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Subject: Invitation to attend the ICAO MID Regional Webinars on NOTAM Improvement (COVID-19 and old NOTAMs)

Action Required: Refer to paragraphs 8 and 9

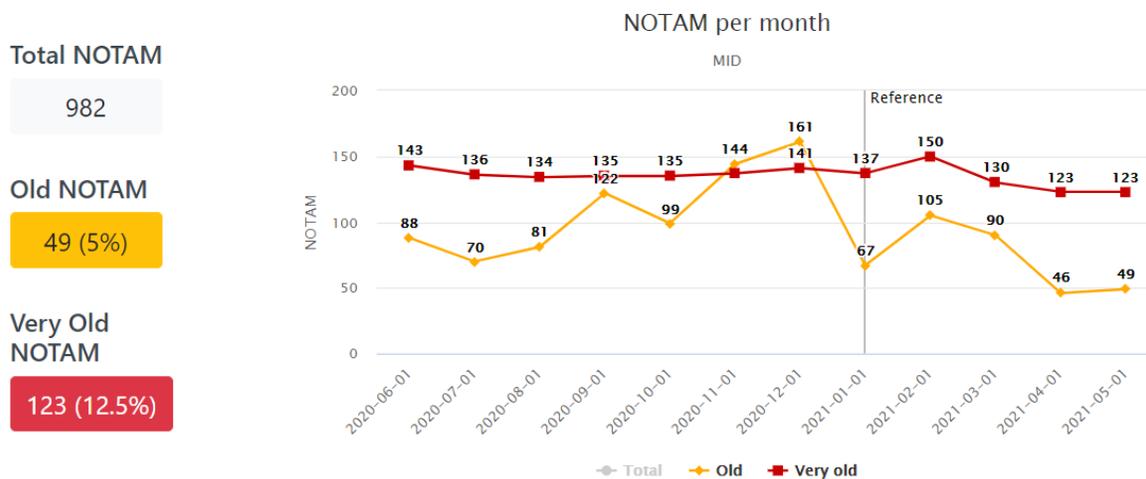
Sir,

ICAO successfully launched the Global Campaign on NOTAM Improvement (NOTAM2021) with a virtual webinar on 8 April 2021. The campaign aims to reduce the number of old and very old NOTAM and enhance the effectiveness, usefulness, and reliability of NOTAM globally.

To support States in achieving the aim of the NOTAM2021 campaign and to monitor progress, ICAO will host a series of bi-monthly progress global webinars, the first of these taking place on 16 June 2021.

The web-based NOTAMeter tool has been rolled out by ICAO to keep track of the campaign's progress. The NOTAMeter provides estimated statistics of the absolute and relative numbers of current, old, and very old NOTAM. The NOTAMeter data is sourced from the U.S. Defense Internet NOTAM Service (DINS) and updated on a monthly basis.

On 6 May, the NOTAMeter shows that for the MID Region, there were 982 active NOTAM of which 49 were classified as 'old' – having over three but less than 12 months' duration – and 123 were considered 'very old', with duration of more than a year. A snapshot of the status of MID Region is as follows:



The MIDANPIRG/18, through Conclusion 18/21, requested that webinars on the NOTAM proliferation and needs for improvement, as well as on the AIM/QMS Functions Systems and Processes be organized in 2021.

Therefore, the NOTAM2021 Global Campaign will be supplemented by a series of regional activities during 2021 with the aim of raising awareness to improve the quality of NOTAM, monitoring progress in eliminating the old NOTAMs and sharing experiences and lessons learned.

The overall schedule for these regional webinars is:

- 1 June 2021
- 16 August 2021
- 14 October 2021

In order to address the issue at the Regional level and prepare for the Regional webinars, States are invited to:

- a. review individual status of the old NOTAMs using the NOTAMeter and/or national NOTAM systems;
- b. review all the current old/very old NOTAMs and take remedial action (replace, cancel, publication of the information in AIP or AIP Supplements, etc);
- c. share plans, actions taken, experiences and challenges during the regional webinars using the template at **Attachment A**.

The Work Programme of the Webinar is at **Attachment B**. I would appreciate if you could, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **20 May 2021**; confirm the participation of your Administration/Organization in the first webinar to be held on 1 June 2021, giving the names and contact details of your delegate(s), by submitting the Nomination Form at **Attachment C** to the following email address (icaomid@icao.int). The access link to the Webinar will be shared with the registered delegates, as we get closer to the event date.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachments

ICAO MID NOTAM Improvement Webinar

Progress Report Template

State / NOF: _____ Date of Update: _____

NOTAM Nr ,	issue and expiry date	Required Action	Planned date of completion	Status	Comments/challenges, ...
A9999/19 PERM	15 Dec 2019 PERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage originator Publish AIP Cancel NOTAM 	15 Jul 2021	Not started	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge to tracing originator due to age of NOTAM
A0999/18	1806120908 2107051200EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage originator Draft and publish AIP SUP Cancel NOTAM 	17 Jun 2021	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
A0099/17	1701201500 PERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage originator Publish AIP Cancel NOTAM 	15 May 2021	Completed	

ICAO MID NOTAM Improvement Webinar*(01 June 2021 from 08:00 to 10:00 UTC)***WORK PROGRAMME**

Agenda Item	Time	Subject
1	0800-0805	Welcome and introduction
2	0805-0830	COVID 19 - RPTF — Regional developments and updates — COVID publication Analysis
3	0830-0900	Regional activities on NOTAM Improvement — NOTAMeter and Regional Statistics — Regional KPIs
4	0900-0945	MID States action plans, experiences and challenges
5	0945-0955	The way forward
1	0955-1000	Any Other Business and closing
