

2.3.6.1 Composition

( 3 Message type, number and reference data – 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code – 13 Departure aerodrome and time
 – 17 Arrival aerodrome and time)

2.3.6.2 Example 1

The following is an example of an arrival message sent from the arrival aerodrome (= destination) to the departure aerodrome.

(ARR-CSA406-LHBP-LKPR0913)

2.3.6.2.1 Meaning

Arrival message — aircraft identification CSA406 — departed from Budapest/Ferihegy — landed at Prague/Ruzyne Airport at 0913 UTC.

2.3.6.3 Example 2

The following is an example of an arrival message sent for an aircraft which has landed at an aerodrome for which no ICAO location indicator has been allocated. The SSR Code would not be meaningful.

(ARR-HELI13HHE13-EHAM-1030 DEN HELDER)

2.3.6.3.1 Meaning

Arrival message aircraft identification HELIH3HHE13 — departed from Amsterdam — landed at Den Helder heliport at 1030 UTC.

2.4 Coordination messages

2.4.1 Current flight plan (CPL) message

2.4.1.1 Composition

( 3 Message type, number and reference data – 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code – 8 Flight rules and type of flight
 – 9 Type of aircraft and wake turbulence category – 10 Equipment and capabilities
 – 13 Departure aerodrome and time – 14 Estimate data)
2.4.1.2 Example 1

The following is an example of a current flight plan message sent from Boston Centre to New York Centre on a flight which is en route from Boston to La Guardia Airport.

(CPL-UAL621/A5120-IS
-DC9A320/M-S/CD
-KBOS-HFD/1341A220A200A
-N0420A220 V3 AGL V445
-KLGA
-0)

2.4.1.3 Example 2

The following is an example of the same current flight plan message, but in this case the message is exchanged between ATC computers.

(CPLBOS/LGA052-UAL621/A5120-IS
-DC9A320/M-S/CD
-KBOS-HFD/1341A220A200A
-N0420A220 V3 AGL V445
-KLGA
-0)

Note.— The messages in Examples 1 and 2 are identical except that the Message Number of Example 2 does not appear in Example 1.

2.4.1.4 Meaning

Current flight plan message [with sending unit identity (BOS) and receiving unit identity (LGA), followed by the serial number of this message (052)] — aircraft identification UAL621, last assigned SSR Code 5120 in Mode A — IFR, scheduled flight — one DC9A320, medium wake turbulence category, equipped with standard communications, navigation and approach aid equipment for the route and SSR transponder with Modes A (4 096 code capability) and C — ADS capability — departed Boston — the flight is estimated to cross the Boston/New York “boundary” at point HFD at 1341 UTC, cleared by the Boston Centre at altitude 22 000 feet but to be at or above altitude 20 000 feet at HFD — TAS is 420 knots, requested cruising level is altitude 22 000 feet — the flight will proceed on airway V3 to
reporting point AGL thence on airway V445 — destination is La Guardia Airport — no other information.

2.4.2 *Estimate (EST) message*

2.4.2.1 *Composition*

| 3 Message type, number and reference data | 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code | 13 Departure aerodrome and time |
| 14 Estimate data | 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |

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2.4.3 *Coordination (CDN) message*

2.4.3.1 *Composition*

| 3 Message type, number and reference data | 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code | 13 Departure aerodrome and time |
| 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |
| 22 Amendment | 22 Amendment | etc. (using more than one line if necessary) |

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2.4.4 *Acceptance (ACP) message*

2.4.4.1 *Composition*

| 3 Message type, number and reference data | 7 Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code | 13 Departure aerodrome and time |
| 16 Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |

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2.5 Supplementary messages

2.5.1 *Request flight plan (RQP) message*

2.5.1.1 *Composition*

| 3 | Message type, number and reference data |
| 7 | Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code |
| 13 | Departure aerodrome and time |
| 16 | Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |
| 18 | Other information (using more than one line if necessary) |

2.5.1.2 *Example*

The following is an example of a request flight plan message sent by a centre to an adjacent centre after receipt of an estimate message, for which no corresponding filed flight plan message had been received previously.

(RQP-PHOEN-EHRD-EDDL-0)

2.5.1.2.1 *Meaning*

Request flight plan message – aircraft identification PHOEN departed from Rotterdam – destination Düsseldorf – no other information.

2.5.2 *Request supplementary flight plan (RQS) message*

2.5.2.1 *Composition*

| 3 | Message type, number and reference data |
| 7 | Aircraft identification and SSR Mode and Code |
| 13 | Departure aerodrome and time |
| 16 | Destination aerodrome and total estimated elapsed time, destination alternate aerodrome(s) |
| 18 | Other information (using more than one line if necessary) |

2.5.2.2 *Example*

The following is an example of a request flight plan message sent by an ATS unit to the ATS unit serving the departure aerodrome requesting information contain in the flight plan form, but not transmitted in the filed or current filed flight plan messages.

(RQS-KLM405/A4046-EHAM-CYMX-0)
2.5.2.2.1 Meaning

Request supplementary flight plan message – aircraft identification KLM405/SSR Code 4046 operating in Mode A – departure aerodrome is Amsterdam – destination aerodrome is Mirabel – no other information.

2.5.3 Supplementary flight plan (SPL) message

2.5.3.1 Composition

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Subject: Guidance for implementation of flight plan information to support Amendment 1 of the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management, Fifteenth Edition (PANS-ATM, DOC 4444)

Action required: Coordinate the transition to the new ICAO flight plan

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to draw your attention to the content of Amendment 1 to the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management, Fifteenth Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) related to the amended flight plan form and new flight planning procedures.

2. The nature and scope of the amendment, as described in State letter AN 13/2.1-08/50, is to update the ICAO model flight plan form in order to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, while taking into account compatibility with existing systems, human factors, training, cost and transition aspects.

3. Considering that the transition from the current flight plan form and associated requirements to the new flight plan may present challenges for States and organizations involved in the processing of flight plans, ICAO has developed the guidance contained in the Attachment. The primary purpose of this guidance is to support a coordinated global effort during the transition period so that a successful and coordinated transition is achieved by the applicability date of 15 November 2012.

4. To support the transition, a public website is being developed by ICAO where States, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) and airspace users will be able to find information regarding the implementation status of the Amendment and where the most common issues and difficulties encountered will be discussed. States will be notified as soon as the site is available.
5. May I, therefore, request that all efforts be made to ensure a smooth transition to the new flight plan and that particular attention be paid to the pages referring to the conversion of new items 10 and 18 to the present items 10 and 18, which concern aircraft equipment and capabilities.

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

Taïeb Chérif
Secretary General

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The guidance contained herein is provided to assist airspace users and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) to implement the flight planning changes incorporated by Amendment 1 to Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) Fifteenth Edition.

1.2. Amendment 1 stems from the work of the Flight Plan Study Group (FPLSG). The nature and scope of the amendment is to update the ICAO model flight plan form in order to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, while taking into account compatibility with existing systems, human factors, training, cost and transition aspects.

1.3. The changes were announced by ICAO in State letter AN 13/2.1-08/50 dated 25 June 2008 and will become applicable on 15 November 2012.

1.4. The changes have considerable consequences on ANSP flight data processing systems that check and accept flight plans and related messages, use flight plan data in displays for controller reference, use data in ANSP automation and which support communication between ANSPs as the flight progresses. Preparation for the changes should therefore be made well in advance of the applicable date.

1.5. The changes also have consequences for airspace users. If a flight plan with new content is sent to an ANSP that has not prepared to accept the new content then it is likely that some information will be lost, misinterpreted or cause a rejection of the flight plan.

1.6. No start date has been given for implementation of the flight planning changes to commence; however, one reason for the State letter is to support the updating of flight plan data processing systems. The transition period for the changes is therefore from 25 June 2008 until 15 November 2012.

1.7. It is recognized that changes will be implemented by airspace users and ANSPs on individual schedules due to individual needs, however some coordination will occur.

1.8. It is essential to the success of this implementation that all airspace users and ANSPs be able to submit and process flight information in accordance with Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM by 15 November 2012, as processing via present methods is not assured after that date.

1.9. This guidance does not change any provision in Annex 2 — Rules of the Air or the PANS-ATM regarding completion and acceptance of a flight plan.
2. **OBJECTIVE**

2.1. The purpose of the guidance contained herein is to support a coordinated global effort during the transition period so that a successful transition is achieved by the applicability date of 15 November 2012.

3. **APPLICABILITY**

3.1. This guidance applies to airspace users, ANSPs and Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs). Note that flight planning services and related organizations involved in the processing of flight plans are considered part of the airspace user community and, as such, are covered under this guidance.

3.2. This document presents guidelines which should be considered when developing implementation plans for this amendment. Adherence to these guidelines will mitigate risks associated with the technical challenges inherent during the transition period and assure that users are able to meet flight planning requirements as individual ANSPs implement changes.

3.3. This document applies with immediate effect and continues until implementation of Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM is complete.

4. **SCOPE**

4.1. This guidance is limited to transitioning to flight planning and Air Traffic Services (ATS) message changes defined in Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM, including message content and submission instructions.

5. **FLIGHT PLANNING ENVIRONMENT**

5.1. PRESENT is defined as the present flight planning and ATS message formats as defined in the current version of the PANS-ATM.

5.2. NEW is defined as the flight planning and ATS message formats as specified in Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM.

5.3. In order to allow performance case considerations to drive individual airspace user and ANSP implementation schedules, the ATM system will need to simultaneously support both PRESENT and NEW for a period of time.

5.4. Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM contains changes to the length and content of items. The changes to content are as follows:

- Change the way aircraft equipage and capabilities are communicated to provide more details;
- Provide additional means of describing route way points (specifically bearing and distance from points other than navigation aids); and
- Permit specification of the date of flight in a standardised manner.

5.5. The present flight planning environment supports a variety of means of filing flight plans. For example flight plans can be filed directly by the airspace user to each ANSP individually or flight
plans can be filed by the airspace user at one location and then the ATM system distributes the flight plan. Amendment 1 does not specifically change these options; however the means of transitioning to Amendment 1 may impose some requirements during the transition.

5.6. The present ATM system supports a variety of means of ANSPs communicating flight plan data between ANSP systems, for example use of coordination messages where Amendment 1 implies changes of content.

6. IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

6.1. These guidelines have been developed to facilitate concurrent use of both PRESENT and NEW by airspace user and ANSP flight data processing systems during the transition period.

6.2. **Guideline 1**

   a) As each ANSP transitions to NEW, it is essential that they also support PRESENT until the applicability date of 15 November 2012.

   b) There is no requirement for ANSPs to accept and process PRESENT after the applicability date, unless specified by the appropriate authority.

   c) This guideline relates to the situation when some ANSPs and/or airspace users do not implement the flight planning changes until the end of the transition period.

6.3. **Guideline 2**

   a) PIRGs are encouraged to plan and publish regional implementations sufficiently in advance of the applicability date so that airspace users and ANSPs can respond to and resolve any unforeseen operational issues.

   b) It is anticipated that implementation will occur progressively as each PIRG works with their member States/international organizations and airspace users to coordinate a regional transition prior to 15 November 2012.

   c) Transition plans should encourage all ANSPs to transition to NEW a certain period of time prior to 15 November 2012 to allow airspace users a transition period to NEW before the applicability date.

   d) Transition plans should take into account that the airspace user may not be able to make use of the new opportunities provided by NEW until an ANSP has transitioned. Even then, use of NEW may be restricted in its application if the flight still involves ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.

6.4. **Guideline 3**

   a) During the transition period and after an ANSP has advised that they can accept NEW, the determination to file NEW or PRESENT with that ANSP is the choice of the airspace user.
b) It is expected that airspace users will make the decision on what format to file based on performance gains which may be achieved through capability information in Items 10 and/or 18 of NEW.

c) It is intended that all airspace users will file NEW from the applicability date forward, as using PRESENT is not assured after that date.

Note – The following guidelines apply only to situations where ANSPs affected by a flight have not all transitioned to NEW.

6.5. Guideline 4

a) During the transition period when not all ANSPs affected by a flight have transitioned to NEW, the airspace user must ensure that PRESENT is filed with ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.

b) This can be achieved by the airspace user filing only PRESENT with all ANSPs (as ANSPs supporting NEW will also support PRESENT during transition).

c) ANSPs using PRESENT may misinterpret, and may reject, flight plan information that is filed more than 24 hours in advance of flight. Filing more than 24 hours in advance of flight cannot be used if one or more ANSPs affected by a flight have not transitioned (unless those ANSPs already support filing more than 24 hours in advance of flight). Although ANSPs using NEW could accept the flight plan they may not be able to pass essential coordination to ANSPs using PRESENT.

d) The airspace user may choose to file NEW to ANSPs that have transitioned and PRESENT to ANSPs that have not transitioned. However, without special transitional procedures, a situation can occur where the NEW would only be useable until the first ANSP along route of flight using PRESENT. This is because the ANSP using NEW will not be able to coordinate NEW with ANSPs using PRESENT.

6.6. Guideline 5

a) To facilitate user decisions on whether to file PRESENT, NEW or a combination of PRESENT and NEW, ICAO will maintain a website listing each ANSP’s ability to accept PRESENT or NEW.

b) This information which will be publicly available is in addition to the normal methods of communication between an ANSP and its airspace users.

c) Each ANSP will communicate, via State and ICAO Regional Offices, their ability to accept NEW to ICAO as soon as possible so that ICAO can ensure that complete and updated information is posted on the website. An ANSP advising of having completed transition to NEW is also indicating that they can coordinate with other ANSPs who have transitioned to NEW.
6.7. **Guideline 6**

a) During the transition period, ANSPs who accept NEW may need to convert flight information to PRESENT for coordination with adjacent ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.

b) It is strongly recommended for consistency that all ANSPs utilize the conversion table provided below so that airspace users and ANSPs have a common understanding of how NEW will be converted to PRESENT.

c) PIRGs, States and ANSPs should be aware that valuable planning information may be lost during the conversion process, as shown in the conversion table.

d) There is no intent for PRESENT to be converted to NEW during the transition period.

7. **CONVERSION OF NEW ITEMS 10 and 18 TO PRESENT ITEMS 10 and 18**

It is strongly recommended that all ANSPs utilize the table below to convert NEW Items 10 and 18 to the PRESENT for coordination with adjacent ANSPs which only accept PRESENT.

- Different agreements may be worked out between ANSPs for Item 18 information if the conversion would cause the message to be rejected by an ANSP which only accepts PRESENT.

- **CAUTION:** Some information will be lost from NEW during conversion, including certain information about capabilities, and information held in Item 18 indicators which do not exist in PRESENT such as DOF, DLE and TALT. As a partial mitigation, any information which would otherwise be lost from NEW may be translated into a single free text following RMK/ in Item 18 of PRESENT.

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# STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT 1 TO THE 15TH EDITION OF THE ICAO PANS-ATM (DOCUMENT 4444) IN THE CAR/SAM REGIONS

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1. **Objective**

The purpose of this document is to establish the CAR/SAM Regions’ strategy for the implementation of Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of the ICAO PANS-ATM (Doc 4444), pursuant to Conclusion 15/35 of GREPECAS.

2. **General considerations**

ICAO, taking into consideration that:

- Dynamic management of information will provide the most appropriate and integrated vision of ATM status in historical terms--past, present, and planned or future---and will serve as a basis for decision-making by the whole ATM community;

- The *Global Air Traffic Management Operational Concept* (Doc 9854) requires information management actions to support ATM operations with accurate, quality, and timely information; and

- ATM requirement No 87 of the *Manual on Air Traffic Management System Requirements* (Doc 9882) defines that 4-D paths will be used in traffic synchronisation applications, with a view to attaining the performance objectives of the ATM system. It also clarifies that automation in both “ground” and “air” applications will be fully used to create an efficient and safe air traffic flow in all flight phases.

Informed the States, through letter AN13/2.1-08/50 of 25 June 2008, about the publication of Amendment 1 to Doc. 4444 (PANS-ATM), aimed at updating the ICAO flight plan (FPL) form to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, while taking into account compatibility with existing systems, human factors, training, cost, and transition aspects.

GREPECAS/15, when assessing the establishment of the new CNS/ATM Subgroup and its terms of reference and work programme, reviewed the new flight plan model. In this regard, considering that a CAR/SAM regional strategy will need to be established for its implementation, it formulated Conclusion 15/35 “Implementation of the new ICAO flight plan model” requesting States to adopt the necessary measures to prepare for the transition, and also requesting the CNS/ATM//SG to establish a contributory body to develop such transition strategy.

A previous analysis carried out in some CAR/SAM States has remarked that the implementation of the new flight plan format will impact on, among other systems, the flight plan dealing subsystems, the interface communications with other systems, in the screen control human-machine interface (IHM), and in the recording and re-visualization subsystems.

In view of the above, an initial plan has been developed, together with a description of the strategy for the implementation of said amendment.
3. **Principles**

In preparing this document, the following aspects have been considered:

1. The sovereign will of the States;
2. It is a guide for CAR/SAM States to develop their action plans for the implementation of the contents of Amendment 1 to Doc. 4444.

4. **Scope**

This document applies to all CAR/SAM States, Territories and International Organizations, specifically to all air navigation service providers and airspace users.

5. **Reference documents**

This strategy follows ICAO recommendations, as contained in the following documents:

a) ICAO PANS-ATM, 15th Edition (Doc 4444)

b) Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of Doc 4444;

c) Directives for the incorporation of flight plan information, pursuant to Amendment 1 to the Procedures for air navigation services - Air traffic management, 15th edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)(State letter AN 13/2.1-09/9 of 6 February 2009); and

d) GREPECAS 15 final report.

6. **Analysis**

6.1. **Amendment 1 to the 15th edition of Doc 4444**;

ICAO considered that, in order to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, the flight plan forms need to be updated.

In this regard, it published Amendment 1 to PANS-ATM, Doc 4444 - 15th Edition, which contains, basically, the following changes:

1. Flight plan

   a. Flight plan form: operators and air traffic service units should comply with the restrictions established in aeronautical information publications (AIPs);
   
   b. Filing of flight plan: changes in the deadlines for filing flight plans;
   
   c. Item 7: Aircraft identification: use of alphanumeric characters;
   
   d. Item 8: Flight rules: specification of one or more items of change in flight rules;
   
   e. Item 10: Equipment: changes in the designation of equipment and capabilities
f. Item 13: Aerodrome of departure and time

g. Item 15: Route

h. Item 16: Aerodrome of destination and total estimated duration, alternate destination aerodromes

i. Item 18: Other data

2. Messages from air traffic services

a. Composition of CHG, CNL, DLA, DEP, RQP and RQS messages

6.2. Implementation directives

In Letter AN 13/2.1-09/9, dated 6 February 2009, ICAO defines the directives for the incorporation of flight plan information pursuant to Amendment 1 to the Procedures for air traffic services.

In general, ICAO highlights that the changes have significant repercussions for ANSP flight data processing systems that check and accept flight plans and related messages, use flight plan data from displays as a reference for controllers, use data for ANSP automation, and facilitate communications among ANSPs during flight, and also have consequences for airspace users.

Although a date has not been established for the implementation of flight planning changes, the transition is expected to begin on 25 June 2008 and finish on 15 November 2012.

It also recognises that the changes will be applied according to timetables specific to each ANSP and airspace user, based on their own needs, but there shall be some coordination.

Finally, it stresses that all those involved should be in a position to submit and process flight information in keeping with Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM by 15 November 2012.

Some considerations regarding the planning environment follow:

1. EXISTING means the existing flight planning formats and ATS messages defined in the current version of the PANS-ATM;

2. NEW means the flight planning formats and ATS messages specified in Amendment 1 to the PANS-ATM;

3. The ATM system shall support simultaneously the EXISTING and NEW information for some period of time, in order to have time to deal with individual performance cases;

4. Amendment 1 does not change the filing of flight plans through different means (individual filing of flight plans before each ANSP, filing of flight plans at one location and then the ATM system distributes them), but the transition to the implementation of Amendment 1 might entail some requirements during the transition period;

5. The Amendment makes changes to the content of flight plan messages exchanged between ANSPs.
A summary of the contents of ICAO directives follows:

**Directriz 1.** Recommends that ANSPs be capable of operating with the two types of flight plan information, EXISTING and NEW, during the transition period. ANSPs are not required to accept and process EXISTING data after 15 November 2012. It applies to cases in which some ANSPs and/or airspace users do not implement flight plan changes until the end of the transition period.

**Directriz 2.** Regional planning and implementation groups are encouraged to plan and publish the changes sufficiently in advance to the date of application. It considers that transition plans should take into account the fact that airspace users will not be able to use the new opportunities offered by the NEW information until such time that the ANSPs have made the transition and, even then, the use of the NEW information could be limited in its application if flights continue to involve ANSPs that have not made the transition yet.

**Directriz 3.** Clarifies that airspace users will determine whether they will submit NEW or EXISTING information to the ANSP during the transition period and after the ANSP has notified that it can accept the NEW information.

**Directriz 4.** In the event that not all ANSPs have made the transition to the NEW information, airspace users must make sure that the EXISTING information is submitted to the ANSPs that have not made the transition yet. It stresses the concern that ANSPs that use EXISTING information might misinterpret and reject the information submitted by airspace users more than 24 hours before the flight, as well as the case in which ANSPs that use the NEW information will not be in a position to transmit essential coordination to the ANSPs that use the EXISTING information.

**Directriz 5.** Informs that ICAO will maintain a website containing the list of capabilities of each ANSP to accept EXISTING or NEW information. Each ANSP will communicate to the respective ICAO Regional Offices, as soon as possible, its capability of accepting the NEW information.

**Directriz 6.** To supplement Directive 4, it is noted that the ANSPs that accept the NEW information could translate flight information into EXISTING information for purposes of coordination with adjacent ANSPs that have not made the transition.

### 6.3. Current scenario in the CAR/SAM Regions

Currently, the CAR/SAM Regions show different levels of technological evolution in terms of ATM automation, which can be classified into the following groups:

- States that have automated systems;
- States that have ATM automated systems and are in the process of updating them;
- States that do not have ATM automated systems, but are in the phase of implementing them in the short term;
- States that do not have ATM automated systems and no short- or medium-term plans to purchase them.
The implementation strategy must take into account the different degrees of technology evolution in each Region.

The main means used for the transmission of flight plans in the Region is the AFTN, which is in the process of transition to the AMHS system. It is expected that, by 2015, practically all CAR/SAM States will have the AMHS system installed.

6.4. Impact

Based on the changes defined by ICAO, on the directives for the implementation of these changes and on the current scenario of the CAR/SAM Regions, a macro analysis is made of the impact on ATM systems, whether automated or not, as well as on data communication systems, both at the technical and operational level.

6.4.1. Technical impact

For States that do not have ATM automated systems, the changes in the new flight plan format would only affect data communication systems based on the AFTN or the AMHS, basically associated to the human-machine interface (IMH) at the system terminals available at AIS offices and other specific locations for the entry of flight plans.

It must be noted that changes in the flight plan format involve the introduction of more options for filling the boxes in the form, and this could imply more errors in the generation of messages from terminals, which do not have the capability of checking data consistency, only message syntax.

It must be noted that these changes in the flight plan form introduce many options that can increase the likelihood of errors when completing it.

In States that have ATM automated systems, changes have a significant technical impact, and it will be necessary, at least, to make adjustments in the sub-systems dealing with flight plan processing, communication interface with other systems, recording and re-display, and in the HMI of control displays.

Such adjustments must take into account, at least, the following aspects:

- The incorporation of all the changes contained in Amendment 1 and described in item 6.1 of this document;
- The provision to the air traffic controller of all the information required for air traffic planning and management, including the alerts of aircraft capability changes;
- Enabling the correct transmission of flight plan information, EXISTING of NEW, to all the control centres involved;
- A clear definition of box sizes and their respective sub-divisions, as well as data sequencing (for example, the sequence for the inclusion of data in Box 10);
- Including the updating of all the technical documentation of the system; and
- Early testing to validate the changes.
Consequently, the effort of modifying these systems must be considered, also taking into account the difficulties inherent to technological obsolescence and insufficient technical training of maintenance personnel, which may cause additional financial expenditures due to the need to hire third parties, and a higher risk of failure.

For States that are in the process of purchasing new automated systems, whether or not for changing the existing systems, the impact will be on the specification of such systems, which must be suitable to process the changes defined in the amendment.

Another important aspect is that ICAO considers a period of transition, in which ANSPs must be capable of processing EXISTING and NEW information, which implies making adjustments to the software so that it can recognise what format is being used.

6.4.2. Operational impact

The changes have a direct impact on operational personnel, especially air traffic controllers and flight plan operators.

However, many variables need to be considered, as well as the relationships between the data in the different boxes of the FPL (for example, boxes 10 and 18), which may change depending on aircraft status.

This impact is reduced if the ATM automated system can provide the air traffic controller with the information required for air traffic planning, and send alerts whenever there is a change in the scenario with respect to the data declared in the flight plan.

Consideration should also be given to the operational difficulty that will exist during the transition period, when it must be possible to operate with the two types of information: EXISTING and NEW.

It is also necessary to clearly and formally define those aspects that are not totally defined in Amendment 1 and in the directives; for example, the use of item COM/NAV, in Box 10, where the letter S represents VHF RTF, VOR or ILS standard equipment, without making reference to NDB.

In order to mitigate the impact, a significant amount of training must be provided to the personnel on both the use of the new resources of the automated system and the manual processing of flight plan data, as well as on the adjustment of operational models and the clear definition of controversial issues.

7. Implementation strategy

7.1. Critical criteria

The following aspects must be taken into account for the implementation of Amendment 1 in the CAR/SAM Regions:

- Make sure that, by 15 November 2012, all States and airspace users implement all the changes contained in Amendment 1, and not just some selected aspects;
• States that do not fully implement the amendment will be obliged to publish the non-conformities in their AIPs as “SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE” before 15 November 2012. Likewise, failure to implement the changes will be considered as a deficiency and will be included in the List of Deficiencies of the SAM Region; and

• Make sure that, as of 15 November 2012, all States and airspace users will accept and disseminate only information of the NEW flight plan format and of associated ATS messages, and that the capability of processing the EXISTING format is deactivated.

7.2. Preparation

In order to succeed in the implementation of the changes, CAR/SAM States need first to develop an action plan that takes into account the impact of the change on their systems, taking into consideration the aspects included in this strategy.

A project for the implementation of the new format of the flight plan will oversee the administrative aspects of the regional implementation. In order to succeed, the States, under the coordination of the ICAO Regional Offices and GREPECAS, need to develop their action plans based on the impact on their systems, taking into account the changes, directives and critical criteria defined above. Such plans must contain, as a minimum, the following topics:

• Classification of the level of evolution of their systems;
• A detailed assessment of the technical and operational impact;
• The solution to mitigate the impact, with the respective implementation timetable and those responsible for its execution;
• Deadline for the implementation of the solutions;
• Solution validation tests;
• Technical and operational training programmes; and
• Contingency measures.

Plans must be submitted to the ICAO NACC and SAM Regional Offices, which will monitor the following tasks:

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States must also agree on a joint definition of any items that are not clearly specified in the amendment before making adjustments to their systems.

7.3. Transition

The action taken in this transition phase must:

- Follow GREPECAS guidance;
- Follow the ICAO directives described in paragraph 6.2;
- Act together with the implementation coordinator;
- Carry out the activities foreseen in the action plan to mitigate technical and operational impact;
- Recognise that airspace users will only obtain benefits if the changes are implemented jointly.

In the CAR/SAM Regions, the transition period during which the ANSPs must be capable of processing both flight plan formats--EXISTING and NEW--starts on 1 July 2012 and ends on 15 November 2012.

In order to meet these time frames and harmonize implementation with other ICAO regions, delivery and testing of software and system changes shall be completed no later than 30 June 2012.

Consequently, States are urged to complete the implementation of the NEW format between 1 April and 30 June 2012, and not to use this NEW format before 1 April 2012.

Therefore, States must maintain coordination with respect to the evolution of action plans, and report any changes in dates, deadlines, etc., using the period 18 July 2011 to 1 April 2012 to deliver and test updated ANSP system software to support NEW message formats, while continuing support for PRESENT message formats.

Likewise, airspace users must take steps to adjust their systems in a precise and correct manner, in accordance to the NEW and EXISTING flight plan formats.

Implementation coordination meetings will be held periodically in order to assess the plans, so that States and ANSPs will be confident that the region can implement Amendment 1 between 1 April and 30 June 2012.

Each State shall designate a contact person to coordinate with ICAO and other States during the transition to the new flight plan format.

7.4. Post-transition

States must discontinue the processing of the EXISTING flight plan format on 15 November 2012.

They must also ensure that ATM systems, whether or not automated, process all the information contained in the NEW flight plan format correctly, and provide support for their operation.
Any difficulties observed must be assessed and resolved by the parties involved, ANSPs and/or airspace users.

8. **Administrative aspects**

States must assess all the documents involved, including Letters of Operational Agreement, Contingency Plans, and Operational Models.

For all purposes, this document establishes the following process:

1. Periodic meetings and discussions to identify requirements and preferred technical solution(s), alternatives, and options for the implementation of the new flight plan format;
   
   a) In order to facilitate a common understanding of Amendment 1 and its impact to automated and manual systems among the member States and ANSPs, a two-day seminar and workshop is tentatively planned for June 2010.

   b) The seminar/workshop will be followed by a two-day meeting of the project for the implementation of the flight plan new format to address revisions or updates to the Strategy for Implementation of Amendment 1, develop conclusions to be forwarded to various subgroups or committees, and determine the schedule for additional TF meetings.

2. The exchange of reports, technical documentation, plans and programming required for ensuring a successful and timely implementation.

3. Planning, technical coordination and implementation of activities by the States, under the coordination of the ICAO Lima and Mexico Offices.

9. **Financial aspects**

The participating States, as individual administrations, will be responsible for any financial obligation to cover direct and indirect expenditures related to the implementation of this strategy, including those related to the acquisition of the equipment, spare parts, training of technical and operational personnel, lines of communication, and others.

States may establish mechanisms for the implementation of this strategy; for instance, through ICAO technical Cooperation projects, under the supervision of the ICAO Regional Offices.
## IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FLIGHT PLAN FORMAT

### Benefits

**Efficiency**
- improved operational efficiency;
- enhanced airspace capacity;
- improved implementation on a cost-effective basis;

**Safety**
- improved safety management

### Strategy Near term (2012)

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**GPIs**
- GPI/1: flexible use of airspace; GPI/6: air traffic flow management; and GPI/7: dynamic and flexible ATS route management; GPI/9: Situational awareness; GPI/13: aerodrome design and management; GPI/14: runway operations; and GPI/16: decision support and alerting systems; GPI/17: implementation of data link applications; GPI/18: aeronautical Information; GPI/19: meteorological systems; GPI/21: Navigation Systems; GPI/22: Communications Infrastructure and GPI-23: Aeronautical radio spectrum.
### ATTACHMENT D

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FLIGHT PLAN FORMAT – AMENDMENT 1 TO THE 15th EDITION OF ICAO DOCUMENT 4444 (PANS/ATM)**

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<td>RLA/06/901 project</td>
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<td>RLA/06/901 project will give two fellowships per member State for specialists in the operational and technical areas involved in the implementation of the Amendment</td>
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<td>Prepare user and service provider personnel on the implementation of Amendment 1 to the PANS/ATM</td>
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<td>Study the implementation of the transition to the new flight plan format (operation taking under consideration the current and new format)</td>
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<td>If the new plan is implemented before June 2012, same will be only used on a trial basis (national, intra- and inter-regional), continuing to operate with the current flight plan format. In addition, during this period, pre-operational trials can be carried out (national, intra- and inter-regional)</td>
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<td>Implementation of activities permitting systems involved in the FPL to operate with the current and new FPL</td>
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<td>Keep the Regional Office informed on the progress of activities, as well as on date changes in the action plans</td>
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## ATTACHMENT E

**TENTATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FLIGHT PLAN FORMAT (AMENDMENT 1 TO THE 15TH EDITION OF ICAO DOCUMENT 4444) ON AUTOMATED FLIGHT PLAN PROCESSING SYSTEMS**

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<td>Flight Plan Form Box 7: Aircraft identification (7 characters maximum)</td>
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<td>a) The classes of flight rules that the pilot intends to apply are more clearly described (I, V, Y, Z). b) The letters for identifying the flight type are maintained, and it is indicated that the flight status must be specified in Box 18 after the STS indicator or when necessary to indicate other reasons after the RMK indicator.</td>
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<td>Should be affected since the information contained in this Box 10 does not appear in the format contemplated for RPLs (Doc 4444, Appendix 2, Section 6, Chapter 16).</td>
<td>It would affect if the FDPS does not consider letter A since this letter is not assigned to any function in the current plan.</td>
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<td>Might not be affected since the AFTN FPL template would accept in Box 18 the text associated to letter R of Box 10.</td>
<td>Should be affected since the information contained in this Box 10 does not appear in the format contemplated for RPLs (Doc 4444, Appendix 2, Section 6, Chapter 16).</td>
<td>It would be affected since the PBN values achieved are not considered in the current plan.</td>
<td>Should not be directly affected because this system does not use this information contained in Box 10 in the printing process.</td>
<td>Could be affected if the RDP system uses letter R of Box 10 as well as the corresponding information of Box 18 in its processing.</td>
<td>The system and the IHM should not be affected since flight plan display is not dependent upon the content of Box 10.</td>
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<td>Should be affected since the information contained in this Box 10 does not appear in the format contemplated for RPLs (Doc 4444, Appendix 2, Section 6, Chapter 16).</td>
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<td>Letter Y is assigned to identify the capability of the VHF system to operate with a 8.33 Khz separation.</td>
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<td>Box 10 (Part A)* Z Other equipment installed on board or other capabilities</td>
<td>In addition to other equipment installed on board, the term for other capabilities is also inserted. Other equipment or capabilities must be specified in the flight plan, in Box 18, after a new DAT/ indicator.</td>
<td>Should not be affected since letter Z is considered in the current flight plan format. Information associated with Box 18 should neither be affected since the AFTN template accepts text in this box.</td>
<td>Should be affected since the information contained in this Box 10 does not appear in the format contemplated for RPLs (Doc 4444, Appendix 2, Section 6, Chapter 16).</td>
<td>Should not be affected since a new DAT/ indicator is introduced in Box 18 associated to letter Z, but this information is not processed.</td>
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<td>Letter E indicates: Transponder Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure altitude, and extended squitter capability (ADS-B).</td>
<td>Could be affected since letter E is a new letter not contained in the current flight plan for surveillance equipment and capabilities.</td>
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<td>Letter H indicates Transponder Mode S, including aircraft identification, pressure altitude, and improved surveillance capability.</td>
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<td>Letter I indicates Transponder Mode S, including aircraft identification, but with no pressure altitude capability.</td>
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<td>Could be affected since the letters and numbers assigned for ADS-B are new and are not assigned in the current flight plan for surveillance equipment and capabilities.</td>
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Box 18 TALT/ indicator | Four-letter ICAO indicators for alternate take-off aerodromes as specified in Location Indicators, Doc 7910 or the name of the alternate en-route aerodromes if no indicator is assigned. For aerodromes not listed in the relevant aeronautical information publication, indicate the location in LAT/LONG or bearing and distance with respect to the closest significant point as described in DEP. | Should not be affected by this new indicator since Box 18 of the AFTN FPL template contains free text. | Should not be affected since the information contained in this Box 18 does not appear in the format contemplated for RPLs (Doc 4444, Appendix 2, Section 6, Chapter 16). | Could be affected since the TALT/ indicator does not appear in the current flight plan. | Should not be directly affected because this system does not use this information contained in Box 18 in the printing process. If the flight plan is not printed, it would be because the FDP is affected by the change in Box 18 and, consequently, is not sending information to the printer. | Should not be directly affected since this system does not use this indicator because it is not contemplated in the current flight plan format. | Should not be directly affected since this system does not use this information of Box 18 for flight plan display. If a flight plan is not being displayed, it would be because the FDP is affected by this change. |

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