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REVIEW OF GEN 0.3 - RECORD OF AIP SUPPLEMENTS

(Presented by Singapore)

SUMMARY

This paper seeks to discuss on the interpretation of the content to be published in GEN 0.3 of the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) as documented in PANS-AIM, Doc 10066.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ICAO Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aeronautical Information Management (*PANS-AIM, Doc 10066*) outlines the procedures for standardized presentation of the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). Appendix 2 of PANS-AIM provides a list of information to be published, arrangements and the subject heading to be used by States in order to achieve a globally standardized presentation of the AIP.

1.2 One of the information that would need to be published would be the ‘Record of AIP Supplements’ in Part 1 - General (GEN) 0.3. This section is to contain “A record of issued AIP Supplements”¹ capturing information on the AIP Supplement such as AIP Supplement number and the subject. In addition, information on “cancellation record” is also to be provided.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 It has observed that there are different interpretations of the description for GEN 0.3 from the variation in how States published information in GEN 0.3 of their AIP. This disparity can be attributed to the description that simply indicates that the section is to include “A record of issued AIP Supplements” without specifying the historical reference point from which the record of AIP Supplement should commence.

2.2 A straightforward interpretation of the description might suggest that States are required to include in this section a record of all AIP Supplements published from the start. The implication of such interpretation would mean that obsolete records of AIP Supplements will be a permanent feature in GEN 0.3 and the list would get more and more massive over time. Obsolete records and outdated information will not be relevant to the current airspace

¹ Based on the description provided in PANS-AIM

operations and thus not needed. Based on our observation, we have not observed this practice by States.

2.3 Another possible operational interpretation is that this section is to provide a record of valid AIP Supplements together with those expired AIP Supplements up to a defined historical reference point (i.e. a defined duration). Our observation is that most States only include records of the current AIP Supplements or indicate ‘NIL’ in GEN 0.3. This inconsistency may be due to lack of standardization and guidance.

2.4 Singapore’s understanding is that the intent of GEN 0.3 is for airspace users to be aware of what are the currently valid AIP Supplements. This is because valid AIP Supplements would need to be read together with the information in the AIP, as well as other current/active aeronautical information products, in order for the airspace users to form a complete picture of the current airspace situation in preparation for their operations. As such, there would not be any need to include cancelled/expired AIP Supplements given that they would not affect current airspace operating conditions. Inclusion of expired information within the AIP, would only create more clutter into the information-extensive AIP.

2.5 Given the variation of interpretation which may depart from the intent of establishing a standardized presentation of the AIP, the meeting could discuss on the interpretation of the PANS-AIM text to ensure consistency in the publication of AIS product/information. This would provide clarity to all States on what is to be included in this section as this would allow the industry to harmonize their AIS/AIM products to move towards global interoperability.

2.6 In order to facilitate discussion for this matter, some of possible options for the way forward are as follows:

Option 1: Provide only the record of currently valid AIP Supplements

Option 2: Provide the record of valid AIP Supplements together with those expired AIP Supplements with historical reference point (i.e. for a period of XX years)

Option 3: Provide record of expired AIP Supplement that has been cancelled, incorporated, or replaced, as updated the previous AIP Amendment.

2.7 Beyond the 3 options presented above, there may other Options that may be appropriate in order to fulfil the intent of the information to be presented in GEN 0.3.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) discuss the intent of GEN 0.3; and
- c) discuss on the proposed options to resolve the various interpretations and presentations of GEN 0.3, or any other options as appropriate.

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