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AREA RESPONSIBILITY OF METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICES PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES

(Presented by the United States of America)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on a change in the area of responsibility of Meteorological Watch Offices provided by the United States.

1. BRACKGROUND

1.1 The current Meteorological Watch Office responsibility (WMO) for the Oakland Flight Information Region (FIR) is shared by three Meteorological Watch Offices (MWOs) provided by the United States:

1.2 The Aviation Weather Center (KKCI) provides the meteorological watch and SIGMETs for the portion of the Oakland Oceanic FIR north of 30 north latitude, and the portion east of 140 west longitude which is between the equator and south of 30 north latitude.

1.3 The MWO at the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Honolulu (PHFO) is responsible for the Oakland Oceanic FIR north of the equator and south of 30 north latitude from 140 west to 160 east longitude.

1.4 The MWO at WFO Guam (PGUM) has responsibility for the Oakland Oceanic FIR west of 160 east longitude and north of the equator.

1.5 A decision has been made by the U.S. to realign responsibilities for the provision of aviation services in the Pacific. Beginning in late September 2004, WFO Guam will no longer have MWO responsibilities. The responsibility for the meteorological watch and provision of SIGMETs for the portion of the Oakland FIR currently provided by WFO Guam will move to MWO provided by the WFO in Honolulu.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The date and time at which SIGMETs for the area currently provided by Guam with the issuing office locator PGUM will be provided by Honolulu with the location identifier PHFO is:

2.2 September 2004 at 0001UTC which is 12:01 pm, 9/28/04 in Honolulu and 10:01am, 9/29/04 in Guam.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the changes to U.S. MWO responsibility.
