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**ASIA AND PACIFIC (APAC) TWENTY-FOURTH
MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGICAL
INFORMATION EXCHANGE WORKING
GROUP (MET/IE WG/24)**

Nadi, Fiji, 21 to 24 April 2026

Agenda Item 4: Guidance Material Related to Meteorological Information Exchange
ŌHAKEA METAR INFORMATION IN ROBEX HANDBOOK

(Presented by New Zealand)

SUMMARY

This paper provides an update to Appendix A of the ROBEX Handbook, to include information on bulletins containing METAR AUTO for Ōhakea Airport.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the 29th Meeting of Meteorology Sub-group (MET SG/29) of APANPIRG, New Zealand [provided information](#) on planned changes and additions to the bulletins contained METAR and TAF.

1.2 At the time of MET SG/29, it was yet to be confirmed if the new SANZ33 NZKL bulletin would contain Ōhakea Airport manual METAR and SPECI (only during hours of flight information service) or half-hourly METAR AUTO. Following stakeholder consultation, it was decided that the METAR AUTO would be disseminated.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 New Zealand began providing the new SANZ33 NZKL bulletin from 2 October 2025, containing half hourly METAR AUTO reports for Ōhakea Airport. The implementation of this bulletin was advised via METNO, along with advice on the new FTNZ33 NZKL and changes to FT/SANZ32 to include TAF and METAR for Dunedin and Hamilton airports.

2.2 Appendix A to this paper provides draft changes to Appendix A to the APAC ROBEX Handbook, Table A, to reflect the new SANZ33 NZKL bulletin.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) agree to update the ROBEX Handbook to reflect the changes to the New Zealand OPMET provision, as outlined in Appendix A to this paper.

APPENDIX A – Proposed Updates to APAC ROBEX Handbook

Editorial note – additional text is in grey highlight.

APPENDIX A — Collection and Dissemination of METAR (SA) Bulletins
Table A : METAR

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ROC		METAR Bulletin			Bul. Time	Available	DISSEMINATION TO	
Name	CCCC	BUL No.	CCCC	Aerodrome			RODB/ROC	AFTN Addresses
ASIA/PAC REGION								
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Wellington	NZKL	SANZ31	NZWN	WELLINGTON Intl	HH+00/30		BANGKOK	VTBBYPYX
			NZAA	AUCKLAND Intl	HH+00/30		BRISBANE	YBBBYPYX
			NZCH	CHRISTCHURCH Intl	HH+00/30		NADI	NFFNYPYX
					SINGAPORE		WSZZYPYX	
						TOKYO	RJTDYPYX	
						Beijing	ZBBBYPYX	
						Hong Kong	VHZZYPYX	
						Incheon	RKSIYPYX	
						Jakarta	WIZZYPYX	
		SANZ32	NZQN	QUEENSTOWN	HH+00/30		BANGKOK	VTBBYPYX
			NZDN	DUNEDIN	HH+00/30		BRISBANE	YBBBYPYX
			NZHN	HAMILTON	HH+00/30		NADI	NFFNYPYX
					SINGAPORE		WSZZYPYX	
						TOKYO	RJTDYPYX	
						Beijing	ZBBBYPYX	
						Hong Kong	VHZZYPYX	
						Incheon	RKSIYPYX	
						Jakarta	WIZZYPYX	
		SANZ33	NZOH	OHAKEA	HH+00/30		BANGKOK	VTBBYPYX

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							NADI	NFFNYPYX
							SINGAPORE	WSZZYPYX
							TOKYO	RJTDYPYX
							Beijing	ZBBBYPYX
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