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Implementation Of An Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) Operational Trial Over The Bay Of Bengal Area And South Asia

1.0 Implementation of ATFM Operational Trial Procedures

1.1 This AIC serves as notice that States in the Bay of Bengal, Indian sub-continent and Pakistan areas have jointly agreed to implement an air traffic flow management operational trial. This trial will be conducted under the auspices of ICAO and will be focused on traffic operating across the Bay of Bengal area towards northern India and the Kabul FIR.

2.0 Objectives of the ATFM Operational Trial

2.1 The ATFM operational trial is focused on the following objectives:

- (a) Reduced ground delays at departure airports.
- (b) An informed choice of routing and flight level selection.
- (c) A reduction in the requirement for re-routing over the Indian sub-continent.

3.0 Programme of action

- 3.1 The tentative date for implementation of the ATFM operational trial is 22 December 2005. Details of the trial, including States involved, airspace concerned, period of trial and procedures to be followed by operators will be promulgated in due course by AIP Supplement in accordance with the AIRAC cycle procedures.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that during the period of the trial, all westbound flights crossing defined points in the specified FIRs, including those operating in the Kabul FIR between 1900 UTC and 2400UTC, will be required to participate in the ATFM operational trial.
- 3.3 Accordingly all civil flights operating in the area concerned during the period that ATFM operational trial procedures are in force will be required to comply with specific flight planning requirements. These requirements will be detailed and published in appropriate AIP Supplements.
- 3.4 The results of the trial will be subject to review by ICAO, States and operators concerned.

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