



Agenda Item 7: Any other business

THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM (IFFDP)

(Presented by United States)

SUMMARY

The United States has upgraded its international flight documentation program; this paper briefly highlights the program.

1. Introduction

1.1 Standardized meteorological services are provided by all countries under the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in order to ensure safety of flight and a consistent level of service worldwide. As a contracting state of ICAO, the United States provides flight documentation services in accordance with Chapter nine of Annex 3 to the Convention of International Civil Aviation **in support of flights being dispatched from U.S. aerodromes**. Since 1998 this service has been performed by the Aviation Weather Center (AWC) as a means to provide the required meteorological information to operators and flight crew members for: a) dispatch planning; b) flight crew pre-flight; and c) flight crews en route. The information for the international flight folder documentation was available via facsimile, but has now upgraded to a web based delivery service called the WebIFFDP program.

2. Discussion

2.1 The flight folder program consists of the following, pertaining to the route of flight and approximate altitude:

- Wind and temperature aloft forecast charts
- Significant weather charts (with abbreviated plain language descriptions of forecasts as appropriate)
- Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts (TAFs) for departure, destination and alternate
- Significant meteorological information (SIGMET) charts of tropical cyclones and/or volcanic ash as appropriate
- For flights of 2 hours or less, aerodrome reports (METAR), special reports (SPECI), SIGMETs (for any phenomena), and appropriate special air reports (AIREPs)

2.2 Beginning in late 2011 only the new WebIFFDP system will be available. The new system will allow users to log in to their custom web page and view and print charts in their Virtual Flight Folders. See (Fig1) for the Virtual Flight Folder screen.

The screenshot displays the IFFDP Web Application interface. At the top, there is a header with the NOAA logo on the left, the title "IFFDP Web Application Aviation Weather Center CAWS System" in the center, and the National Weather Service logo on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "News", "Organization", and a search box with a "Go" button. A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for "Web IFFDP", "View Folders", "Manage Folders", and "newpage".

The main content area is titled "Virtual Flight Folders" and contains a sub-section "International Flight Folder Documents". This section features a table with the following columns: Type, Airline, Aircraft, Folder, Origin, Description, Destination, Flight, and Status. The table lists eight entries, each with links for "Edit" and "Delete".

Type	Airline	Aircraft	Folder	Origin	Description	Destination	Flight	Status
Edit Delete	Cargo	British Airlines B 727	D-2310	Chicago KORD	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	Active
Edit Delete	Passenger	British Airlines Airbus 310	D-4422	Boston KBOS	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	In-Active
Edit Delete	Cargo	British Airlines DC 10-30	D-2310	Denver KDEN	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	Active
Edit Delete	Passenger	British Airlines XyZ plane	D-4422	Dallas KDFW	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	In-Active
Edit Delete	Cargo	British Airlines B 727	D-2310	Newark KEWR	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	Active
Edit Delete	Passenger	British Airlines XyZ plane	D-4422	LosAngeles KLAX	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	In-Active
Edit Delete	Cargo	British Airlines B 727	D-2310	Washington Dulles KAID	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	Active
Edit Delete	Passenger	British Airlines XyZ plane	D-4422	Tampa International KTPA	Overnite Frieght London		F142-21	In-Active

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with contact information for NOAA's National Weather Service, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, Aviation Weather Center, including the address: 7220 NW 101st Terr., Room 118, Kansas City, MO 64159-2371. It also includes links for "Disclaimer", "Credits", "Glossary", "Privacy Policy", "About Us", and "Career Opportunities". The page is noted as last modified on January 15, 2010.

(Fig 1)

3. Recommendation

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information in this paper.