



International Civil Aviation Organization

**THIRD MEETING OF ASIA/PAC OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
OF CNS/MET SUB-GROUP OF APANPIRG (OPMET/M TF/3)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 2-4 March 2005

Agenda Item 1 b): Review of TORs and Work Programme of the Group

**TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME
OF THE OPMET/M TASK FORCE**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Terms of Reference and Work Programme of the OPMET/M TF as endorsed by APANPIRG/15 for review and update, as necessary.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 13th Meeting of APANPIRG held in Bangkok from 9 to 13 September 2002 with its Decision 13/28 established ASIA/PAC OPMET Exchange Task Force (OPMET/E TF). The Meeting adopted Terms of Reference (TORs), Work Programme and composition of the task force. The first meeting of the TF was held from 19 to 21 February 2003 in Bangkok.

1.2 The 7th Meeting of the CNS/MET Sub-group of APANPIRG held in Bangkok from 15 to 21 July 2003 adopted Decision 7-10/26, by which the OPMET Exchange Task Force was renamed to ASIA/PAC OPMET Management Task Force (OPMET/M TF).

1.3 The second meeting of OPMET/M TF, Bangkok, 10 to 13 February 2004 reviewed and updated the TORs and the Work Programme of the group. Consequently, APANPIRG/15 meeting, Bangkok, 23-27 August 2004, adopted Decision 15/35 on the subject.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The TORs and Work Programme of the OPMET/M TF as endorsed by APANPIRG/15 are given in the attachment. The group is invited to review and update them as necessary.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) review the Terms of Reference and Work Programme and propose any changes necessary.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ASIA/PAC OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

ASIA/PAC OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF)

1. Terms of Reference

- Review the OPMET exchange schemes in the ASIA/PAC and MID Region and develop proposals for their optimization taking into account the requirements by the aviation users and the current trends for global OPMET exchange;
- Develop monitoring and management procedures related to ROBEX exchange and other exchanges of OPMET information;
- Regularly update the regional guidance material related to OPMET exchange;
- Liaise with other groups dealing with communication and/or management aspects of the OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and other ICAO Regions (ASIA/PAC ATN Transition TF, BMG EUR Region, CNS/MET SG MID Region, etc.).

2. Work Programme

The work to be addressed by the ASIA/PAC OPMET Management Task Force includes:

- (a) to examine the existing and any new requirements for OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and MID regions and assess the feasibility of satisfying these requirements, taking into account the availability of the data;
- (b) to keep under review the ROBEX scheme and other OPMET exchange schemes and prepare proposal for updating and optimizing of the schemes;
- (c) to review and update the procedures for interregional OPMET exchange and ensure the availability of the required ASIA/PAC and MID OPMET data for the AFS satellite broadcasts (ISCS and SADIS);
- (d) to keep under review and provide timely amendments of the regional guidance materials on the OPMET exchange; to ensure that guidance material covers procedures for the exchange of all required OPMET data types: SA, SP, FC, FT, WS, WC, WV, FK, FV, UA;
- (e) to conduct trials and develop procedures for monitoring and management of the OPMET exchange; to foster implementation of quality management of OPMET data by the ROBEX centres and the RODBs;

Note: It is recommended that the EUR OPMET quality control and management procedures be reviewed and utilized in developing similar procedure for the ASIA/PAC and MID Regions.

3. Composition

- (a) The Task Force is composed by experts from:

Australia (Rapporteur); China; Fiji; Japan; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia, Singapore; Thailand; United Kingdom and United States;

- (b) Representatives of IATA, EUR BMG and MID OPMET Bulletin Board are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force

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