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Agenda Item 2: Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation

2.5 Aeronautical Information Management

PUBLICATION OF AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICE
WITHIN BENIN AND TOGO STATES

(Presented by Togo and Benin)

SUMMARY

This working paper intend to clarify the procedures of publication of aeronautical information related to BENIN AND TOGO which airspace is part of Accra FIR, but where Air Navigation Services provision is ensured by ASECNA since June 25th, 2015.

REFERENCE:

- Chicago Convention: Article 77; Article 28
- ICAO Annex 15: NOF definition – Standards : 2.1.1-2.1.2-2.1.3- 2.2.2- 2.3.2
- DOC 8126 : Para 3.2.4-3.4.2
- Convention related to ASECNA (article 1, article 2)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The decision taken by Benin and Togo to attribute the provision of air navigation service within their airspace to ASECNA, as their common ANSP, in line with the article 77 of Chicago convention and the article 1 of the convention related to ASECNA, with effective date on June 25th, 2015, dedicated the creation of two sectors of control in Accra FIR:

- a) The UTA of Lomé which includes the upper airspace over Benin and Togo, where the provision of Air Navigation Service is ensured by a pool ACC located in Lomé; and
- b) The TMA of Cotonou which includes the lower airspace over Benin and Togo, where the provision of Air Navigation Service is ensured by a pool Approach, located in Cotonou.

1.2 With regard to this important change, it is necessary to clarify the modalities to publish the aeronautical information for these two countries particularly, NOTAM, SUP / AIP and AIC.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Since 1959, certain African States including Benin and Togo, in accordance with the article 77 of Chicago convention, created a joint international organization for the provision Air Navigation Services, named ASECNA. As stated in the article 2 of the convention related to ASECNA, the attributions of this organization cover among others, the provision of aeronautical information, in line with the obligations of the aforementioned States described by the article 28 of Chicago Convention.

2.2 Despite this important change which occurred on June 25th, 2015, the airspace over the two States remain part of ACCRA FIR. Some confusion were noted in terms of responsibility of aeronautical information publication, that need to be clarify for the benefit of international aviation safety.

Current modalities for AIS provision

2.3 The current aeronautical information publication modalities for TOGO and BENIN are as follows:

- a) AIP and AIP amendment : published by ASECNA central AIS ;
- b) SUP/AIP and AIC published by Dakar NOTAM Office under ASECNA responsibility ; and
- c) NOTAM published by Accra NOTAM Office for normal distribution in “A” serial and by Dakar NOTAM office for restricted special diffusion in “C” serial.

2.4 This situation prevails for years while there is no MoU binding Benin, Togo and Ghana which can clarify the conditions in which both first ones would delegate these prerogatives to Accra NOTAM office or Central AIS office.

2.5 The management by ASECNA of the airspaces over Benin and Togo intervened in June, 2015 requires that these modalities be revised for more clarity and to avoid confusions in terms of responsibilities. For that purpose, the new modalities below are proposed:

New modalities for AIS provision

2.6 Publication for TOGO and BENIN will be issued as the following:

- a) AIP and AIP Amendment to be published by ASECNA Central AIS office (**No change**) ;
- b) AIP/SUP and AIC to be published by Dakar NOF under ASECNA responsibility (**No change**); and
- c) **NOTAM:** by Dakar NOF in “A” serial for international distribution and in “B” serial for national distribution (**Change**).

2.7 These updated modalities will permit to have only one organization responsible of the whole publication on behalf of the two States (TOGO and BENIN) and also to insure data coherence and integrity for all element of aeronautical information package.

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Adopt this evolution on the designated NOTAM Office and Central AIS office responsible of Aeronautical information publication on behalf of TOGO and BENIN; and
- b) To recommend the amendment of “FASID table AIM-1” for TOGO and BENIN accordingly.
