



International Civil Aviation Organization

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC OPMET MANAGEMENT
TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF/8)**

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**Agenda Item 3: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange:
OPMET related FASID Tables**

REVIEW OPMET RELATED FASID TABLES

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides the meeting an opportunity to update OPMET information pertaining to FASID Tables MET.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Several amendment proposals to the FASID Tables MET were approved in 2009 that included the following main themes:

- updated 30-hour TAF requirements provided by IATA
- the addition of Afghanistan due to accreditation to the region
- addition of VAAC Toulouse since 11 Meteorological Watch Offices in the western part of the Region receive volcanic ash advisories from VAAC Toulouse
- enabling of the public Internet in the retrieval of non-time critical OPMET data
- added cumulonimbus clouds, icing, and clear-air and in-cloud turbulence to the list of forecasts required in GRIB code form (expected to become available by the end of 2009)
- reference to ROBEX HB and ICD for OPMET exchange in the region
- thus removal of FASID Tables MET 4A, 4B, and 4C
 - removal of FASID Table MET 6 due to redundant information in global documents
 - reference to SADIS and ISCS links for authorized users in the Region
- thus removal of FASID Table MET 7
 - Guidance Material on volcanic ash, radioactive material and toxic chemical clouds were referenced (Doc 9766 and 9691)
 - plethora of State input in the provision of MET services in the Region

The latest ASIA/PAC Basic ANP and FASID can be accessed at
<http://www.bangkok.icao.int/edocs/index.html>.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Maintaining the Basic ANP and associated FASID Tables MET has many purposes which include: (1) regional planning by operators, (2) measurement of implementation which allows for proper focus in implementation strategies by many entities (Operations, States and ICAO); and (3) input to cost-recovery of MET Services provided for international aviation. Therefore, an annual review of the latest Basic ANP and FASID Tables MET is strongly encouraged.

2.2 The ICAO Regional Office (RO) Air Traffic Management (ATM) has raised the issue that FASID Table ATS 2, HF Radiotelephony VOLMET broadcasts be maintained by MET versus the current maintenance by ATM. Requirements for VOLMET are contained in Annex 3, Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation. Historically, this table is maintained by ATM since this is considered an air traffic service. If this maintenance change is agreed upon by the meeting, a draft conclusion can be formulated at the CNS/MET SG/14 meeting that calls for ICAO to consider moving the tables related to VOLMET broadcasts from the ATS part to the MET part of all ANP/FASID concerned as this is a global change.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the Basic ANP and FASID Tables MET and provide input if necessary.
