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**FIFTH MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
(DGCA/5) OF ESAF AND WACAF STATES**

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Agenda Item 3: Aviation Safety

IMPLEMENTATION OF ICAO AOC DATABASE

(Presented by IATA)

SUMMARY

The multiplication of States requiring foreign air operators to submit detailed requests for authorization in order to operate to those States has created complexities that have multiple effects on the resources of the operators. In order to address these issues and harmonize the processes, ICAO under Assembly Resolution A36-6, urges States to recognize as valid the AOC issued by another State, provided that it was issued in accordance with Annex 6 requirements (Amendment 32, effective date 2008).

Assembly Resolution A36-6 further urges States to establish operating rules that govern the admission of foreign air operators within their territories in accordance with the Convention. Guidance for such rules is provided in ICAO Doc 8335. Many States have implemented these requirements as part 10 of their regulations. However, most of these requirements are in contradiction to the guidelines published in the ICAO Doc 8335. They still require air operators to file their operations specifications and provides for States to audit the airlines maintenance base and flight operations when carrying out their mandate for foreign operator authorization and continued surveillance.

To facilitate surveillance of foreign operators and to reduce the cost and burden to stakeholders, ICAO has implemented a secure site in the form of an aircraft information system that will act as a depository of AOCs issued by States-ICAO AOC Database.

REFERENCE(S):

ICAO Annex 6
ICAO Assembly Resolution A36-6
ICAO Doc 8335 Part

Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s): A, D

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO web-based Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Register is a follow up of ICAO International Aircraft Information Systems (IIAIS) which was implemented in 2011.

1.2 ICAO AOC database is designed to provide safety inspectors with a faster and up-to-date access to foreign operators AOCs and Operations Specifications and therefore improve safety oversight and surveillance.

1.3 The ICAO AOC database will reduce the administrative burden to States and allow defined outputs and searches as well as timely notices of status of AOCs and operations specifications of foreign operators.

1.4 The ICAO AOC database will to reduce the paperwork and costs associated with AOC and Operations Specifications when applying for foreign operator authorization.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The 12th ICAO Air Navigation Conference (November 2012) selected 4 AFI States to participate in the initial implementation process for ICAO AOC database by populating the database with AOCs already issued and in force by the States.

2.2 The four African States were nominated, with agreement of their representatives at the conference; So far none of them have populated the AOC database with the required data.

2.3 With the official launch of the ICAO AOC Database, all States need to review their regulation and populate the database with AOCs and operations specifications in order to allow easy accessibility for AOCs and operations specifications for air operators.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Encourage all States to nominate focal points to administer the AOC database and populate it with the AOCs and Operations Specifications issued by the State or alternatively
- b) Delegate populating of AOC Database to operators registered in the State
- c) Review the requirements for individual State's regulation not in harmony with ICAO requirements provide in Annex 6 and Doc 8335.

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