



Agenda Item 8: Other business

Electronic Publication

(Presented by IATA)

Summary	
<p>This working paper presents proposal for SAM States to consider the inclusion of aeronautical publications on the web as the beginning of the 42 days or 56 days period between publication and entry into force provided for the AIRAC Cycle regulations, with a view to expedite the aeronautical publications process.</p>	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 15 – Aeronautical Information Services 	
ICAO Strategic Objectives:	<i>A - Safety</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 There are innumerable advantages for the States to publish only electronic aeronautical publications:

- a) Monthly updates of aeronautical publications.
- b) Savings in updating aeronautical publications, to avoid the need for a significant expense with printing, paper and mail.
- c) Expedite the publication of procedures and updating of aeronautical publications, taking into account that the date of publication provided in the AIRAC cycle could be characterized by the insertion of the publication in the WEB, considering that information would be available to users and navigation database providers.

1.2 However, it is important to note that according to Annex 15, it is desirable to have a hard copy of the AIP at least in the ARO / AIS offices. Also, in the case of a contingency it is necessary to have a hard copy in the ATS services. Users who want to maintain paper charts should print or contract a specific company, such as Jeppesen, Lido, etc.

1.3 Alternatively, if the State deems it necessary to maintain the paper publication, it would be feasible to use the inclusion of the aeronautical publication in the WEB as the date of publication. The State can use the 42 or 56 days depending on the specific case, to deliver the paper publication to the users, who have the subscription for paper aeronautical

2. **Analysis**

2.1 The use of electronic publishing as a basis for the calendar of aeronautical publications could represent a significant optimization of the process of development, publication and entry into force of AIP Supplements and Amendments to the AIP, which would expedite the implementation of new air navigation procedures (IAC, SID, STAR) and related charts to the Airports (ADC, PDC), which could contribute to avoid using non-standard information, such as Safety Bulletins.

2.2 The paper publications could continue to be applied by States that deem it appropriate, either by allowing users to contract the services of specialized companies (Jeppesen, Lido, etc.), or using the period specified in the AIRAC cycle between the publication and entry into force (42 or 56 days) to perform the tasks of printing and mailing the hard copy publications to the users.

3. **Suggested Action:**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information contained in this working paper;
- b) Discuss a regional strategy for using electronic insertion of aeronautical publications in the web as commencement of the period between publication and entry into force AIRAC Cycle (42 or 56 days).

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