

DRAFT AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR (AIC)

IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCED VERTICAL SEPARATION MINIMA

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2003.

Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) is vertical separation of aircraft by 1,000 ft above FL 290. By 27 September 2003, operators should have received RVSM aircraft (airworthiness) and operational approval from the appropriate State authority. Operator/aircraft approval by 27 September 2003 will enable air traffic services (ATS) to plan for orderly RVSM implementation.

Starting 27 November 2003, only RVSM compliant aircraft will be cleared FIR between FLs 290 and 410 (inclusive). Aircraft that are not RVSM compliant (e.g., ferry and (inclusive) after prior coordination with the appropriate Center. 2,000 ft vertical separation will be follow-up NOTAMS.

gional agreements. ICAO recommends that State authorities and operators use FAA Interim Guidance 91-RVSM (as amended); Joint Airworthiness Authorities (JAA) Temporary Guidance Leaflet 6 (TGL 6) or equivalent State documents as the basis for approving aircraft and operator programs for RVSM.

The Middle East Region has established the Middle East Central Monitoring Agency for implementation of RVSM (MECMA), which would host the database of all information regarding the RVSM approval process. Current information and RVSM approval documents, including revisions, can be found on the website maintained by the FAA, Eurocontrol, MECMA and on individual State websites.

To access the FAA, Eurocontrol and MECMA RVSM websites, type:

<http://www.faa.gov/ats/ato/rvsm1.htm>
<http://www.eur-rvs.com>
<http://www.mecma.com>

The RVSM Documentation section of the FAA, Eurocontrol websites contain guidance on aircraft/operator approval. Operators must begin coordination with the appropriate State authority as soon as possible to ensure that they are approved to begin RVSM operations on 27 November 2003.

For questions on the aircraft and operator approval process, the following contacts may be used:

MECMA:

MECMA : Tel : 971-2-405-4339; fax : 971-2-449-1599; e-mail : traffic@mecma.com

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