

Sample Interim AIC for RVSM Implementation to be published not later than November 27, 2003

This AIC serves to provide additional information concerning the implementation of Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) in [list the State's FIRs] on 20 January 2005.

RVSM is vertical separation of aircraft by 1,000 ft from FL290 to FL410, inclusive. Operator and aircraft approval by 20 January 2005 is a critical part of both national and regional RVSM implementation plans. The following information is provided to airspace users to allow them to more effectively plan their transition to RVSM operations.

Beginning 20 January 2005, only aircraft approved by the State of the operator or State of registry for RVSM operations will be permitted to flight plan and operate between FL290 and FL410, inclusive, with the following exceptions:

STATE AIRCRAFT: Non-RVSM approved State aircraft will be permitted to flight plan and operate in RVSM airspace of the CAR/SAM regions. The filing of a flight plan serves as advance notice to ATC that the aircraft is requesting to operate in RVSM airspace. Non-RVSM approved State aircraft flight planning into RVSM airspace must include the following in Field 18 (Other Information) of their flight plan:

STS/NON-RVSM [States may require that the nature of the flight (State) also be included in Field 18.]

CIVIL INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT: Non-approved civil aircraft conducting international flights will only be allowed to flight plan and operate in RVSM airspace if they meet one of the following criteria: humanitarian, ferry or maintenance. These flights must obtain authorization to flight plan into RVSM airspace from the first Area Control Center (ACC) along the route of flight. [Name of State] will publish procedures and contact information regarding the authorization process prior to 20 January 2005. Non-RVSM approved civil international aircraft flight planning into RVSM airspace must include the following in Field 18 (Other Information) of their flight plan:

STS/NON-RVSM [States may require that the nature of the flight (humanitarian, ferry, maintenance) also be included in Field 18.]

CIVIL DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT: Non-approved civil aircraft conducting domestic flights [will/may/will not] be permitted to flight plan and [or] operate in RVSM airspace. [Applicable information to be inserted by the State.]

Preference for altitudes in RVSM airspace will be given to RVSM approved aircraft. Non-RVSM approved flights may be required to descend below/climb above the RVSM stratum for operational reasons. Vertical separation of 2000 feet will be applied between non-approved RVSM aircraft and all other aircraft in RVSM airspace.

State civil aviation authority contact information [will be/is] published on web sites and in future AICs. RVSM will be implemented in the [list State's FIRs] and the CAR/SAM regions in accordance with ICAO regional agreements. Operators are strongly encouraged to contact [their civil aviation authorities] to receive additional information on RVSM implementation and/or certification issues.

ICAO recommends that State authorities and operators use FAA Interim Guidance 91-RVSM (as amended), Joint Aviation Authorities Temporary Guidance Leaflet 6 or equivalent State documents as the basis for approving aircraft and operator programs for RVSM. Current information and RVSM approval documents, including revisions, can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.lima.icao.int>
<http://www.faa.gov/ats/ato/rvsm1.htm>
<http://www.cssiinc.com>
<http://www.arinc.com>
[individual State website, if applicable]

For queries on the aircraft and operator approval process, the following contacts may be used:

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