

Agenda Item 4.2: Review implementation of the Meteorological Advisories and Warnings

RESULTS of SIGMET TESTS in the MID REGION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a status on SIGMET tests conducted in the MID Region.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 States in the MID Region are routinely invited to participate in the APAC SIGMET tests, with a focus on SIGMET on tropical cyclone (WC SIGMET). These tests allow Meteorological Watch Offices to practice sending SIGMET to Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Jeddah in accordance to ICAO and WMO provisions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The SIGMET test for tropical cyclone (WC SIGMET) took place on **7 November 2018** at 0800 UTC. This test was applicable to the following MWOs: OBBI, OEJN, OIII, OKBK, OMAA, OOMS and OYSN. The SIGMET test for volcanic ash (WV SIGMET) and other phenomenon (WS SIGMET) took place on **14 and 21 November 2018** at 0200 UTC, respectively.

2.2 Regional OPMET Centre (ROC) Vienna provided a list of participants of these tests and the results are shown in the following table (Y – test message received at one of the participating COM centres; N – test message not received at any of the participating COM centres; black - not applicable):

Test	Bahrain	Egypt	Iran	Iraq	Jordan	Kuwait	Lebanon	Libya	Oman	Saudi Arabia	Sudan	Syria	UAE	Yemen
SIGMET for Tropical Cyclone	N		Y			Y			Y	Y			N	N
SIGMET for Volcanic Ash	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
SIGMET for other phenomenon	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the contents in this paper;
 - b) continue active participation in SIGMET tests; and
 - c) verify routing if a test message was sent and not indicated in the above table.

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