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Subject:

Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) required for Implementation of

Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) in AFI Region

Action Required: Reply before 30 August 2004

Sir/Madam.

I have the honour to draw your attention to APIRG/14 meeting held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 23 to 27 June 2003. APIRG/14 Conclusion 14/21 and our letters ES AN 4/44 -0422 dated 8 June 2004, ES AN 4/44 - 0424 dated 8 June 2004, ES AN 4/44 - 0615 dated 10 August 2004, on the above subject and AFI RVSM Task Force/4 meeting Conclusions 4/8, inter alia advocated as follows:

Conclusion 14/21: Implementation of RVSM in the AFI Region:

That:

States do their utmost to implement RVSM in selected airspaces, as per plan by AIRAC cycle date of 20 January 2005 concurrently with the CAR/SAM Region.

Conclusion 4/8:

Enforcement in national legislation

That States which have not done so, take the appropriate measures in order to publish as a matter of urgency, an AIC informing the users of their intention to implement RVSM.

RVSM Airworthiness approval must in all cases be against the requirements of the Aircraft System Performance Specification (MASPS) which will comprise specifications and procedures for the separate aspects of aircraft type approval, release from production, and continued airworthiness. Non-RVSM aircraft will not be authorized to enter RVSM airspace and this will result in economic penalties for operators concerned.

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In order to provide airspace users sufficient time to meet the target date of 20 January 2005, you are urged to take appropriate action to publish an AIC as soon as possible, but not later than 30 August 2004, advising airspace users of your intentions to implement RVSM.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Regional Director