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Agenda Item 5: RVSM operations and Monitoring Activities

OVERVIEW GLOBAL RMA SCM/4 MEETING

(Presented by ARMA)

SUMMARY
This Information Paper has been prepared to provide a brief overview of the most pertinent agenda points of discussion held at the most recent Global RMA meeting Influencing AFI
REFERENCES:

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Global RMA SCM /4 was hosted by Air Services Australia in Canberra over period 2 – 6 November 2009. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss co-ordination and harmonization of RVSM issues between RMA's which ultimately affects RVSM operations within all regions. In addition the RMA Manual was tabled for finalization. Eleven of the twelve RMA's were present.

1.2 The RMA group works under the umbrella of the SASP Project Team 2 to which the groups work is submitted for appreciation.

1.3 The most pertinent agenda points and outcomes are presented hereunder as information to the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 As will be observed some agenda points have an effect on the proceedings of ATS SG 11 and are presented as follows:

- The RMA Manual was tabled for finalization where after it was presented to the ICAO Editorial section for review and publication in electronic format on the ICAO secure website. The ARMA is currently utilizing the updated manual.
- RVSM data exchange and availability to all RMA's was discussed with the use of a secure website for this purpose made available by the FAA and known as the KSN website. ARMA has access to the database and places inter alia RVSM approvals therein.
- The importance of State RVSM Operational Approvals and the dissemination thereof were fully discussed as well as the applicability of such approvals in other regions. The emphasis was placed on the registration and deregistration of aircraft as well as the correct Mode S aircraft address which must be forwarded to RMA's by States (CAA's).
- The pending implementation of the Long Term Minimum Monitoring Requirements as a Long Term solution to monitoring as suggested for amendment in Annex 6 during November 2010 was debated as to how this would affect monitoring in the various regions. Most RMA's were already applying this as part of their safety initiatives. The Minimum Monitoring tables were updated and are ready for publication. This information will be available on the ARMA webpage at www.atns.co.za/afi-rvsm
- The harmonization of the AFI RVSM region for safety monitoring was introduced and will be further discussed during the ATS SG11 meeting.
- RVSM safety improvements in the AFI region were taken note of by all other RMA's.
- Due to the pending implementation of the Long Term Minimum Monitoring requirements it was decided to have the next annual RMA meeting prior to the implementation of the Annex 6 amendments in November 2010. The meeting is scheduled for the first week in May 2010.

2.2 The AFI region is meeting expectations as far as the ARMA and the RVSM system is concerned.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- take note of the information provided in this working paper.
