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

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Agenda Item 3a: Review of regional guidance material on OPMET exchange

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO ROBEX HANDBOOK

(Presented by Japan)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the proposal for changes to ROBEX Handbook regarding OPMET bulletins issued by Japan.

This paper relates to

Strategic Objectives:

A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety

D: Efficiency – Enhance the efficiency of aviation operations

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI-19 Meteorological Systems

1. Introduction

1.1 Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) reviewed the contents of ROBEX Handbook, especially information on METAR, TAF and AIREP bulletins originated by Tokyo ROBEX Center, and it proposes changes to ROBEX Handbook to reflect actual operation of these bulletins.

2. Proposals

2.1 Some of AFTN addresses for Tokyo's TAF and AIREP bulletins listed in Tables A, B and D of the Handbook should be updated to reflect actual addressees of the bulletins in operation. In addition, the abbreviated heading for AIREP bulletin should be corrected.

2.2 At the request of the Fourth RODB Coordination Meeting, JMA proposes to include a TAF bulletin containing TAF reports from non-AOP aerodromes in Japan into Table B of the Handbook.

2.3 Details of these changes are described in the attachment to this paper.

3. Action by the meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to consider the proposals and recommend update of ROBEX Handbook appropriately.

Proposals for amendment to ROBEX Handbook

Table B, p. B-9

AFTN address for FTJP31 bulletin:
add EGZZFRXX, LIIBYMYX and NWCCYMYX

AFTN address for FTJP32 bulletin:
change VHZZYPXX to VHZZYPYX
add EGZZFRXX, KWBCYMYX and NWCCYMYX

add the new bulletin FTJP38 RJTD with the following details:
Aerodrome (CCCC): *RJSN, RJSA, RJSF, RJSK, RJOM, RJNS, RJEC and RJAH*
Note: Non-AOP aerodromes indicated in *italics*.
Filing time: 0200, 0800, 1400 and 2000
Start of validity: 0300, 0900, 1500 and 2100
TAF validity: 27 hours for all aerodromes
Dissemination: VTBBYPYX, YBBYPYX, NFZZRFXX, WSZZYPYX,
OPKCYMYX, RKSIPYX and ZBBYPYX

Table D, p. D-4

BULL No. for AIREP bulletin originated by Tokyo (RJTD):
UAJP31 to read UAFE31

AFTN address for UAFE31 bulletin:
change AYPYMYX to AYPMYMYX
add PANCYMYX and PGUMCOAX