FINAL REPORT

of the

SEVENTEENTH MEETING

of the

INFORMAL SOUTH PACIFIC ATS CO-ORDINATING GROUP (ISPACG/17)

Auckland, New Zealand 12-14 March 2003

INFORMAL SOUTH PACIFIC AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES CO-ORDINATING GROUP (ISPACG)

PURPOSE

To promote a cost effective South Pacific Air Traffic Services (ATS) aviation environment that is responsive to change, meets the needs of the aviation industry, is economically sustainable, and maintains or enhances present levels of safety.

PRINCIPLES

In the conduct of the activities of the ISPACG, the forum will apply the following principles:

- 1. Promote an ATS system that is responsive to and meets the needs of our customers.
- 2. Ensure that the introduction of new technology and procedures maintains or enhances the present levels of safety.
- 3. Harmonize ATS practices and procedures consistent with regional and global activity.
- 4. Undertake activities and provide outputs that are cost effective and efficient for both customers and service providers.
- 5. Promote advantages in new technology where benefits can be derived.
- 6. Achieve a cooperative customer/service provider environment.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

To implement an Air Traffic Management (ATM) concept of operations that includes an evolutionary development of individual user/airline defined optimum routes with the ability to perform multiple user defined reroutes anywhere in the region.

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BACKGROUND OF THE MEETING

1. PLACE AND DURATION

1.1 The seventeenth meeting of the Informal South Pacific Air Traffic Services Co-ordinating Group (ISPACG) was hosted by Airways New Zealand and held at the Duxton Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, from 12-14 March 2003.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1 The meeting was attended by participants representing South Pacific air traffic service providers (ATSP) and regulatory authorities, airlines, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA), international aviation organisations, representatives from communications service providers, and airline/equipment manufacturers. A list of participants is included as part of this report.

3. OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAT

- 3.1 Mark Goodall of Airways New Zealand chaired the meeting, with Leslie McCormick of the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Ron Rigney of Airservices Australia serving as co-chairs.
- 3.2 Joanne Kendall of Airways New Zealand provided secretariat support services to the meeting.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MEETING

- Agreed to a DARP trial Auckland Los Angeles Auckland.
- Adopted the Pacific Operations Manual (POM).
- Agreed to loss of communications procedures.
- Agreed to seek ways to implement the "Rule of 11" in oceanic airspace.
- Continued to progress air traffic management (ATM) contingency plans between ATSP and agreed that review of ATM contingency plans be a standing open action item.
- Updated the Capacity Enhancements Table.
- Agreed that the current weather deviation procedures were acceptable in the 30/30 environment.
- Agreed to data configuration management procedures and included these in the POM.

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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The seventeenth meeting of ISPACG was opened by Mark Goodall, Manager Oceanic Business, Airways New Zealand (Airways), who welcomed the participants and discussed the administrative arrangements for the meeting. Following his opening remarks, he introduced the co-chairs, Leslie McCormick of the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Ron Rigney of Airservices Australia.
- 1.2 The meeting noted that the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office was unable to send a representative to this meeting. ISPACG assists the Regional Office in addressing relevant air traffic management (ATM) matters for the major traffic flow between North America and the South Pacific, and it is hoped that an ICAO representative will be available to participate in future ISPACG meetings.

2.0 WORK PROGRAM

- 2.1 The meeting reviewed the Open Action Items and updated the Action List. See **Appendix A.**
- 2.2 Adam Watkin, Airservices Australia, presented a paper describing the implementation of required navigation performance (RNP) airspace throughout Australian administered airspace. Operators of aircraft approved for RNP4 and RNP10 operations must notify their RNP approval by inserting the letter 'R' in item 10a of the flight notification. In addition, operators of these aircraft must insert the letter 'Z' in item 10a and specify in item 18 of the flight notification; 'NAV/RNP4' or 'NAV/RNP10' as appropriate. This flight planning requirement is due to limitations in the ICAO flight plan, which does not permit the differentiation between varying RNP approvals.
- 2.3 Adam Watkin, Airservices Australia, presented a paper describing user preferred routes (UPRs) that have been trialled in the South Pacific for certain flights between specified airport pairs for a number of years. This paper described the work being conducted between Airservices Australia, Airways and various airlines to make UPRs available in the Tasman Sea airspace. It is anticipated that this will be implemented in the latter part of 2003.
- 2.4 **Airservices Australia** then presented a paper updating ATS interfacility data communications (AIDC) messaging between Brisbane and Auckland Oceanic. ISPACG members, especially airlines, were requested to note the work being conducted to facilitate dynamic re-routing.
- 2.5 **David Maynard, Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC),** provided information on the generation of RNP tracks south of 30N. Effective 3 October 2002, all Pacific Organized Track System (PACOTS) tracks are being generated as close as 50NM for aircraft approved to operate as RNP10. Aircraft on those tracks are required to be RNP10 approved unless approved on a case-by-case basis.

- 2.6 **David Maynard, Oakland ARTCC,** reported on the partial AIDC interface between Oakland ARTCC and Auckland Area Control Center (ACC) required for the implementation of airborne reroutes across the common flight information region (FIR) boundary. This test will continue indefinitely with no procedural changes. Once it is agreed that all procedural issues and technical anomalies have been resolved, the test status of this partial AIDC interface will be terminated, and the procedures will be considered operational.
- 2.7 John McCarron, FAA, presented an update on the current status of the FAA's Advanced Technologies and Oceanic Procedures (ATOP) programme. ATOP system hardware has been installed and integrated into refurbished laboratory space at the FAA Technical Center and into the refurbished "M1" room at Oakland ARTCC. Though FAA requirements have been stable since contract award, significant amounts of unanticipated new software development and legacy code modification were discovered through the design and development of ATOP Build 1. The increased software development effort has resulted in significantly longer than anticipated time to complete software integration and factory acceptance test activities. The FAA and Lockheed Martin are working intensively together to resolve these integration and test issues.
- 2.8 **Roger Kiely, FAA,** described the FAA application of the Mach number technique "Rule of 11" as prescribed in ICAO Doc 4444 (PANS/ATM) and FAA Order 7110.65. **Mark Goodall, Airways,** presented a paper outlining Airways' intention to implement Rule of 11 in oceanic airspace; however, to date, the safety case has been hindered by time keeping inaccuracies associated with the new trans-Tasman route structure.
- 2.9 **Leslie McCormick, FAA,** presented a paper on the status of regional development of Asia Pacific airspace safety advisory services on behalf of Jeff Bollard, chairperson of the Asia Pacific Airspace Safety Monitoring Task Force (APASM/TF). The APASM/TF will report the outcome of their work to the 14th meeting of the Asia Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/14) in August 2003.
- 2.10 Adam Watkin, Airservices Australia, reported on plans to deploy 20 automatic dependenty surveillance broadcast (ADS-B) ground stations to support "radar like" services in airspace typically above flight level 300 over the entire Australian continent which is consistent with the Australian Air Traffic Management Strategic Plan (AATMSP).
- 2.11 **Ron Rigney, Airservices Australia,** presented a paper on behalf of Greg Hood, chairman of the Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Task Force Air Traffic Control (ATC) working group, highlighting the progress of RVSM implementation in the Bay of Bengal which will overlay the ATS Route Structure Asia to/from Europe/Middle East, South of the Himalayas (EMARSSH) resulting in significant efficiencies and capacity enhancements. The target date for implementation is 27 November 2003.
- 2.12 **Roger Kiely, FAA,** presented the meeting with a revision to the FAA's proposed lost communication procedures which had been developed by a subgroup of ISPACG/17. The meeting agreed that these changes should be presented in a working paper to IPACG in April 2003. The procedures are shown at **Appendix C.**

3.0 FUTURE WORK

- 3.1 **Ron Rigney, Airservices Australia,** presented a paper on covert and overt unlawful interference operational communication protocols. This paper was developed as a result of heightened security awareness within the operating environment and called for a review of procedures relating to the use of controller-pilot data link communication (CPDLC) and ADS outside of a radar environment. Adam Watkin, Airservices Australia, then described the current Australian procedures and highlighted the lack of standardisation of unlawful interference procedures within the region.
- 3.2 Leslie McCormick, FAA, requested on behalf of the Asia Pacific Approvals Registry and Monitoring Organisation (APARMO) that an RVSM traffic movement sample be collected between 1-30 April 2003. This sample should be provided in the format shown in Appendix D. A spreadsheet providing a recommended format is available for download from the APARMO web page at http://www.tc.faa.gov/act500/rvsm/aparmo intro.html. Each Pacific ATSP is requested to send its traffic movement sample to the APARMO by e-mail to aparmo@faa.gov no later than 21 May 2003.
- 3.3 **Tom Barclay, FAA,** presented the meeting with a report on FAA high frequency broadcasts during times of emergency.
- 3.4 **Tom Kraft, FAA,** provided an update of RTCA Special Committee (SC)-189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-53 activities, including identification of available standards and work in progress. He invited the meeting to consider use of the RTCA/EUROCAE publications in its work programme to meet appropriate ICAO and State regulatory requirements. **Greg Dunstone, Airservices Australia**, commented on the mismatch between RTCA/EUROCAE and the South Pacific region.
- 3.5 **Greg Dunstone, Airservices Australia**, gave a comprehensive presentation to the meeting on ADS-B implementation plans for Australian airspace and invited the group to:
 - consider the safety, operational and financial benefits.
 - review possible deployment options and quantify benefits in the South Pacific region.

Data was presented to the meeting indicating that a substantial proportion of incidents may not have occurred had ADS-B surveillance been available.

3.6 **Ian Varcoe, Air New Zealand**, expressed the need for streamlined terminal control procedures to ensure the benefits gained en-route in oceanic airspace were not subsequently lost. **Craig Roberts, Boeing ATM,** updated the meeting on the progress of constant descent trials they are conducting. As the previous focus of ISPACG has been limited to oceanic airspace issues, it was agreed that additional expertise would be needed to address terminal control procedures. It was agreed that the chairpersons would take this for further consideration.

4.0 FIT REPORT

- 4.1 **Brad Cornell, Boeing ATM,** presented the report of the meeting of the FANS Interoperability Team (FIT), which was held immediately preceding the meeting, on 10-11 March 2003. Overall system performance has been good; however, detailed analysis of ADS data still needs work. Dynamic airborne re-route program (DARP) trials are due to begin in mid April for the northbound route from Auckland to Los Angeles. Remaining issues include CPDLC position reporting, data link handoffs, the use of HF data link and routing of ATS messages, and new regions implementing FANS data link.
- 4.2 Future planning includes DARP and UPR trials for all South Pacific routes after ATOP is implemented, AIDC capacity to support DARP region-wide, providing support for the introduction of 30/30, in particular the collection of data, and system monitoring.
- 4.3 FIT is looking at the accommodation of aeronautical telecommunications network (ATN) in oceanic airspace.
- 4.4 The FIT also adopted the POM that replaces the South Pacific Operations Manual.

5.0 CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS TABLE

5.1 The Capacity Enhancements Table was updated by the meeting. Refer **Appendix B**.

6.0 CLOSING

- 6.1 Closing remarks were made by each of the co-chairs, noting the work of the group and the outcomes that had been reached during the meeting. Particular thanks were expressed to Airways for hosting the meeting.
- 6.2 Venue and dates for the next meeting (ISPACG/18) will be advised in due course.

MEETING DOCUMENTATION

PAPER	TITLE	PRESENTED BY
WP/01	Proposed Agenda	Co-Chairs
WP/02	Open Action Items – ISPACG/16	Co-Chairs
WP/03	Lost Communications Procedures	FAA
WP/03A	Final Addendum – Lost Communication Procedures	Working Group
WP/04	Application of "Rule of 11"	Airways
WP/05	Introduction of RNP Designated Airspace in Australian Administered Airspace	Australia
WP/06	User Preferred Routes in the Tasman	Australia
WP/07	Update on AIDC Messaging Between Brisbane and Auckland Oceanic	Australia
WP/08	Covert and Overt Unlawful Interference Operational Communications Protocols	Australia
WP/09	United States Update to Planned Capacity Enhancements	FAA
WP/10	Update Capacity Enhancements Table	Co-Chairs
WP/11	ADS-B Potential for the South Pacific	Australia
WP/12	APARMO Traffic Sample	FAA
WP/13	Use of RTCA/EUROCAE Publications	FAA
WP/13A	Schedule for SC-189/WG-53	FAA
PAPER	TITLE	PRESENTED BY
IP/01	Proposed Timetable	Co-Chairs
IP/02	Develop ATM Contingency Plans	Airways
IP/03	Strategic Lateral Offset	FAA
IP/04	Elimination of Tracks 20, 21, W and X	FAA
IP/05	Data Management	Airways
IP/06	Clarification of "Report Reaching" versus "Report Level"	Airways
IP/07	Generation of RNP Tracks South of 30N	Oakland
IP/08	Partial AIDC Interface Between Oakland ARTCC & Auckland ACC	Oakland
IP/09	ATOP Update	FAA
IP/10	Application of the Mach Number Technique	FAA
IP/11	Asia Pacific Airspace Safety Advisory Services	Australia
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