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WIFS TRANSITION STATUS UPDATE

(Presented by the United States of America)

SUMMARY

Due to the termination of the ISCS service on 1 July 2012, this Working Paper conveys the up-to-date status of the current ISCS-G2 users in the regions that have registered for a WAFS Internet File Service (WIFS) account. Many WIFS accounts in the region have been very active. However, other registered WIFS accounts have not been active.

1. Introduction

1.1 The U.S. presented working papers at the CNS/ATM/SG/2 in November 2011, at the NACC/WG/3 in May 2011, and CNS/MET in November 2011 outlining the options and process of moving to WIFS. Also, the WIFS Users Guide Manual was published in English and Spanish on March 2011. Both documents are posted at the ICAO NACC Website under e-documents.

1.2 The CAR and SAM Regional Offices have since distributed State Letters:

- State Letter LT 13/9.3-SA529, Dated 6 August 2010 informing SAM Member States and current ISCS Users of the planned replacement of ISCS-G2 with WIFS.
- State Letter N1-15.4 EMX0727 dated 18 August 2010 informing CAR Member States and current ISCS-G2 Users of the planned replacement of ISCS-G2 with WIFS.

1.3 This working paper reports on the progress of the transition from ISCS to WIFS by the States in the CAR/SAM Regions, as well as the successful operational implementation of WIFS.

2. Discussion

2.1 WIFS has been operational since May 2010 for use as either the primary means of accessing WAFS data products or as a back-up to the ISCS. WIFS is also available as a back-up to SADIS FTP users.

2.2 The Washington WAFS Provider State extended the service for ISCS-G2 until 30 June 2012, however, additional extensions are not possible and beginning 1 July 2012, WIFS will be the only means available for users to obtain WAFS data products from the Washington WAFS.

2.3 Not all the data that was on ISCS will be available on WIFS. ISCS also made available non-WAFS data which was not intended for international air navigation use. ISCS users should contact the United States (US) National Weather Service (NWS) to inquire how they might obtain non-WAFS data. The contact for non-WAFS data is Mr. Robert Gillespie +1-301-713-9478 x 140 robert.gillespie@noaa.gov, or Mr. Michael Graf +1-301-713-1726 x 117 michael.graf@noaa.gov

2.4 While SIGMETs are available on WIFS, the US NWS does not have a way to test the successful receipt of SIGMETs. These products are event driven, and are issued at irregular intervals, so it is not possible to know when one is issued and then test for its receipt. Meteorological Watch Offices should send test SIGMETs at least once a year, and then check for their availability on WIFS.

2.5 ISCS-G2 users are responsible for arranging access to WIFS which is via the public Internet, and also for any required modifications to WAFS workstation software necessary to download WAFS products from the WIFS service.

2.6 The FAA is pleased to state that all registered ISCS users in the CAR/SAM regions now have account(s) on WIFS.

2.7 The FAA is primarily tracking the transition States in the CAR/SAM Regions that are registered ISCS users to WIFS. As such the FAA receives monthly access and usage reports on a per WIFS account basis. The FAA is closely monitoring this information to ascertain the state of all WIFS activity.

2.8 In this regard, during the 3rd NACC/DCA the Meeting approved Conclusion 3/7:

NACC/DGAC CONCLUSION 3/7

ACTIONS TO IMPROVE AERONAUTICAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

That States/Territories,

- a) introduce or enhance the operational use of the Internet for OPMET data exchange by 31 December 2012;
- b) establish a Quality System for the meteorological information provided to the aviation users by **15 November 2012**; and
- c) register as soon as possible as WIFS users, and adopt measures to acquire, upgrade or replace WAFS facilities to access the WIFS by **31 March 2012**.

2.9 Based on these reports, Table 1 lists the six States (Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay) that are deemed to be using WIFS operationally.

Table 1 Operational WIFS Users

State	Location	Name	ISCS User	ICAO Loc ID
Brazil	Brasilia-DF	Fernando Reis	Y	SBBR
Chile	Santiago	Reinaldo Gutierrez	Y	SCEL
Chile	Santiago	Rodrigo Velasco	Y	SCFA
Chile	Santiago	Rodrigo Velasco		SCIP
Chile	Santiago	Rodrigo Velasco		SCEF
Chile	Santiago	Rodrigo Velasco		SCCI
Chile	Santiago	Rodrigo Velasco		SCTE
Cuba	Havana	Rodriguez Vidal Layla	Y	MUHA
Ecuador	Quito	Walter Rodrigo Estrella Rosero		SEGU
Paraguay	Central	Raul Enrique Rodas Franco	Y	SGAS
Uruguay	Montevideo	Beatriz Cuello	Y	SUMU

Note: The data is valid as of 31 January 2012

2.10 Table 2 is the list of 20 users (19 are registered ISCS users), Aruba is new to WAFS and who have accessed WIFS, but have not demonstrated that they are using it on a daily operational basis.

Table 2 List of users with Active (but not operational) accounts

State	Location	Name	ISCS Account	ICAO Loc ID	Last Access
Antigua and Barbuda	St. John's	Donald Simon	Y	TAPA	11/10/2011
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Jose Luis Gianni	Y	SABM	1/13/2012
Aruba	Oranjestad	Marck Oduber		TNCA	1/14/2012
Bahamas	Nassau	Orson Nixon	Y	MYNN	12/13/2011
Barbados	Bridgetown	Hampden Lovell	Y	TBPB	12/15/2011
Bermuda	St. Davids	Ian Currie	Y	TXKF	6/27/2011
Cayman Islands	Grand Cayman	John Tibbetts	Y	MWCR	11/2/2011
Curacao	Willemstad	Alfredo Capello	Y	TNCC	1/9/2012
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Gloria Ceballos	Y	MDSD	1/11/2012
Ecuador	Quito	Eduardo Carvajal	Y	SEQU	12/10/2011
Honduras	Tegucigalpa MDC	German J. Gomez	Y	MHTG	11/20/2011
Jamaica	Kingston	Evan Thompson	Y	MKJP	11/12/2011
Martinique	fort de France	Niels Oger	Y	TFFF	8/10/2011
Mexico	Mexico City	Hector Vargas	Y	MMMXX	1/12/2012
Panama	Panama	Celestino Lamboglia	Y	MPTO	12/9/2011
Saint Lucia	Castries	Thomas Auguste	Y	TLPL	10/31/2011
Suriname	Paramaribo	Cornelis Becker	Y	SMJP	11/30/2011
Trinidad and Tobago	Piarco	Bryan Thomas	Y	TTPP	10/29/2011
Venezuela	Maiquetia, Vargas Estado	Nestor Sanabria	Y	SVCA	8/30/2011

State	Location	Name	ISCS Account	ICAO Loc ID	Last Access
Venezuela	Miranda	Jose Pereira	Y	SVFM	1/12/2012

Note: The data is valid as of 31 January 2012

2.11 Table 3 is the list of all users (ISCS and new) who have registered for one or more WIFS accounts but have not yet accessed WIFS

Table 3 Inactive WIFS Users

State	Name	Location	ISCS Account	ICAO Loc ID
Anguilla	Helen Tonge	The Valley		TQPF
Belize	Roy Thompson	Ladyville	Y	MZBZ
Bolivia	Walter Rios Aliaga	El Alto (La Paz)	Y	SLLP
Brazil	Carlos Roberto Henriques	Rio de Janeiro		SBRJ
Chile	Rodrigo Velasco	Santiago	Y	SCEL
Colombia	Francisco Hidalgo Arias	Bogota DC	Y	SKBO
Colombia	Oscar Bermudez	Bogota		SKBO
Colombia	Regulo Martinez	Bogota		SKBO
Costa Rica	Rodolfo Sanchez	Barrio Aranjuez, San JosÃ©	Y	MROC
Dominica	Sheryl Etienne-LeBlanc			TDPD
Ecuador	Marco Ortiz	Guayaquil	Y	SEGU
Ecuador	Eduardo Brito	Montecristi		SEMT
Ecuador	Bremnen Veliz	Guayaquil		SEGU
Ecuador	Rodrigo Ulloa	Ambato		SELT
El Salvador	Danilo Alex Ramirez Ramirez	San Luis Talpa, Departamento de La Paz	Y	MSLP
French Guiana	Niels Oger	Fort-de-France cedex	Y	SOCA
Grenada	John Peters	St Georges	Y	TGPY
Guadeloupe	Niels Oger	Fort-de-France cedex	Y	TFFR
Guatemala	Romeo Marco Tulio Garcia Chavarria	Guatemala City	Y	MGGT
Guatemala	Byvian Roldan	Guatemala City		MGGT
Guyana	Haymawattie Danny	Georgetown	Y	SYCJ
Montserrat	Denzil Jones	Golden Rock		TRPG
Nicaragua	Salvadora Martinez	Managua	Y	MNMG
Paraguay	Marco Maqueda	Asuncion		SGAS
Peru	Julio Quezada Pacheco	Lima - Callao	Y	SPIM
Peru	Gabriela Rosas Benancio	Lima	Y	SPIM
Puerto Rico	Edward Tirado	Carolina	Y	TJSJ
St. Kitts And Nevis	Delver Martin	St. Kitts		TKPK
St. Maarten	Reginald Eugenio	Philipsburg	Y	TNCM
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	David Burgin	Arnos Vale		TVSV
Tortola	Lydia Rubaine	Beef Island		TUPJ

State	Name	Location	ISCS Account	ICAO Loc ID
Turks and Caicos Islands	Emmanuel Rigby	P.O.box 1058		MBGT
Turks and Caicos Islands	Emmanuel Rigby	P.O.box 1058		MBPV
Uruguay	Laura Vanolli	Montevideo	Y	SUMU
Venezuela	Jose Antonio			SVMI
Venezuela	Dannys Lopez	Maracay		SVBS

2.12 The goal is for all WIFS account users should complete testing with their associated work stations and be active prior to March 2012 to ensure a smooth transition from ISCS-G2 to WIFS.

3. WIFS Coordination Point-of-Contact in USA

3.1 For all ISCS-G2 transition to WIFS environment, please direct all your correspondence to:

Ms Dulce M. Rosés
 Federal Aviation Administration
 Mail Stop: AJW-53
 800 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20591
 Phone: +1-305-716-1830
 Email: dulce.roses@faa.gov

3.2 Likewise, for WIFS access and authorization, the following POC could be contacted:

Mr Steven Albersheim
 Federal Aviation Administration
 Mail Stop: AJB-68
 800 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20591
 Phone: 1-202-385-7185
 Email: steven.albersheim@faa.gov

4. Action by the Meeting

4.1 Based on paragraph 2.8 the meeting is invited to:

- a) consider the information presented in this working paper;
- b) inform, and
- c) remind Conclusion 3/7.