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**Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency Board**

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**Agenda Item 4: RVSM Monitoring and related Technical Issues**

**ASSESSMENT OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE EAST RVSM AIRSPACE  
WITHOUT PROOF OF RVSM APPROVAL**

*(Presented by MIDRMA)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the MIDRMA requirements to undertake a check of aircraft operating in the MID RVSM airspace to ensure that operators are correctly notifying RVSM approval status.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

**REFERENCES**

- MIDRMA Manual
- ICAO Doc 9574
- ICAO Doc 9937

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 As part of its duties and responsibilities, the Middle East Regional Monitoring Agency is to: “ Initiate checks of the approval status of aircraft operating in the Middle East RVSM airspace, identify non-approved operators and aircraft using RVSM airspace and notify the appropriate State of Registry/State of the Operator and other RMAs, accordingly ” The MIDRMA would like to conduct an assessment of RVSM approvals compliance of all airline operators using the Middle East RVSM airspace in conjunction with a global approval audit carried out at the same period by all the RMAs in the world.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The issue of aircraft not reporting their own RVSM approval status based on the real flight plan information is a recognized problem by all Regional Monitoring Agencies in the world. The MIDRMA would like to highlight this problem which might be existing in the Middle East Region and would like to ensure that all necessary measures will be taken against all airline operators filing different information from their real status.

2.2 The Regional Monitoring Agencies Coordination Group Meeting /6 ( RMACG/6) which was held in Cronwall, Canada 6-10 June 2011 discussed the possibility of coordinating a global check of flight plans for verification of RVSM approvals, the idea supported by all the RMAs which were participating in this meeting and agreed to prepare this activity for December 2011.

2.2 The MIDRMA agreed to participate in this activity with their counterparts in the other RMAs and would like to seek the assistance of all MIDRMA member States to accomplish this task by providing the flight plans received for their respective FIRs for the month of December 2011.

2.3 The Traffic Data Sample (TDS) which will be used for the RVSM compliance audit must be the flight plans received for all traffic requested to operate within the Middle East RVSM airspace, these flight plans required to be submitted to the MIDRMA in electronic format (excel sheet or notepad format) for the agreed period 01/12/2011 until 31/12/2011.

2.4 The comparison process will be reliant on the quality of the data received from the member States, the MIDRMA will provide all members a sample of the TDS and the acceptable format required to be submitted in a later stage.

2.5 All MIDRMA member States will be required to send their latest RVSM approval list on 01<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, the MIDRMA will send a reminder to all member States for updating their list before these dates.

2.6 The MIDRMA will forward the audit results and findings concerning the Middle East Region and the results received from other RMAs to MIDANPIRG and to its subsidiary bodies responsible for RVSM operations and shall take all necessary measures against all “non-compliant” airline operators.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this working paper; and
- b) invite States to submit to the MIDRMA all flight plans for traffic requested to operate within the RVSM airspace in their respective FIRs in electronic format (excel sheet or notepad format) for the period 01/12/2011 until 31/12/2011 not later than 31/03/2012.