
Implementation of the ICAO new Model Flight Plan Form and ATS Messages

Procedures for air navigation services – air traffic management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) published by ICAO consist of provisions governing the contents of flight plans and ATS messages.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 ICAO has announced changes to the ICAO model flight plan form and ATS Messages in Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of PANS ATM Doc 4444 which will become applicable on 15 November 2012.
- 1.2 The Amendment stems from the work of the Flight Plan Study Group (FPLSG). The nature and scope is to update the ICAO model flight plan form in order to meet the needs of aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems.
- 1.2 The changes introduced in the ICAO model flight plan form have an effect on flight plan messages and flight plan associated messages if and when they contain field type affected by the amendment. They are an important enabler for the use of advanced Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) capabilities.

2. REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 The ICAO CAR/SAM Region has adopted a declared transition period and a phased implementation from 1 January 2012 until 15 November 2012.
- 2.2 The phased implementation comprises of;
 - **Phase 1** – 1 January to 31 March 2012
ANSPs software delivery and testing
 - **Phase 2** – 1 April to 30 June 2012
ANSPs external testing and implementation

- **Phase 3** – 1 July to 15 November 2012
Airspace users testing and implementation.

Full details of the regional guidance material are contained in the CAR/SAM Regional guidance material for the implementation of amendment 1 to the 15th edition of PANS-ATM Doc 4444.

3. FLIGHT PLAN SUBMISSION

- 3.1 Submission of flight plan of not more than 120 hours, addition and deletion of equipment designators in items 10 and 18 and the particular sequence of designators in item 18 are included in amendment 1 to PANS-ATM Doc 4444.
- 3.2 During the transition phase from 1 July to 14 November 2012 the automation system will accept both current and new. With effect of 15th November 2012 only the NEW flight plan will be accepted.

Reference: amendment 1 to the 15th edition of PANS/ATM Doc 4444.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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5. CANCELLATION

- 5.1 This AIC self-cancels on 16 November 2012.

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