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3.1 Aerodromes (AGA)

AERODROME CERTIFICATION AND AUDITS

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the latest information reported to ICAO in relation to the implementation of aerodrome certification in States and Territories in the E/CAR Region. The Meeting is invited to update the information for States and Territories in the Eastern Caribbean Region. The paper also presents for the Meeting's information the latest developments on the ICAO preparatory activities for the USOAP audits in Aerodromes.

References:

- Annex 14 – Aerodromes, Volume I – Aerodrome Design and Operations, 3rd Ed., July 1999, Amendment No. 4 - 1 November 2001
- Doc. 9774 – Manual on Certification of Aerodromes, 1st Ed. - 2001
- Final Report of the GREPECAS/11 Meeting (Brazil, December 2002)
- Final Report of the AGA/AOP/SG/3 Meeting (Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, October 2003)
- C-WP/11952, dated 28/01/03 – Action Plan for the Conduct of Audits in the Areas of Expansion.
- C-WP/12126, dated 10/11/03 – Safety Oversight 'Continuation of ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme'.

1. Introduction

1.1 CAR/SAM States and Territories reviewed the status on aerodrome certification process implementation during the Third Meeting of the GREPECAS Aerodromes and Ground Aids/Aerodrome Operational Planning Subgroup (AGA/AOP/SG/3), held in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, from 30 September to 3 October 2003. The update status report on aerodrome certification process implementation in the E/CAR Region based on the information provided directly and updated by States during the AGA/AOP/SG/3, and through correspondence received by the ICAO NACC Regional Office is included in **Appendix A** to this paper.

1.2 Besides the ICAO Aerodrome Certification Workshops held in Trinidad and Tobago in May 2002 (English) and in Chile in September 2002 (Spanish), ICAO, in cooperation with the United States, organised the ICAO/FAA Airport Certification Procedures for Inspector Workshops for the CAR/SAM Regions in Miami-United States, from 15 to 19 September 2003 for English speaking States and from 6 to 10 October 2003 for Spanish speaking States. Both Workshops had the participation of 49 delegates from 26 CAR/SAM States. The Eastern Caribbean Region was represented in both Workshops by Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

1.3 As a follow-up to Resolutions A32-11 *Establishment of an ICAO universal safety oversight audit programme [USOAP]* and A33-8 *Continuation and expansion of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme*, the Council agreed to present a proposal to the 35th Session of the Assembly regarding the implementation, for the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme, of a system approach in the conduct of safety oversight audits starting in 2005. The experience gained from the conduct of audits on an Annex by Annex basis had shown that Standards and Recommended Practices contained in the various Annexes were interdependent and essentially designed to enhance aviation safety. The conducting of future safety oversight audits on the basis of a systems approach would increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme, and would offer significant economic benefits in the long term.

2. Action by the Meeting

2.1 The Meeting is invited to note the contents of this paper and take any action it considers appropriate to further encourage regional cooperation and the timely implementation by States/Territories of the aerodrome certification requirement. Furthermore, it is requested that States participating in this meeting complete the table included in Appendix A with updated information corresponding to their respective States/Territories, and submit it to the Secretariat during the Meeting in order to include these updates in the meeting report.

Aerodrome Certification Implementation in the E/CAR Region States/Territories			
State/Territory	Certification System Implementation Progress/Status	Certification Commencement Date	Remarks
Barbados ¹	New legislation addressing aerodrome certification is being prepared and is expected to be enacted by June 2004. The production of an Aerodrome Certification Manual is in its Final Stages; it is expected that it will be completed by the time the new legislation is enacted.	3 rd Quarter of 2004	
France	At the present time, French CAA is including basic legislation about certification in civil aviation laws	No up to date information	
Netherlands Antilles	Implemented.	*****	
OECS ¹ Antigua and Barbuda Dominica Grenada Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	New civil aviation regulations are under development based on the Jamaica/Canada model, which will require aerodrome certification.	No up to date information	
Trinidad and Tobago ¹	The Civil Aviation Aerodrome Licensing Regulations 2004 made under primary Legislation, has been laid in the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago during the month of March 2004. The Regulations shall come into effect on March 2005	2005	
United Kingdom ² Anguilla British Virgin Islands	A partial aerodrome certification/licensing system is in place, which will be replaced by new regulatory powers and systems including aerodrome certification.	No up to date information	
United States Puerto Rico US Virgin Islands	Implemented.	*****	

¹ CARICOM member States of Regional Aviation Safety Oversight System (RASOS) have approved the establishment of an Aerodrome Certification Working Group (AC/WG) to provide support to States for aerodrome certification.

² The United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority has established the Air Safety Support International (ASSI) to help provide a civil aviation safety regulation system in the UK Overseas Territories. It is responsible for supporting the Territories' existing authorities in the safety regulation of all aspects of civil aviation, including the licensing of personnel and the certification of aircraft, airlines, airports and air traffic control.