

Dominican Republic

New Flight Plan Format Implementation Status

Follow-up Meeting/Workshop on the
Implementation of the New ICAO Flight Plan

Format for NAM/CAR Regions

(Mexico City, Mexico, 26 to 28 March 2012)

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State's General Information

MDCS FIR

1. Has your State/ANSP developed a national action plan for the New FPL 2012 and conduct the implementation actions accordingly? **Y**
2. Have your updates been included in the ICAO CAR REGION SYSTEM IMPACT SUMMARY TABLE?
Y
3. ATS Units/User/Airlines with whom the major exchange of FPL messages is carried out **Miami, Port-au-Prince, Curaçao, Puerto Rico, major airlines (Jetblue, American, Copa, U.S. Airways)**
4. Main concerns regarding the implementation: **The implementation will depend on the progress with the AMHS implementation.**
5. Will your Administration be ready for this implementation by 15 November, 2012? **Y**

Upgrades to Automated Systems

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Updates to FPL interfaces in AFTN terminals, completed?	<i>Ongoing</i>	Regional Plan target date: 01/04/2012
2. ATC System updated (FDPS, FPL terminals, etc)?	<i>N</i>	Regional Plan target date: 01/04/2012
3. If system updates are ongoing, what is its current stage of implementation? Please indicate target date to complete	<i>AFTN: 30/04/2012</i>	
4. Has the safety assessment been made? If no, please indicate target date	<i>N</i>	
5. Is your Administration using a front end converter? If so, please indicate target date of implementation?	<i>N</i>	
6. Main concerns regarding these updates?	<i>AFTN/AMHS system still in implementation phase</i>	Expected to be operative (AFTN) at 30/04/2012

TESTS

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Has your Administration took action to upgrade the FPL processing system(s) in coordination with the corresponding supplier	Y	We are in contact with the supplier. There is a pending software update for April. We are providing feedback for the corresponding corrections.
2. For testing, has your Administration developed a Test Guidance/ protocol?	Y*	Have been using the guide given for the offline tests. Will complement this guide with data for our particular State.
3. Have internal testings (FAT/SAT) being carried out and completed?	Ongoing	Regional Plan target date: from 18/07/2011 to 1/04/2012
4. When your administration will be able to conduct tests with other ANSPs?	30/04/2012	Regional Plan target date: from 01/04/2012 to 30/06/2012
5. 3. When will your administration be able to start tests with airlines/operators?	30/04/2012	Regional Plan target date: from 01/04/2012 to 30/06/2012
6. The regional strategy established that the NEW FPL format should be processed starting 1 July 2012, together with the CURRENT format, will your Administration be able to do so?	Y	Regional Plan target date: Both formats: from 01/07/2012 to 15/11/2012
7. Will your Administration participate in the regional testing periods? Provide focal Point	2/ Fernando Cassó	Test periods: 1) 17/04/12-19/04/12 2) 15/05/12-17/05/12 3) 12/06/12-14/06/12

Publications

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Has your administration published an AIC for the NFPL? If so, please indicate date	<i>N</i>	Present AIC
2. Has your administration published regulations for the implementation for the NFPL?	<i>Y?</i>	RAD? (fecha)
3. Has your administration published procedures for filing, coordination and information changes (FL, ETD, route, speed, etc.) regarding the FPL?	<i>Y</i>	IDAC/FIS/8600 Manual del FIS (July 2011)
4. What type of publications on transition actions, trials and other information (posters, videos, folders, etc.) has been scheduled by your Administration to be issued regarding the NFPL?	<i>AIC / May 31, 2012</i> <i>Notam / Sep 21, 2012</i>	Present DRAFT Regional Plan target date: from 01/Jul/11 to 30/Jun/2012
5. Identified any main concern to develop and issue these publications.	<i>[List]</i>	Provide details

Contingency Measures

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. What type of subjects for local/national contingency measures have been defined in the NFPL implementation?	<p><i>Use of previous platform</i></p> <p><i>Use of AISR</i></p> <p><i>Use of dedicated voice channels for receiving FPL's</i></p> <p><i>Extra personnel on site, in case of unexpected increase in workload or situation</i></p>	<p>Previous platform is able to receive new flight plan format without error, although it does no processing. Manual validation will be necessary</p> <p>AISR should be compliant by that date, as a backup plan</p>
2. Has your Administration conducted coordination with the adjacent FIR or ATS Units for contingency purposes?	<p><i>N</i></p>	
3. What type of specific issues you suggest should be included in a regional contingency plan?	<p><i>(List)</i></p>	<p>Provide details</p>

Switchover Plan

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. ICAO proposes the switchover to the implementation of the NFPL format at 6 UTC of 15 November 2012, has your Administration define any time different from this? If so, please specify	<i>N</i>	
2. What local/national switchover plan has been defined for the implementation of the NFPL format?	<i>Measures included in national plan. Includes a pre-cutoff period simulating switchover conditions</i>	Refer to National Plan.
3. Has your Administration conducted coordination with the adjacent FIR or ATS Units for switchover to the NFPL format?	<i>N</i>	

Letter of Agreement and other operational issues

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Has your Administration updated the applicable Letters of Agreement (LOAs) for the NFPL format implementation?	<i>N</i>	
2. What are the planning activities that your administration has scheduled for updating the LOAs and other operational agreements for the NFPL format implementation?	<i>Ongoing</i>	Have had meetings with Miami and Puerto Rico regarding the review of LOA. Estimated date for completion: September 30, 2012
3. List any pending operational agreement that should be established for the NFPL format implementation, indicate target date to accomplish each of them.	<i>None</i>	

Training

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. List the main target activities and dates regarding your training plan?	<i>AIS/ARO done last feb.</i> <i>ATCO: 26/03/2012</i> <i>Users/Operators: May 2012</i>	Attach Training Plan
2. Did the training plan include all parties involved? (AIS/ARO, ATCO, Technician, Users/operators, others)	<i>AIS/ARO: Y</i> <i>ATCO: Y</i> <i>Technicians: N</i> <i>Users/operators: Y</i> <i>Others: [specify]</i>	
3. Has the training plan considered the contingency measures to be applied?	<i>Y</i>	Reference templates for ATCO and Users/operators Trained personnel to oversee the operations.