

ATTACHMENT

AERONAUTICAL METEOROLOGY SUBGROUP (AERMET/SG) COM/MET TASK FORCE

QUESTIONNAIRE ON OPMET INFORMATION

1. State/Territory: **Suriname**
2. Meteorological services to international civil aviation is provided by:
 - a) National Meteorological Service (NMS) ☒
 - b) Civil Aviation Administration (CAA) ☐
3. Name and position of the person responding this questionnaire (it is recommended to be the person in charge of OPMET Control and of COM)

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How do you transmit/receive OPMET information?

Transmit via AFTN

Receive via AFTNVSAT

5. System used by your State to send aeronautical messages?

AFTN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AMHS	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Communications systems for the transmission/reception of OPMET information pertain to the authority of:

NMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AAC	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

7. Is there some type of administrative arrangement to guarantee the telecommunications service?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

8. Is there a template for the transmission of OPMET messages that allows the preparation of messages without errors?

yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

9. If the above answer is yes, which message or messages are prepared using such templates?

Metars, speci's, met report, specials, tafs

10. The equipment from which OPMET messages are transmitted is in the:

- a) Aeronautical Meteorological Station (AMS) ☐
- b) Meteorological Watch Office (MWO) ☐
- c) Aerodrome Meteorological Office (AMO) ☐
- d) Communications Unit (COM)

Comments: *is in ACC room*

11. If the equipment is not in the meteorology operator's room, what average time elapses between the presentation of meteorological messages and their transmission?

Comments: *one to two minutes*

12. Is there a back-up system for the enrouting of messages in case of failure of the main system?

yes ☐
no ☒

Comments: _____

13. If there is a back-up system, is the equipment installed in the meteorology operator's room?

yes ☐
no ☒

Comments: _____

14. If the above answer is no, what average time elapses between the presentation of meteorological messages and their transmission?

Comments: _____

15. Is there a plan for the use of the back-up system?

yes ☐

no ☒

Comments: _____

16. If the above answer is yes, is the plan up-to-date?

Comments: _____

17. Is this alternate system known by all meteorology and/or communications operators?

yes ☐
no ☒

Comments: _____

18. Is the INTERNET available in the meteorology or communications operator's room for the alternative submission of OPMET messages?

yes ☒
no ☐

Comments: _____

19. Has your administration any contingency plan for communications failure?

yes ☐
no ☒

Comments: _____

20. Are OPMET messages (heading and text), prepared and sent by the meteorology operator or by the communications operator?

Comments: send/prepare by meteorologist operators

21. Who organizes the list of OPMET messages addressees?

Comments: COM

22. What elements are taken into consideration to prepare the list of addressees?

Comments: according to Fasid Tabel

23. Do you have any bilateral agreement to receive OPMET information not contained in CAR/SAM ANP FASID Tables

yes	[]
no	[x]

Comments: _____

24. If the above answer is yes, which are the ICAO locations?

Comments: _____

25. Are there bilateral agreements to send OPMET information not contained in CAR/SAM ANP FASID Tables?

yes	[]
no	[x]

Comments: _____

26. If the above answer is yes, which are the ICAO locations?

Comments: _____

27. Which ICAO locations are sent to the Brasilia OPMET Data Bank?

Comments: Zanderij

28. Do you have any procedure to check if OPMET messages sent reach their destiny?

yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: via VSAT and Internet

29. If the above answer is yes, have you identified failures in the reception of your messages by the addressee?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

30. Have you verified if the OPMET messages that should be received according to CAR/SAM ANP FASID tables and bilateral agreements, are received by the addressees?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: no access to CAR/SAM ANP

31. Have failures been detected in the reception of OPMET information sent or that should have been received?

yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: if there is no connection

32. If the above answer is yes, have you taken any type of action? (if an explanation is required, you can include an attachment)

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

33. Are the operators aware of the AFTN Routing Directory (List No. 6) available in Lima Regional Office website?

yes ☒ [x]
no ☐ []

Comments: _____

34. Are the operators aware of CAR/SAM FASID MET Tables and the Table contained in Appendix C of the OPMET Guide or another publication of the State which contains this information available in the website of ICAO SAM Office?

yes ☒ [x]
no ☐ []

Comments: _____

35. Have the operators information and access to the Catalogue of OPMET Data available in the Brasilia International OPMET Data Bank?

yes ☒ [x]
no ☐ []

Comments: _____

36. Does the State carry out the OPMET data exchange coordinated control?

yes ☒ [x]
no ☐ []

Comments: _____

37. If there is an OPMET data coordinated control, is it made manually or is there software to make it automatically?

Comments: it manual

38. Did the State carry out the OPMET Data exchange coordinated control from 10 to 16 June 2010?

yes ☒ [x]
no ☐ []

Comments: _____

39. Have the OPMET controls of the States that exchange OPMET information been received in your State?

yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

40. If the above answer is yes, has the exchange of information been analyzed with OPMET Control responsible on any possible lack?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

41. Did the State receive by e-mail the information on the 4 OPMET data exchange coordinated controls carried out from 10 to 16 March, June, September and November 2009, by the Brasilia International OPMET Data Bank?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: 10 to 16 march no. Rest ok.

42. If the above answer is yes, has the efficiency of OPMET information received in the exchange of OPMET data of Brasilia been analyzed?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

43. Have the meteorology and/or communications operators been informed on the absences and delays of OPMET messages detected by the OPMET exchange coordinated control?

yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

44. Have corrective measures been taken to improve the quality of the services provided by the State according to the information contained in the OPMET exchange coordinated control carried out in June 2010?

yes	[]
no	[x]

Comments: _____

45. Is the METAR and/or TAF submission carried out in one or collective format?

Comments: *x; in one format*

46. In the meteorological heading of the SIGMET message, is the ICAO FIR/UIR location indicator or the MWO indicator used? In this case include it hereunder.

Comments: we are intending to start with sigmet in september

47. In the SIGMET message text, is the ICAO FIR/UIR location indicator or the MWO indicator used before the Word "SIGMET" in the header of the message?

Comments: _____

48. In the meteorological heading of an AIREP message, is the FIR/UIR or the MWO indicator used?

Comments: *WMO indicator*

48. Write hereunder the group T₁ T₂ A₁ A₂ ii used in your State for:

WS	[]
WV	[]
WC	[]

Comments: *not issued*

APPENDIX – Addcional comments; in the near future we will our utmost to make things go better.