



Agenda Item 4 Specific Air Navigation Activities and Developments
4.1 Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

REPORT ON AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNICAL VISITS

(Presented by Trinidad and Tobago)

SUMMARY
The purpose of this working paper is: 1) To report on the progress of the Aeronautical Information Services Technical Visits. 2) To submit another schedule of AIS visits.
References
• Report of the 29th Eastern Caribbean Working Group Meeting held in St. Vincent 9th –13th May 2005.

1. Introduction

1.1 At the last Eastern Caribbean Working Group meeting held in St. Vincent it was agreed that there was a need for Aeronautical Information Services Technical Visits so that Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) Staff could benefit from the experience and technical knowledge of neighboring AIS Offices.

2. Discussion

2.1 In harmony with this a schedule was drawn up and presented at the last meeting and a consequent invitation was issued in August 2005.

2.2 The response however has not been the desired one due to many ongoing projects in various Islands. Without the expected responses, we could not submit a schedule for the members of the Aeronautical Information Services Committee to examine and approve. We however decided that we could welcome visits in accord with the tentative schedule presented at the last meeting.

2.3 We are pleased to report that the British Virgin Islands sent two (2) Officers on a two (2) day visit to Piarco AIS on the 28th and 29th January 2006 and a good deal of work was accomplished with respect to:

- I. Familiarizing Officers with Pre-flight Information Bulletin (PIB) procedures on the new AIS System.
- II. Solving Flight Planning difficulties.
- III. Stressing the need for adherence to Aeronautical Information Regulation And Control (AIRAC) system etc.

2.4 Recommendations on these matters were made including having British Virgin Islands Officers attend the Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network (AFTN) Operators Course to be held from the last week in October 2006 at Piarco.

2.5 The Officers were also able to take back to the British Virgin Islands, AIS material that can assist in their everyday duties.

2.6 We are convinced that these visits by other AIS Officers will play an important role in the smooth flow of information among Eastern Caribbean Aeronautical Information Services Units and will help in maintaining the same standards throughout the Eastern Caribbean. We are well aware that this harmonization is basic to regional Aeronautical Information Management, which is essential, to the Air Traffic Management (ATM) Global Operational concept toward which International Civil Aviation is moving.

2.7 At this point it seems more logical for Piarco to accommodate the visits of the other states' Aeronautical Information Services Officers and then consider reciprocal visits. After this, the Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) Committee can work on a schedule of visits of Aeronautical Information Services Officers to neighbouring units.

2.8 There is a lot of work still to be done with respect to laying the ground work for accessing Pre-flight Information Bulletins, getting outstanding information published, development of a WGS 84 database, redrafting of letters of Agreement etc.

2.9 In view of this the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA) will again extend an invitation to member states to send their AIS officers on a visit to Piarco AIS.

3. Suggested Action

3.1 Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority's are urged to:

- 1) place a higher priority on Aeronautical Information Services Technical Visits; and
- 2) work toward sending their AIS Officers to Trinidad and Tobago AIS in harmony with the tentative schedule attached.

3.2 The meeting is invited to note the contents of this Working Paper.

APPENDIX A

1) SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE) OF E/CAR AIS VISITS TO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2007

Each visit would last two (2) days and be set for the second half of the month indicated.
Please note the schedule can be adjusted to the needs of each member state.

MONTHS	JAN	X	X								
	FEB			X		X					
	MAR				X				X		
	APR							X		X	
	MAY						X				X
	JUN										
	JUL										
	AUG										
	SEP										
	OCT										
	NOV										
	DEC										
		TQ	TA	TG	TR	TK	TL	TV	TD	TB	TF

STATES

LEGEND

TQ	ANGUILLA	TK	ST KITTS AND NEVIS
TA	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	TL	ST LUCIA
TU	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	RV	ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
TG	GRENADA	TB	BARBADOS
TR	MONTserrat	TF	FRENCH ANTILLES
TT	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TD	DOMINICA

2) TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1) NOTAM and Pre-flight Information Bulletin (PIB) query Procedures and automated replies and their interpretation.
- 2) Piarco internal NOTAM processing procedures: Eastern Caribbean and International.
- 3) Flight Planning difficulties.
- 4) Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network (AFTN) matters.
- 5) Specific problems encountered between visiting state's AIS and Piarco AIS.
- 6) Restructuring of Letters of Agreement to reflect new NOTAM and PIB query procedures.
- 7) Proper indication of WGS 84 Coordinates for Publishing.
- 8) WAC Production.

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