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NOTAM PROMULGATION SERVICES FOR PACIFIC ISLAND STATES

(Presented by FIJI)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an update from Fiji on Action Item 14/2 on the AAITF/17 Task List.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO Annex 15 defines a NOTAM as a *notice distributed by means of telecommunication containing information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations.*

1.2 Fiji has been delegated the responsibility for the provision of air navigation services within the Nadi FIR. The Nadi FIR covers an area of approximately 6.2 million square km and includes the airspace above Pacific Island States Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Kiribati, Wallis & Futuna and Tuvalu.

1.3 As part of the air navigation services provided, Fiji promulgates NOTAMs on behalf of these Pacific Island States.

2. DISCUSSION

NOTAM Request Procedures

2.1 The NOTAM procedures for Class A NOTAM distribution is published in Fiji AIP GEN 3.1-7 section 3.4.10.

2.2 The Nadi NOTAM Office is responsible for ensuring the NOTAM procedures are discharged and that NOTAMs are not issued for a period longer than 90 days.

2.3 It is the responsibility of each State to ensure accuracy of the NOTAM content and monitor its validity.

Management of PERM NOTAM

2.4 Several years ago, Fiji faced issues pertaining to old-age NOTAMs. This was a result of delays in communication between the Nadi NOTAM Office and the States it served.

2.5 This delay in communication affected Fiji’s ability to take the required action to remove the PERM NOTAMs from the List of Valid NOTAMs issued by the Nadi NOTAM Office. In the case of one State, coordination took longer, as approval to amend had to be issued by its parent Sate before cancelation or revision of a NOTAM.

NOTAM issues experienced by Nadi NOTAM Office

2.6 Below are some of the issues experienced by the Nadi NOTAM Office:

- Ambiguous content provided for the “E” field;
- NOTAM requested with immediate effect on information that is not critical to flight safety;
- NOTAM validity of one-year still being received despite advice to Sates of the 90 day validity rule;
- Requesting that the “A” field of the NOTAM reflect the FIR when activity such as parachute and Unmanned Aerial Operations are conducted at an aerodrome.

Moving Forward

2.7 Fiji plans to commence regular online meetings with the States it serves to discuss the list of valid NOTAMs and other NOTAM issues being faced.

2.8 Fiji will be reviewing existing procedures to establish an agreement for NOTAM Management with the States it serves and to address issues discussed at paragraph 2.6 above.

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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