



International Civil Aviation Organization

**First Meeting the Runway and Ground Safety Working Group
(RGS WG/1)**

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Agenda Item 2: Implementation of Aerodrome Safety Priorities and Objectives in the MID Region

STATUS OF AERODROMES CERTIFICATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This working paper presents an updated status on Certification of Aerodromes and summarizes the current efforts made to improve the level of implementation in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- RASG-MID/3 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

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

1.2 The RASG-MID/3 meeting (27-29 December 2013, Kuwait) reviewed the MID Safety Strategy and agreed that appropriate actions should be taken to meet the strategy requirements for Runway Safety and Aerodrome Certification in order to achieve the planned targets.

1.3 Most of MID States have created a Directorate of Aerodromes Standards and Safety (DASS) as recommended by ICAO Doc 9774 (Manual on Certification of Aerodromes). However, the implementation of Aerodromes Certification is still a challenge in some States.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 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. This means that the Aerodrome has, according to the certifying authority, the capability to maintain these specifications for the period of validity of the certificate. The certification process also establishes the baseline for continued monitoring of compliance with the specifications.

2.2 Requirement of Certification of Aerodromes were highlighted and emphasised through the MID regional meetings and workshops/seminars. In particular, the AOP Sub-Group and MIDANPIRG meetings have endorsed a number of Conclusions to urge MID States to provide Action Plans and expedite the Implementation of Aerodromes Certification in accordance to Annex 14 and relevant ICAO SARPs.

2.3 Based on the latest feedback provided by States, the Aerodromes Certification implementation table has been updated as at **Appendix A** to this working paper. The table shows that 28 out of the 71 MID States International Aerodromes have been certified. This number represents 39% of the International Aerodromes listed in the MID ANP.

2.4 The above-mentioned table shows that the MID ANP includes 55 Aerodromes designated as International Air Transport for Regular Use (RS) of which 26 Aerodromes (47%) have been certified. There is only one Aerodrome designated as International non-scheduled Air Transport for Regular Use (RNS) certified out of 4 Aerodromes representing 25%. On the other hand, 8% of Aerodromes designated as International scheduled Air Transport for Alternate Use (AS) were certified and none of the International non-scheduled Air Transport for Alternate Use (ANS) has been certified.

2.5 The RASG-MID/3 meeting recognized the variation in the level of Aerodromes Certification implementation. Some States have certified all their International Aerodromes achieving 100% Certification of Aerodromes listed the ANP whereas some other States have not certified any aerodrome. Accordingly, the meeting agreed that the Second Regional Runway Safety Seminar (MID-RRSS/2) to be held in Dubai, UAE 2-5 June 2014, will include a break-out session on Aerodrome Certification. It has been agreed that Runway Safety Go-Team can be used as a tool to support States, which have not yet done so, to complete the Certification of their International Aerodromes.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review and update, as appropriate, the status of implementation of Certification of Aerodromes as at **Appendix A** to this working paper;
- b) take actions as appropriate for each MID State to meet the MID-Safety Strategy targets for Aerodromes Certification; and
- c) if assistance is required, notify ICAO-MID Regional Office to arrange a support visit under the Runway Safety Go-Team work programme.

APPENDIX A

STATUS OF AERODROME CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION IN MID REGION

Sr	State	Listed aerodromes					Certified Aerodromes					Percentage certified	Remarks
		RS	RNS	AS	ANS	Total	RS	RNS	AS	ANS	Total		
1	Bahrain	1				1	1				1	100%	
2	Egypt	8	1	7		16	4				4	25%	
3	Iran	7	1			8	2				2	25%	
4	Iraq	5	1			6	2				2	33%	
5	Jordan	2		1		3	1				1	33%	
6	Kuwait	1				1	1				1	100%	
7	Lebanon	1				1	0				0	0%	
8	Libya	3				3					0	0%	
9	Oman	1		1		2	1		1		2	100%	
10	Qatar	2				2	2				2	100%	
11	Saudi Arabia	4				4	4				4	100%	
12	Sudan	5			3	8	1				1	13%	
13	Syria	3				3	0				0	0%	
14	UAE	7	1			8	7	1			8	100%	
15	Yemen	5				5	0				0	0%	
	Total	55	4	9	3	71	26	1	1	0	28	39%	
	% certified						47%	25%	11%	0%	39%		

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