



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC OPMET
MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (OPMET/M TF/7)

Bangkok, Thailand, 2 – 4 June 2009

Agenda Item 1c: Review of TORs and follow-up action on the TF/6 meeting**TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME
OF THE OPMET/M TASK FORCE**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Terms of Reference and Work Programme of the OPMET/M TF as endorsed by the CNS/MET SG/12 meeting for review and update, as necessary.

Strategic Objectives:

A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety

D: Efficiency – Enhance the efficiency of aviation operations

Global Plan Initiatives:

GPI/19 – Meteorological Systems

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 13th Meeting of APANPIRG (Bangkok, September 2002) with its Decision 13/28 established ASIA/PAC OPMET Exchange Task Force (OPMET/E TF). The Meeting adopted Terms of Reference (TORs), Work Programme and composition of the Task Force. The 7th Meeting of the CNS/MET Sub-group of APANPIRG (July 2003), adopted Decision 7-10/26, by which the OPMET Exchange Task Force was renamed to ASIA/PAC OPMET Management Task Force (OPMET/M TF).

1.2 The TORs of the group have been reviewed and amended by its second, third, fourth, and sixth meeting. CNS/MET SG/12 meeting held in Bangkok from 21 to 25 July 2008, agreed on the proposed amendments and adopted Decision 12/36, *Revised TOR and Work Programme of the OPMET/M Task Force*.

1.3 The OPMET/M TF/6 meeting reviewed the terms of reference (TOR) of the OPMET Management Task Force. It was agreed that the TORs and work programme needed amendments related to Amendment 74 to Annex 3. That is, FC was removed from the exchange of all required OPMET data types from guidance material in section (d) of the Work Programme. In addition, clarity was placed in describing quality control guidance (from assist in to further development) in section (h) of the Work Programme. Lastly, Malaysia was added to the expert list included in the composition of the Task Force. Appendix Z to the CNS/MET SG/12 contains the revised TOR and Work Programme of the OPMET/M Task Force.

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2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The current TORs and work programme are in the Attachment to this paper. It is recalled that at each meeting of the TF a detailed list of action items is created to support the work programme with concrete actions to be undertaken by the group members.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the TORs and work programme in the attachment and propose any changes, as necessary, for consideration by the 13th meeting of the CNS/MET SG in July 2009.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ASIA/PAC OPMETMANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
(OPMET/M TF)**

1. Terms of Reference

- Review the OPMET exchange schemes in the ASIA/PAC and MID Regions and develop proposals for their optimization taking into account the requirements by the aviation users and the current trends for global OPMET exchange;
- Develop standardized quality control, monitoring and management procedures related to ROBEX exchange and other exchanges of OPMET information;
- Regularly update the regional guidance material related to OPMET exchange;
- Liaise with other groups dealing with communication and/or management aspects of the OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and other ICAO Regions (ASIA/PAC ATN Implementation Coordination Group, BMG EUR Region, CNS/MET SG MID Region, SADISOPSG).

2. Work Programme

The work to be addressed by the ASIA/PAC OPMET Management Task Force includes:

- (a) to examine the existing and any new requirements for OPMET exchange in ASIA/PAC and MID regions and assess the feasibility of satisfying these requirements, taking into account the availability of the data;
- (b) to keep under review the ROBEX scheme and other OPMET exchange schemes and prepare proposal for updating and optimizing of the schemes;
- (c) to review and update the procedures for interregional OPMET exchange and ensure the availability of the required ASIA/PAC and MID OPMET data for the AFS satellite broadcasts (ISCS and SADIS);
- (d) to keep under review and provide timely amendments to the regional guidance material on OPMET exchange; to ensure that guidance material contains procedures for the exchange of all required OPMET data types: SA, SP, FT, WS, WC, WV, FK, FV, UA;
- (e) to conduct trials and develop procedures for quality control, monitoring and management of the OPMET exchange; to foster implementation of quality management of OPMET data by the ROBEX centres and the RODBs;
- (f) to prepare, in coordination with the ATN IC Group, regional plan for the transition to BUFR coded OPMET information in coordination with the relevant APANPIRG contributing bodies;
- (g) to participate in the regular regional SIGMET tests;
- (h) to further develop quality control guidance material and to promote implementation of quality control for OPMET management.

3. Composition

- (a) The Task Force is composed by experts from:
Australia (Rapporteur); China; Fiji; Japan; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia;
Malaysia, Singapore; Thailand; United Kingdom; United States; and Viet Nam;
- (b) Representatives of IATA, EUR BMG and MID OPMET Bulletin Board are invited to
participate in the work of the Task Force
