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**The Twentieth Meeting of APANPIRG ATM/AIS/SAR Sub-Group
(ATM/AIS/SAR/SG/20)**

Singapore, 05 – 09 July 2010

Agenda Item 5: Consider problems and make specific recommendations concerning the provision of ATM/AIS/SAR in the Asia/Pacific Region

FLIGHT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING SYSTEM (FITS)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

The State letter Ref.: AN 13/2-2010/31 was issued from the ICAO headquarters requesting States to inform the respective ICAO Regional Office accredited to the State of the actions completed toward implementation of the PANS-ATM provisions regarding the new ICAO flight plan content. This will ensure that the information on the FITS pertaining to State is current.

This paper relates to

Strategic Objectives:

A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-10 Terminal area design and management

GPI-11 RNP and RNAV Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) and Standard Terminal Arrivals (STARs)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The amended flight plan form and new flight planning procedures described in Amendment 1 to the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management*, Fifteenth Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444) will be applicable in November 2012.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 ICAO Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) provides information regarding the implementation status of the new flight plan provisions in each State along with guidance and harmonized solutions to any difficulties encountered in the implementation process. It can be accessed at <http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>. On 29 March 2010, the State letter Ref.: AN 13/2-2010/31 was issued from the ICAO headquarters requesting States to inform the respective ICAO Regional Office accredited to the State of the actions completed toward implementation of the PANS-ATM provisions regarding the new ICAO flight plan content. This will ensure that the information on the FITS pertaining to State is current.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in the State letter Ref: AN 13/2-2010/31 dated 29 March 2010 on the launching of the FITS; and
- b) urge States to inform the Regional Office of their action completed and planned milestones. The Regional Office will update the FITS accordingly.

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Subject: Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) to support implementation of Amendment 1 of the PANS-ATM (Doc 4444), *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management*

Action required: a) Take note of new website; and
b) update fields where necessary on FITS website in coordination with the accredited Regional Office.

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to draw your attention to the amended flight plan form and new flight planning procedures described in Amendment 1 to the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Air Traffic Management*, Fifteenth Edition (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444).

3. Considering that the transition from the current flight plan form and associated requirements to the new flight plan may present challenges for States, international organizations and industry, and that a harmonized implementation of the new provisions by the applicability date is essential to guarantee continuity and safety of operations, ICAO has developed the Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) to support a coordinated global effort towards implementation.

4. The FITS provides information regarding the implementation status of the new flight plan provisions in each State along with guidance and harmonized solutions to any difficulties encountered in the implementation process. It can be accessed at <http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>.

5. May I, therefore, request you to inform the respective ICAO Regional Office accredited to your State of the actions completed toward implementation of the PANS-ATM provisions regarding the new ICAO flight plan content. This will ensure that the information on the FITS pertaining to your State is current.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Raymond Benjamin
Secretary General