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Agenda Item 4: AIS-AIM Updates

PROCESSING STATUS OF OLD NOTAMS IN VIET NAM

(Presented by Viet Nam)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a briefing on processing status of old NOTAMs in Viet Nam, challenges and solutions.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The matter of NOTAM proliferation was discussed at AAITF/13 (June 2018) and the Conclusion on Management of NOTAMs, agreed by ATM/SG/6 (August 2018), which had urged States to take immediate action to reduce the large numbers of permanent, long duration NOTAMs.

1.2 Viet Nam had taken some actions to reduce the old NOTAMs, to enhance the quality of NOTAMs and PIBs.

2. DISCUSSION

Processing status of old NOTAMs in Viet Nam

2.1 A NOTAM should not be active for more than three (3) months, and should never be replaced more than once. If this happens, it becomes an old NOTAM.

2.2 Based on a statistical comparison of the April 2020 and 2021 checklist of valid NOTAMs for all NOTAM series of Viet Nam, the number of old NOTAMs has decreased by 15%.

Time	Checklist of valid NOTAMs				Old
	SER A	SER C	SER J	Total	
April 2020	83	10	0	93	17 (18.27%)
April 2021	71	28	5	104	4 (3.84%)

Challenges (factors contributing to NOTAM proliferation):

- Use of NOTAM to re-notify information already published in AIP, AIC or SUP;
- Long intervals between AIP Amendments lead to increase in NOTAM (every 4 months for a regular AIP Amendment);
- Insufficient knowledge and awareness on the part of (some) data originators (ex. airports, military etc.);
- Increasing number of obstacles (buildings, cranes etc.);

- Increasing number of constructions, repairs ... at airports;
- Issue of NOTAM for legal and liability reasons;
- Lack of expertise in quality management.

Solutions/best practices to address the challenges

- Conducting workshops and training for data originators and AIS staffs: Topics include QMS, safety oversight, auditing and regulations, Service Letters of Agreement (SLA);
- Continuing to timely incorporate of amendments to relevant SARPs into national regulations;
- Strictly applying Annex 15, Doc 8126 and PANS-AIM provisions related to NOTAM;
- Continuing to analyse the national NOTAM and taking remedial actions when needed in order to enhance effectiveness;
- Updating NOTAM origination guidance and NOTAM publication procedures;
- Reviewing and updating SLA including standard NOTAM request form and regularly discuss with originators concerned;
- Eliminating unnecessary or irrelevant NOTAM and poor or confusing terminology;
- Reducing intervals between AIP Amendments (every 03 months for a regular AIP Amendment, apply AIRAC Amendment when necessary);
- Strengthening decision making role of AIS officers;
- Enhancing and strengthening QMS to monitor the compliance with NOTAM provisions;
- Ensuring adequate oversight of the NOTAM origination and publication process.

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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