International Civil Aviation Organization

**Aerodrome Operational Planning
Sub-Group (AOP SG)**

Eighth Meeting
(Cairo, 13– 15 February 2012)

Agenda Item 4: **Implementation of Certification of Aerodromes in the MID Region**

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTIFICATION
OF AERODROMES REQUIREMENTS IN THE MID REGION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
This working paper presents the results of follow up of Implementation of actions taken by States regarding the Implementation of Certification of Aerodromes as required in Annex 14, Volume I. In order to assist and monitor the implementation of aerodrome certification in the MID Region, **Appendix A** attached to this working paper was developed for States to provide the required information.   Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES
- Annex 14 – Volume I   - AOP SG/7 Report   - ICAO Manual Doc 9774   - MIDANPIRG/12 Report

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   An important aspect for the meeting is the recognition that global trend towards greater autonomy and privatization of aerodromes and that the role of the aerodrome operator, in many cases, has changed hands from the State to the private sector. The methods of ownership, operation and surveillance of aerodromes differ among States. Most of MID States have created Aerodrome Authorities/Companies or other governmental entities to manage and operate their aerodromes, however, it is recognized that the role of States to ensure safety remains unchanged in accordance with Article 28 of the Chicago Convention and ICAO SARPs.

1.2   The intent of ICAO requirement for Certification of Aerodromes is to ensure the establishment of a regulatory regime so that compliance with the specifications in Annex 14 Volume I can be effectively enforced.

1.3   When an aerodrome is granted a certificate, it signifies to aircraft operators and other organizations operating on the aerodrome that, at the time of certification, the aerodrome meets the specifications regarding the facility and its operation, and that it has, according to the certifying authority, the capability to maintain these specifications for the period of validity of the certificate.

1.4   The certification process also establishes the baseline for continued monitoring of compliance with the specifications.

1.5   The 36th Session of the ICAO Assembly in September 2007, adopted consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and associated practices related specifically to air navigation under Resolution 36/13, its Appendix P on "The Provision of Adequate Aerodrome" resolved that States shall undertake Certification of Aerodromes as part of the obligations of States to ensure aerodrome adequacy for the safe aircraft operations at aerodrome.

2.   DISCUSSION

2.1   The meeting may wish to recall that MIDANPIRG/12 meeting was of the view that there is a need to provide more detailed information on the status of implementation of Certification of Aerodromes and Safety Management System at each State's International Aerodrome listed in the MID Basic Air Navigation Plan (Doc 9708) and that a regular follow-up of the status of implementation is to be carried out.

2.2   The meeting may wish to recall also that MIDANPIRG/12 meeting has noted with concern that the level of implementation of certification requirements in the MID Region is still beyond expectations and was of the view that implementation of a plan of actions would improve and foster the implementation of ICAO requirements**.**

2.3   The meeting may wish to recall the Decision from MIDANPIRG /12 to create an implementation of Aerodrome Certification Task Force.

> *DECISION 12/5:*   *ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AERODROME CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE*
>
> *That, an Aerodromes Certification Implementation Task Force (ADCI TF) be established in accordance with the agreed Terms of Reference (TOR).*

2.4   The meeting may wish to note that First Meeting for the Aerodrome Certification Task Force is scheduled to be held on 26-28 November 2012 in Cairo unless hosted by another State.

2.5   The meeting may wish to note that the number of certified aerodromes in the MID Region is relatively low and States need to take necessary actions to assure that all aerodromes open for International use are certified.

3.   ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1   The AOP SG/8 is invited to:

a)   update the information provided on the status of implementation of Certification of Aerodromes as contained in **Appendix A** to this working paper;

b)   promote and support the Aerodromes Certification Implementation Task Force and urge States to delegate qualified aerodromes experts to be member of the Task Force; and

c)   agree on the following Draft Conclusions:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 8/X: *AERODROMES CERTIFICATION INImPLEMENTATION*

That, in accordance with Annex 14 provisions, States, that have not yet done so, be urged to take necessary measures to start/complete the implementation of the Aerodromes Certification Programme in an expeditious manner.

DRAFT DECISION 8/X: *ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AERODROME CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE*

That, an Aerodromes Certification Implementation Task Force (ADCI TF) be established in accordance with the agreed Terms of Reference (TOR) as concluded by MIDANPIRG/12 meeting. States are to delegate and support qualified Aerodromes experts to be member of the Task Force.

DRAFT CONCLUSION 8/X: *ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTIFICATION OF AERODROMES IN THE MID REGION*

That, MID States provide the MID Regional Office with the following information, not later than, 20 March 2012:

a)   *status of implementation of ICAO requirements in accordance with Annex 14 Volume I and if not done so, prepare a detailed action plan for each International aerodrome, to fulfil relevant ICAO requirement; and*

b)   *advise if ICAO assistance is needed.*

APPENDIX A

IMPLEMENTATION OF AERODROME CERTIFICATION IN THE STATES OF THE MID REGION

AERODROMES INCLUDED IN THE REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION PLAN (ANP - Doc 9708)

Table 01 – Progress of the basic documentation for aerodrome certification (MID Region)

| State/Aerodrom | | | Responsible Agency | Finished | Underway | | Planned | |
| | | | | Date of publication | Dates: | | Dates: | |
State	Number of Aerodromes Open for Inter. Use	Name of Aerodrome			Beginning	Scheduled publication	Beginning	End
Bahrain	1			yes				
Egypt	15		Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA)	yes				
Iran	8							
Iraq	5		Iraq Civil Aviation Authority	yes				
Israel	5							
Jordan	4		Jordan Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (JCARC)	Yes				
Kuwait	1							
Lebanon	1							
Oman	2							
Qatar	1							
Saudi Arabia	4		General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), Saudi Arabia	yes				
Syria	3							
UAE	6							
Yemen	5							
Total	61							
MID States (not member of MIDANPIRG)								
Libya								
Sudan								

Table 02 – Aerodrome certification implementation (ANP - Doc 9708/FASID)

State/Aerodrome			Responsible Agency	Certification implementation				
				Finished	Underway		Planned	
				Date of publication	Dates:		Dates:	
State	Number of Aerodromes Open for Inter. Use	Name of Aerodrome			Beginning	Scheduled publication	Beginning	End
Bahrain	1			-	1	-	-	-
Egypt	15			2	13	Nov. 2010	1	
Iran	8							
Iraq	5				5			
Israel	~~5~~ 6							
Jordan	~~4~~ 3			2	1			
Kuwait	1							
Lebanon	1							
Oman	2							
Qatar	1							
Saudi Arabia	4			4	Recertification 4	Sep 2010		
Syria	3							
UAE	6							
Yemen	5							
Total	61							
MID States (not member of MIDANPIRG)								
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