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Agenda Item 4: Review of Air Navigation Deficiencies in the AIS Field

APANPIRG ANS DEFICIENCIES RELATED TO NOTAM PROLIFERATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents further information on NOTAM proliferation, and on ICAO Regional Office consideration of Air Navigation Deficiencies for non-compliance with the relevant provisions of Annex 15 and PANS-AIM.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 WP/8 and IP/5 to this meeting provide analyses of NOTAM proliferation in the Asia/Pacific Region, in relation to long term NOTAMs which contains both permanent (PERM) NOTAMs and NOTAMs of long duration.

1.2 This paper provides advance notification to AAITF of the potential for APANPIRG Air Navigation Deficiencies against non-compliance with provisions of Annex 15 *Aeronautical Information Services* and ICAO Doc 10066 *Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aeronautical Information Management* (PANS-AIM) relating to NOTAM management.

2. DISCUSSION

Annex 15 and PANS-AIM Provisions

2.1 Annex 15 states:

5.2.6 NOTAM

Note. — Detailed specifications for NOTAM, including formats for SNOWTAM and ASHTAM, are contained in the PANS-AIM (Doc 10066).

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2.2 PANS-AIM States:

6.1.4 Specifications for NOTAM

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6.1.4.4 Within three months from the issuing of a permanent NOTAM, the information contained in the NOTAM shall be included in the aeronautical information products affected.

6.1.4.5 Within three months from the issuing of a temporary NOTAM of long duration, the information contained in the NOTAM shall be included in the AIP Supplement.

6.1.4.6 When a NOTAM with estimated end of validity unexpectedly exceeds the three-month period, a replacement NOTAM shall be issued, unless the condition is expected to last for a further period of more than three months; in this case, an AIP Supplement shall be issued.

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AAITF Discussion of NOTAM Proliferation

2.3 The matter of NOTAM proliferation was discussed at AAITF/13 (June 2018), where an example of a Pre-flight Information Bulletin for a flight from Ho Chi Minh City/Tan Son Nhat International Airport to London/Gatwick consisted of 100 pages including more than 700 NOTAMs including many of permanent validity that had been current for several years. AAITF drafted the following Conclusion, agreed by ATM/SG/6 (August 2018):

Conclusion ATM/SG/6-14: Management of NOTAMs

That, States are urged to take immediate action to reduce the large numbers of permanent, long duration NOTAMs by:

- 1. conducting a full review of all NOTAMs issued by the State;*
- 2. expediting the transfer of valid permanent NOTAM information into AIP;*
- 3. expediting the transfer of valid temporary NOTAM information of long duration into AIP SUP; and*
- 4. cancelling the NOTAMs accordingly.*

2.4 ATM/SG/6 was informed that AAITF would undertake periodic sampling of NOTAMs, with a view to direct engagement with States responsible for permanent, long duration NOTAMs and subsequent reporting to APANPIRG through the Air Navigation Deficiencies List.

2.5 The matter was further discussed at AAITF/14 (May 2019), when the Secretariat reminded the meeting that unreasonably large PIBs were examples of provision of aeronautical information that, due to its scale, was meaningless to pilots, and that it was entirely unreasonable for an AIS with any professional understanding of aviation to place such a burden on the human end user of the information. AAITF/14 was again informed that the inappropriate use of NOTAMs would be the subject of APANPIRG Air Navigation Deficiencies wherever appropriate.

ICAO Regional Office Planned Analysis and Action

2.6 The ICAO Regional Office will conduct further analysis up to approximately one month before the next meeting of ATM/SG (date TBD), to determine whether APAC Administrations concerned are taking sufficient, ongoing action to reduce the numbers of long term NOTAMs. The outcome of the analysis will be reported to ATM/SG/8. The meeting is invited to note that APANPIRG Air Navigation Deficiencies may be proposed by the ICAO Regional Office where necessary to highlight ongoing non-compliance with the relevant provisions of Annex 15 and PANS.

2.7 The meeting should also note that there are many cases where States issue NOTAMs of three-month duration, which are then replaced with NOTAMR of further three-month duration at the end of each three-month validity period in an attempt to work around the PANS-AIM provisions. Such cases will be considered to be the same as long term NOTAMs for the purpose of reporting to ATM/SG and APANPIRG.

2.8 Annex 15 section 6.2 identifies information which shall be distributed in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) under the Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control (AIRAC) system. There are frequent cases of such information being incorrectly promulgated by NOTAM, contributing not only to NOTAM proliferation but also to safety risks due to its not being correctly processed under AIRAC. In addition to its analysis of long term NOTAMs, the ICAO Regional Office also plans to conduct in 2021 an analysis of NOTAMs that are issued in non-compliance with Annex 15 section 6.2, with associated follow-up through ATM/SG and APANPIRG.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
 - b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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