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OF CNS/MET SUB-GROUP OF APANPIRG (OPMET/M TF/3)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 2-4 March 2005

**Agenda Item 3 b): Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange
ASIA/PAC ICD, edition 2004**

REVIEW OF ASIA/PAC OPMET DATA BANKS ICD

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the 12th edition of ROBEX Handbook, published by ICAO Regional Office in 2004. The paper discusses the need for development of further regional guidance on OPMET exchange for inclusion in the Handbook.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 3rd edition of the ASIA/PAC OPMET Data Banks Interface Control Document (ICD) was published in hard copy and CD-ROM and distributed in November 2004 to all States in ASIA/PAC Region. Copies of the ICD were also sent for information to the other ICAO Regions. The ICD is available on the ICAO web site in pdf format.

1.2 This paper discusses the need for updating and amending the ASIA/PAC OPMET Data Banks ICD in order to keep it as a valuable and useful document for the RODBs, ROBEX centres and other aviation users.

2. DISCUSSION

Outstanding tasks

2.1 The main outstanding task regarding the ICD is the development of the unified ASIA/PAC OPMET Catalogue, which would become Appendix F of the ICD. The 3rd edition of the ICD already included the basic principles for creating the Catalogue.

2.2 The group should decide upon the need for standardized format of the “reply message” as shown in p. 3.2.5 of the ICD.

2.3 It was proposed to harmonize the format of the Appendices for all RODBs. For the 3rd edition, only Bangkok and Singapore adopted a common format of the tables presenting the content of the data banks. Other RODBs are also encouraged to consider adopting the same format of these tables.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) note the content of this paper;
- b) review the 3rd edition of the ASIA/PAC OPMET Data Banks ICD;
- c) discuss and make proposals regarding the necessary updates to the ICD.

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