



# FPL 2012 Programme

## Global Harmonisation and Implementation

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The following slides are the implementation guidelines sent out via the ICAO Regional Offices to guide ANSPs through the change to the NEW Flight Plan form and includes the ICAO FITS tracking tool.

PRESENT refers to the flight Plan Form currently being used by States.



## Guideline 1

- As each ANSP transitions to NEW, it is essential that they also support PRESENT until the applicability date of 15 November 2012.
- There is no requirement for ANSPs to accept and process PRESENT after the applicability date, unless specified by the appropriate authority.



## Guideline 2

- It is anticipated that implementation will occur progressively as each PIRG works with their member States/international organizations and airspace users to coordinate a regional transition prior to 15 November 2012.
- Transition plans should encourage all ANSPs to transition to NEW a certain period of time prior to 15 November 2012 to allow airspace users a transition period to NEW before the applicability date.
- Transition plans should take into account that the airspace user may not be able to make use of the new opportunities provided by NEW until an ANSP has transitioned.
- Even then, use of NEW may be restricted in its application if the flight still involves ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.



## Guideline 3

- During the transition period and after an ANSP has advised that they can accept NEW, the determination to file NEW or PRESENT with that ANSP **is the choice of the Airspace User.**
- It is expected that airspace users will make the decision on what format to file based on performance gains which may be achieved through capability information in Items 10 and/or 18 of NEW.
- It is intended that **all Airspace Users will file NEW** from the applicability date forward, as using PRESENT is not assured after that date.



## Guideline 4

- During the transition period when not all ANSPs affected by a flight have transitioned to NEW, **the Airspace User must ensure** that PRESENT is filed with ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.
- ANSPs using PRESENT may misinterpret, and may reject, flight plan information that is filed more than 24 hours in advance of flight.
- **The Airspace User may choose** to file NEW to ANSPs that have transitioned and PRESENT to ANSPs that have not transitioned.
- ANSP using NEW will not be able to coordinate NEW with ANSPs using PRESENT.



## Guideline 5

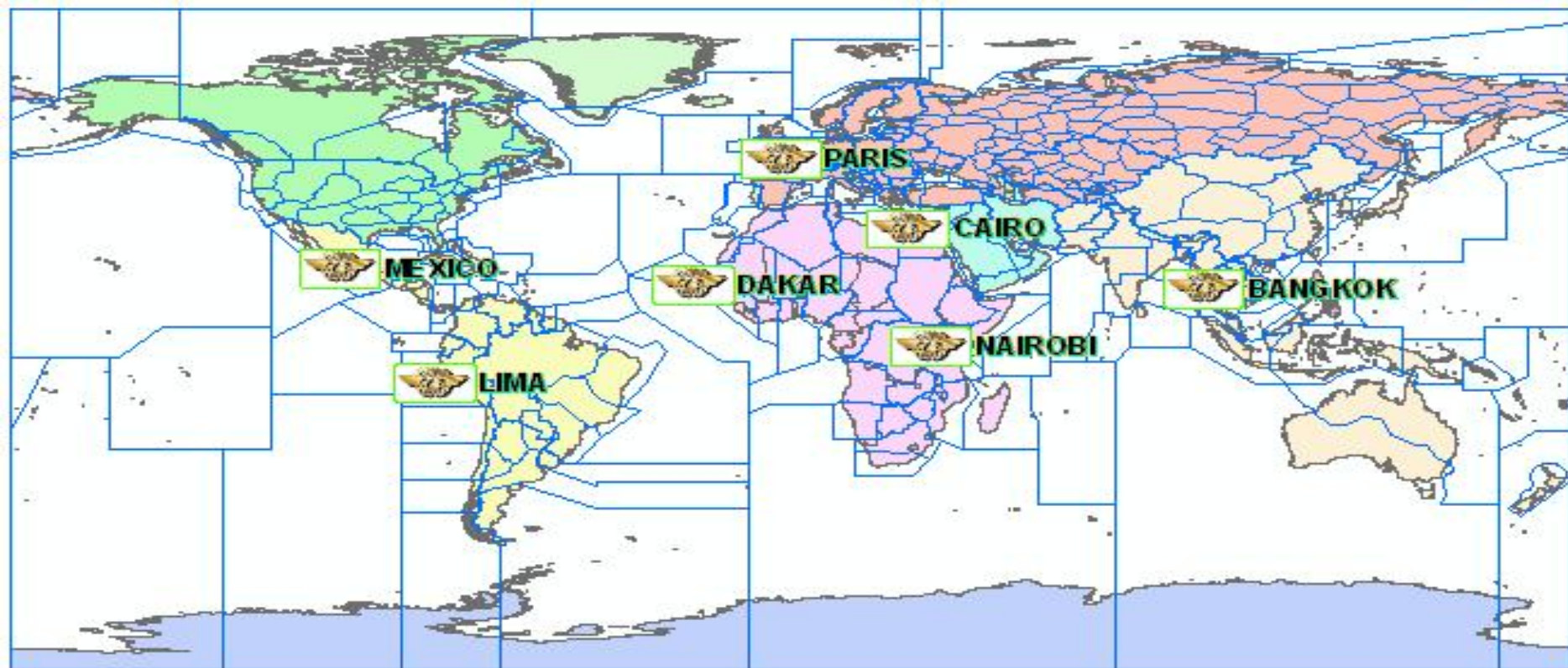
- To facilitate user decisions on whether to file PRESENT, NEW or a combination of PRESENT and NEW, ICAO will maintain a website listing each ANSP's ability to accept PRESENT or NEW.  
Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System (FITS) website:  
<http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>
- This information which will be publicly available is in addition to the normal methods of communication between an ANSP and its airspace users.
- Each ANSP will communicate, via State and ICAO Regional Offices, their ability to accept NEW to ICAO as soon as possible so that ICAO can ensure that complete and updated information is posted on the website.
- An ANSP advising of having completed transition to NEW is also indicating that they can coordinate with other ANSPs who have transitioned to NEW.

### Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System

This site was developed to help Air Navigation Service Providers and airspace users to monitor the implementation status of the new ICAO flight plan form established by the Amendment 1 to PANS-ATM (Doc 4444), Fifteenth Edition.

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[ICAO FIR WEB map interactive](#)







## Guideline 6

- During the transition period, ANSPs who accept NEW may need to convert flight information to PRESENT for coordination with adjacent ANSPs who have not yet transitioned.
- It is strongly recommended for consistency that all ANSPs utilize the conversion table provided so that airspace users and ANSPs have a common understanding of how NEW will be converted to PRESENT.
- PIRGs, States and ANSPs should be aware that valuable planning information may be lost during the conversion process, as shown in the conversion table.
- There is no intent for PRESENT to be converted to NEW during the transition period.



**Any Questions?**

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