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**Agenda Item 2: Review the status of implementation of the World Area Forecast System
(WAFS) in the CAR/SAM Regions**

ISCS TO WIFS REGISTRATION COORDINATION

(Presented by United States)

SUMMARY

This Working Paper addresses the association of existing International Satellite Communication Service-Generation 2 (ISCS-G2) users to WAFS Internet File Service (WIFS) registration to ensure all ISCS users in the CAR/SAM Regions complete their transition to WIFS environment. Information on how to register can be found at WIFS web site at <http://www.aviationweather.gov/wifs>.

1. Introduction

1.1 WIFS is now operationally available for use as either the primary means for users to access WAFS data products or as a back-up to the ISCS. WIFS is also available as a back-up to SADIS FTP users.

1.2 However, on 1 July, 2012, WIFS will be the only means for users to obtain WAFS data products from the Washington WAFC.

1.3 Many ISCS-G2 users in the CAR/SAM Regions have registered to use WIFS and are actively using WIFS service. Others, however, have not yet started to access WIFS.

1.4 The online registration form, and all related WIFS information, (including the WIFS Users Guide that is in English and Spanish), can be found on the WIFS support web site at <http://www.aviationweather.gov/wifs/>.

2. Discussion

2.1 The United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for the oversight of the transition of current ISCS users to the WIFS environment. The FAA has a list of 45 active ISCS accounts (from the CAR/SAM Regions) from both 2009 and 2010 and is using this list as the basis for monitoring the WIFS registration.

2.2 It is fully understood that there is no one-for-one requirement such that every ISCS account must be associated with a unique WIFS account. Some ISCS users may choose to activate one WIFS account for all their ISCS accounts, while others may choose to request multiple WIFS accounts for each of their ISCS accounts.

2.3 The FAA will confirm with each member State the mapping of its ISCS accounts to WIFS accounts (whether it be 1-1, 1-n or n-1).

2.4 In the CAR/SAM Regions there are currently 39 user States that have one (or more) ISCS accounts. There are 7 users that have not stated whether WIFS accounts are needed to replace their existing ISCS accounts: (Belize, Bolivia, Guadeloupe, Grenada, Haiti, Peru #2, and Puerto Rico).

2.5 Table 1 below shows that 4 of the user States have multiple Points of Contact (POCs). It is recommended that a single POC be identified for each State to serve as verifying and authentication of new WIFS account application. This will simplify the WIFS application process.

Table 1 WIFS Registration Status

State	Number of ISCS Account(s)	Number of Current WIFS Account(s)	WIFS WORKSTATION POC	AUTHORIZING POC
Antigua & Barbuda	1	1	Donald Simon	
Argentina	1	1	Jose Luis Gianni	
Bahamas	1	1	Orson Nixon	
Barbados	1	1	Hampden Lovell	
Bermuda	1	1	Ian Currie	
Belize	1	0		
Bolivia	1	0		
Brazil	1	2	Fernando Reis / Carlos Roberto Henriques	
Cayman Islands	1	1	John Tibbetts	
Chile	2	6	Rodrigo Velasco	
Columbia	1	1	Francisco Hidalgo Arias	
Costa Rica	1	1	Rodolfo Sanchez	
Cuba	2	1	Layla Rodriguez Vidal	
Curacao	1	1	Alfredo Capello	
Dominican Republic	1	1	Gloria Ceballos	

State	Number of ISCS Account(s)	Number of Current WIFS Account(s)	WIFS WORKSTATION POC	AUTHORIZING POC
Ecuador	2	6	Marco Ortiz / Eduardo Carvajal / Eduardo Brito / Rodrigo Ulloa / Bremnen Veliz / Walter Rodrigo Estrella Rosero	
El Salvador	1	1	Danilo Alex Ramirez	
France	1	1	Patrick Simon	
Guadeloupe	1	0		
French Guiana	1	1	Niels Oger	
Grenada	1	0		
Guatemala	1	1	Romeo Marco Tulio Garcia Chavarria	
Guyana	1	1	Danny Haymawattie	
Haiti	1	0		
Honduras	1	1	German J. Gomez	
Jamaica	1	1	Evan Thompson	
Martinique	1	1	Niels Oger	
Mexico	2	1	Hector Vargas	
Nicaragua	1	1	Salvadora Martinez	
Panama	1	1	Celestino Lamboglia	
Paraguay	1	2	Raul Enrique Rodas Franco / Marco Maqueda	
Peru	2	1	Julio Quezada Pacheco	
Puerto Rico	1	0		
Saint Lucia	1	1	Thomas Auguste	
Saint Maarten	1	1	Rignald Eugenio	
Suriname	1	1	Cornelis Becker	
Trinidad & Tobago	1	1	Bryan Thomas	
Uruguay	1	2	Laura Vanolli / Beatriz Cuello	
Venezuela	2	2	Nestor Sanabria	
Total	45	47		

Table 1 data valid as of 1-Oct-2011

3. **Conclusion**

3.1 Given the above information, the following conclusion is proposed:

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WIFS REGISTRATION PROCESS

That

- a) States review the WIFS Registration Status, and provide a single Point of Contact to the WIFS provider states and the ICAO Regional Office in support of authentication of the WIFS application process, no later than 1 March 2012.
- b) For those States that have yet to register, apply online at <http://www.aviationweather.gov/wifs> as soon as possible;

4. **Action required**

4.1 The subgroup is invited to:

- a) consider the information presented in this working paper;
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate, and
- c) endorse the above draft conclusion.

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