

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ASIA/PAC OPMET MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
(OPMET/M TF)**

1. Terms of Reference

- Review the OPMET exchange schemes in the ASIA/PAC and MID Regions and develop proposals for their optimization taking into account the requirements by the aviation users and the current trends for global OPMET exchange;
- Develop standardized quality control, monitoring and management procedures related to ROBEX exchange and other exchanges of OPMET information;
- Regularly update the regional guidance material related to OPMET exchange;
- Liaise with other groups dealing with communication and/or management aspects of the OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and other ICAO Regions (ASIA/PAC ATN Implementation Coordination Group, BMG EUR Region, CNS/MET SG MID Region, SADISOPSG).

2. Work Programme

The work to be addressed by the ASIA/PAC OPMET Management Task Force includes:

- (a) to examine the existing and any new requirements for OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and MID regions and assess the feasibility of satisfying these requirements, taking into account the availability of the data;
- (b) to keep under review the ROBEX scheme and other OPMET exchange schemes and prepare proposal for updating and optimizing of the schemes;
- (c) to review and update the procedures for interregional OPMET exchange and ensure the availability of the required ASIA/PAC and MID OPMET data for the AFS satellite broadcasts (ISCS and SADIS);
- (d) to keep under review and provide timely amendments to the regional guidance material on OPMET exchange; to ensure that guidance material contains procedures for the exchange of all required OPMET data types: SA, SP, FT, WS, WC, WV, FK, FV, UA;
- (e) to conduct trials and develop procedures for quality control, monitoring and management of the OPMET exchange; to foster implementation of quality management of OPMET data by the ROBEX centres and the RODBs;
- (f) to monitor in coordination with the ATN 1C Group, the transition to an alternative code (i.e. XML) for OPMET exchange;
- (g) to participate in the regular regional SIGMET tests, in conjunction with the METWARN/I TF;
- (h) to further develop quality control guidance material and to promote implementation of quality control for OPMET management.

3. Composition

- (a) The Task Force is composed by experts from:
Australia; China; Fiji; Japan; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia;
Malaysia, Singapore; Thailand; United Kingdom; United States; and Viet Nam;
- (b) Representatives of IATA, EUR BMG and MID OPMET Bulletin Board are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force
