

ANTIGUA

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

[Flight Information region (s) (FIRs)/ ATS Area/ ATS Units]

1. Has your State/ANSP developed a national action plan for the New FPL 2012 and conduct the implementation actions accordingly? **Work is in Progress**
2. Have your updates been included in the ICAO CAR REGION SYSTEM IMPACT SUMMARY TABLE?
No
3. ATS Units/User/Airlines with whom the major exchange of FPL messages is carried out **Airline dispatchers, FBO, AIS & ATC**
4. Main concerns regarding the implementation: **Actually getting the system for the November 15th date; level of readiness for dispatchers, FBO's and general aviation.**
5. Will your Administration be ready for this implementation by 15 November, 2012? **From all indications, our ANSP will perform the necessary tasks in order to enable V. C. Bird to comply with the proposed implementation date. Further, should challenges occur, appropriate contingency plans have also being developed.**

Upgrades to Automated Systems

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

TESTS – Safety Assessment

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Has your Administration took action to upgrade the FPL processing system(s) in coordination with the corresponding supplier	Y/N	Provide details
2. For testing, has your Administration developed a Test Guidance/ protocol?	Y/N	
3. Have internal testings (FAT/SAT) being carried out and completed?	Y/N	Regional Plan target date: from 18/07/2011 to 1/04/2012
4. If your administration has conducted evaluation tests, What rate of compliance these tests have reached?	%	Provide details
5. When your administration will be able to conduct tests with other ANSPs?	Date	Regional Plan target date: from 01/04/2012 to 30/06/2012
6. 3. When will your administration be able to start tests with airlines/operators?	Date	Regional Plan target date: from 01/04/2012 to 30/06/2012
7. 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 comply with it?	Y/N	Regional Plan target date: Both formats: from 01/07/2012 to 15/11/2012
8. Will your Administration participate in the regional testing periods? Provide focal Point	<i>[1-2-3/ focal point]</i>	Test periods: 1) 17/04/12-19/04/12 2) 15/05/12-17/05/12 3) 12/06/12-14/06/12

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. Has your administration published an AIC for the NFPL? If so, please indicate date	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>NO</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To be prepared by Piarco</i></p>	Present AIC
2. Has your administration published regulations for the implementation for the NFPL?	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No</i></p>	Present publication
3. Has your administration published procedures for filing, coordination and information changes (FL, ETD, route, speed, etc.) regarding the FPL?	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Some publication has been completed however, additional publications will be made in the coming months</i></p>	Present publication
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?	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>V.C. Bird plans to disseminate poster, flier and circulars</i></p>	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The primary hindrance will be</i></p>	Provide details

Contingency Measures

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. What type of subjects for local/national contingency measures have been defined in the NFPL implementation?	<i>Action is yet to be taken</i>	Provide details
2. Has your Administration conducted coordination with the adjacent FIR or ATS Units for contingency purposes?	<i>Not to date</i>	Provide details
3. What type of specific issues you suggest should be included in a regional contingency plan?	<i>To be advised by Piarco</i>	Provide details

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>No</i>	
2. What local/national switchover plan has been defined for the implementation of the NFPL format?	<i>To be determined in consultation with Piarco</i>	Provide Plan
3. Has your Administration conducted coordination with the adjacent FIR or ATS Units for switchover to the NFPL format?	<i>Action is yet to be taken</i>	Provide details

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>Discussions with Piarco are ongoing</i>	Provide details on updated LOAs
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>Conduct discussions with ANSP and other Units as applicable.</i>	Provide planning activities and target date
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 has been identified to date</i>	Provide list and target date

Training

Questions	Answer	Remarks
1. List the main target activities and dates regarding your training plan?	<i>Proposed training will focus primarily on workshops</i>	Attach Training Plan
2. Did the training plan include all parties involved? (AIS/ARO, ATCO, Technician, Users/operators, others)	<i>AIS/ARO: Yes ATCO: Yes Technicians: Yes Users/operators: Yes</i>	
3. Has the training plan considered the contingency measures to be applied?	<i>Yes</i>	Details to be provided at a later date after consultation with Piarco.