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Agenda Item 4: Guidance material related to meteorological information exchange

LOCATION OF FASID TABLES

(Presented by Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a proposal to move the remaining Facilities and Services Implementation Document (FASID) table data (not already incorporated into the Regional Air Navigation Plan) into regional guidance documents.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO Regional Air Navigation Plans (ANPs) represent the bridge between, on one side, the global provisions in the ICAO standards and recommended practices (SARPs) and the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), and on the other side, the States' air navigation plans and implementation status.

1.2 In June 2014, the ICAO Council approved a common template to be used for Regional ANPs. Subsequent to this, APANPIRG endorsed a draft of the new format for the APAC Regional ANP based on this common template, and proposals for amendment of the APAC ANP, Volumes I and II, were circulated by ICAO to States for comment in December 2015 and January 2016, respectively.

1.3 This template incorporated data previously contained in the Regional Facilities and Services Implementation Document (FASID) Tables MET 1A and 1B.

1.4 However other necessary updates to the Regional ANP data that were previously contained in other FASID tables were not incorporated.

1.5 The 14th Meeting of the APAC Meteorological Exchange Working Group (MET/IE WG/14) in March 2016 discussed this issue. Subsequently, the 20th Meeting of the APAC Meteorology Subgroup (MET SG/20) in June 2016 requested that "the Secretariat to maintain accessibility to the legacy MET Tables from the previous version of the APAC Regional ANP for States as reference material, including the proposed amendments to FASID Tables MET 3A and 3B, which were related to the area of responsibility of tropical cyclone advisory centres and the recipients of information from volcanic ash advisory centres, until such time that the longer-term management of the information

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(contained in the legacy FASID Tables MET), which was not integrated in the new ANP, is finally resolved."

1.6 This paper seeks clarification on the plans for incorporating the remaining FASID tables in the APAC Regional ANP or other regional guidance documentation.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The FASID tables are available on the ICAO APAC webpage <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/edocs-fasid.aspx> as reference information only.

2.2 While FASID tables MET 1A and MET 1B were incorporated into the new APAC ANP, the remaining tables (listed below), are yet to be incorporated. It should be noted that the APAC Regional SIGMET Guide and ROBEX Handbook both have multiple references to FASID tables.

2.3 It is proposed that the data in the remaining FASID tables could be incorporated into existing APAC regional guidance documentation as follows:

FASID Table	Proposed new location of data
Table MET 1A - Meteorological Service Required at Aerodromes	APAC Regional ANP (complete)
Table MET 1B - Meteorological Watch Office	APAC Regional ANP (complete)
Table MET 2A - OPMET Information (METAR, SPECI and TAF) Required in SADIS and WIFS	APAC ROBEX Handbook
Table MET 3A - Tropical cyclone advisory centres	APAC Regional SIGMET Guide
Table MET 3B - Volcanic ash advisory centres	APAC Regional SIGMET Guide
Table MET 3C - Selected State Volcano Observatories	TBC
Table MET 5 - Requirements for WAFS Forecasts	Data no longer required
Table MET 6 - Primary Internet-Based Service in the ASIA/PAC Region for the Provision of WAFS Forecasts and OPMET Information	Data no longer required
Chart MET 1 - Areas of Responsibility of the TCACs	APAC Regional SIGMET Guide
Chart MET 2 - Map of Areas of Responsibility of VAAC and Corresponding FIR	APAC Regional SIGMET Guide

2.4 Moving the FASID table data into Regional guidance documentation will allow States to maintain the data and for it to be easily accessible. If in the future, this information is added to the Regional ANP template, it can be subsequently removed from the Regional guidance material.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note the information contained in the paper;
 - b) Consider proposed addition of FASID table data to Regional guidance documentation as outlined in section 2.3; and
 - c) Formulate decision and action for endorsement by MET SG.
