



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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

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Agenda Item 3b: ASIA/PAC ICD

**ASIA/PACIFIC REGIONAL OPMET DATA BANKS
INTERFACE CONTROL DOCUMENT TO
REPLACE FASID TABLE MET 4C IN BASIC ANP AND FASID TEXT**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper proposes to replace FASID Table MET 4C with the Asia/Pacific regional OPMET data banks interface control document when referencing the responsibilities of the ASIA/PAC OPMET data banks for collection and dissemination of OPMET bulletins to support the ROBEX Scheme in the Basic ANP. Subsequently, the FASID Table MET 4C is proposed to be removed from the Part VI Meteorology (MET) – FASID.

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 ASIA/PAC Basic Air Navigation Plan, Part VI, Section 29 references FASID Table MET 4C as the document that sets out the responsibilities of the ASIA/PAC OPMET data banks for collection and dissemination of OPMET bulletins to support the ROBEX Scheme. Section 29 describes the role of the OPMET data banks in Bangkok, Brisbane, Nadi, Singapore and Tokyo. The Regional OPMET data banks (RODB)s have been designated to support the ROBEX scheme and serve States in the ASIA/PAC regions to access OPMET information which is required but not received.

1.2 The Asia/Pacific OPMET data banks interface control document (ICD) is currently referenced in the Basic ANP following section 29 and is reproduced here: “a list of the OPMET information available at the OPMET data banks to serve the ASIA/PAC regions, together with the procedures to be used in communicating with the data banks, is contained in the Asia/Pacific OPMET data banks interface control document prepared by the ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok.”

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Asia/Pacific OPMET data banks ICD contains the necessary and current information that the FASID Table MET 4C is responsible for as described in section 1.1. The ICD was recently updated for review to reflect the new TAF requirements in Amendment 74 to Annex 3 and presented to the OPMET/M TF/7 meeting (see WP/7). Other changes include updated access procedures received by the Tokyo and Singapore RODBs.

2.2 The secretariat proposes the FASID Table MET 4C is replaced by the Asia/Pacific OPMET data banks ICD when referencing the responsibilities of the ASIA/PAC OPMET data banks for collection and dissemination of OPMET bulletins to support the ROBEX Scheme in the Basic ANP. This proposal is founded for the following reasons: (a) the Regional OPMET Data Banks reference the ICD in support of OPMET exchange; (b) the ICD has been recently updated in accordance to the new TAF provisions and with input received from the Tokyo and Singapore RODBs; and (c) routine maintenance of the ROBEX Handbook is proposed once per year after the OPMET meeting. Subsequently, the FASID Table MET 4C is proposed to be removed from the Part VI Meteorology (MET) – FASID.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information in this paper; and
- b) present this proposal in section 2.3 to the CNS/MET SG/13 meeting.
