

# REPORT OF THE BULLETIN MANAGEMENT GROUP

## TWENTYFIRST MEETING

(Copenhagen, 19-21 October 2004)

### List of participants

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### Agenda Item 2: Next meeting confirmation

The BMG/21 meeting was confirmed for 08-10 March 2005 in Madrid.

### Agenda Item 3: Actions from previous meeting

It was revised the list of actions established at the end of BMG/20. The completed tasks were erased from the list.

Regarding the task “The use of the AA indicator in the FV and WV bulletins”, France came with the following proposal: that for the WV bulletins be used the same AA indicator as in the corresponding WS bulletins.

Action: A list of all the AA indicators to be used in Europe be compiled and circulated to the states, for confirmation. Two communication means are to be used: via BMG communication means (contacts) and via ICAO Paris.

#### **Agenda Item 4 : SADISOPSG/9 summary**

#### **Agenda item 6 : EUR OPMET Data Update procedure and data monitoring and reporting**

##### *WP 5 – SIGMET Monitoring*

The group was presented with the results of the last SIGMET monitoring exercise (September 2004), which comprised the monitoring of non-EUR SIGMET messages as well. A number of 19 bulletins from outside the EUR region were reported. The group agreed that monitoring of non-EUR SIGMETs should continue during the regular BMG monitoring exercises for non-scheduled data (for 14 days), in order to obtain a more complete list of what is available and to take measures for appropriate routing of these messages. It was suggested a software tool be used to summarise the results, instead of manual completion of the spreadsheet. As a beginning, the group agreed that data from the last monitoring exercise (September 2004) should be analysed.

Action: France will analyse the non-scheduled data (WS, WC, WV, WA, FV, FK) that were received by the centres participating in the September monitoring exercise (the results of the monitoring will be available on the FTP-servers). From these, an inventory list shall be compiled comprising what was received and by whom, in terms of: AHL, CCCC (FIR), where was observed (and the corresponding routing) and where not. Based on this list shall be derived an Action Plan for the addressing of missrouting.

For the moment, no “test SIGMET messages” will be requested from the other regions.

With regard to the SIGMETs originated from the Russian area, there were opinions that sometimes it looks that the “test SIGMET messages” are not received the same way the current SIGMETs are (AFTN, respectively GTS).

Action: M. Pichler will contact L. Bezrouk in order to ensure that the results of the monitoring exercises are representative for the real situation and help improve the routing scheme of the real SIGMET messages.

As the messages originated from the Russian area still contain a considerable amount of format errors, the group agreed that for the moment these messages will be monitored by Vienna Centre only and the results, along with the format errors, be communicated back to Russia. The SIGMET monitoring spreadsheet will be modified accordingly.

##### *WP 08 – ASI/PAC SIGMET Dissemination*

In order to monitor the dissemination of ASI/PAC SIGMETs throughout the EUR region, different analyses of data were produced by the IROG for ASI/PAC (London) and also by Amsterdam (in order to monitor data distributed on SADIS). There were obtained the following principal results:

- a list of SIGMETs from ASI/PAC never received at IROG London. Investigation is to be made if some of these messages were produced though in ASI/PAC region but not routed to London.

Action: UK will submit this list to Singapore (Dimitar Ivanov) in order to investigate whether these messages are produced and in this case to correct their routing to London.

- a list of SIGMETs received by IROG London but not received by the Netherlands (via SADIS).

Action: UK and the Netherlands will check again to obtain a final list of the SIGMETs monitored by London but not received by the Netherlands. On the basis of this list, UK will correct the routing of the messages in order to ensure proper distribution within the EUR region.

*WP 04 – VAA and TCA in the EUR OPMET DBs*

The ODAG group has expressed its willingness to comply with the provision of Annex 3 regarding the need that VAA and TCA be stored in the databanks. Nevertheless, there were raised a number of discussion items to be clarified, and the group considered that the implementation should be subject to METG acceptance.

Following ICAO Montreal proposal, the following action was concluded:

Action: ODAG shall contact Singapore (Dimitar Ivanov) in order to share ideas and come to a common view for storing the VAA and TCA in the databanks, as well as the way of retrieval.

*WP 10 – Data Monitoring Tool Specification changes*

The group was presented a number of proposal for the specification changes, of which the following were considered important and adopted:

- the record of an additional field "Report BBB" consisting of three letters (to be listed in para. 1.2.4.3 and included in tables 3 + 4, between the Report Station and Report time fields)
- the provision for CNL indicator (for canceled TAFs): to be included in the field NIL or TST

Also the following actions were concluded:

Action: Suspend the update of the Monitoring Tool Specifications for minimum one year.

Action: Extract the document from the Monitoring Procedure (in order to permit easier updates) and correspondingly modify the procedure to refer to this document, instead.

Action: Following the endorsement by ICAO of the revised working programme of BMG, the monitoring dates in para. 9 of the Monitoring Procedure need to be updated and the table expanded further.

*WP 06 – WV/WC recompilation*

Austria informed the group that it stopped the recompilation of these bulletins, and that instead for every received bulletin a corresponding entry in the routing table is appended/updated. A list of the received WV/WC bulletins is made available this way.

Action: France and UK will compile a similar list of the WV/WC headers and, in co-ordination with Vienna, will address the originating centres to correct the distribution to the corresponding MOTNE centre.

*WP 07 – Incorrect addressing of OPMET data*

The group was presented by the UK with an example of a particular state in the MID region who incorrectly apply the procedure of sending data to the EUR region.

The situation was also observed by Vienna but needs confirmation whether is the same address.

Action: In order to address this specific problem as well as other deficiencies encountered, Kevin Loy will continue the investigations started with the MID Region ICAO secretariat (Mamadou Traore) and particularly with the rapporteur of the MID BMG group.

*WP 13 – Rationalisation of MOTNE Centres*

The group was informed that during MET14, representatives from Switzerland and the Netherlands expressed their intention to stop acting as MOTNE centres (based in principle on the fact that both centres rely on SADIS instead of terrestrial links). In order to prepare the necessary actions to be taken when an official request will come (via ICAO Paris), the following action was concluded:

Action: Germany will prepare a plan summarising the necessary actions implied by the decision of Switzerland to not act as a MOTNE centre. For this, coordination will be necessary with Switzerland (Jork Spaar) in order to obtain the following information:

- a complete list of the products originated by them (SA/SP, FC, FT, WS, WV, WA?, FA, NO)
- whether will be necessary to send anymore the MOTNE data to Switzerland (for back-up purposes?)
- agreement on the date of implementation.

All these details will be presented to the next BMG(22) meeting, when after analysing them a date of application will be decided (at earliest the April AIRAC date).

The plan shall be adopted also for the case of the Netherlands, where the action will be coordinated by Belgium (Herman Swinnen).

Another issue was the rationalisation of the distribution of data from the N AFI states to EUR region via IROG Toulouse. On this matter the following action was concluded:

Action: An official addressing to Algeria and Tunisia shall be initiated via ICAO Office Paris. In this communication, the objectives of this rationalisation shall be explained, providing a list of high-level details, in order that states will have a proper understanding of the actions and to obtain their commitment to proceed to the changes. France will provide ICAO Paris with the necessary information for the elaboration of the official document.

A proposal will be made to the two states to send representatives to attend the next BMG meeting, as an opportunity to clarify all the aspects and agree on the action plan and timetable of implementation.

It was estimated the changes will be possible to be made around the middle of the next year.

### **Agenda Item 9 : Documentation**

- The FTP servers are now synchronised and regularly updated.

*DP 1 :* It was discussed a proposal from Mr. Leonid Bezrouk that the documentation available on the FTP servers be translated into Russian and published on an internet site. The group considered that this would be a very beneficial initiative, but issues were raised related to the validation of the translation. It was agreed that it was up to the states to translate and publish as local documents the procedures and any other documentation. In addition, when official documents are ready and presented by the BMG to ICAO, special note shall be made to suggest the publication in the official ICAO languages, as necessary.

#### *WP 03 – EUR OPMET Data Management Handbook*

The group proceeded to the review of the Draft Version 4 of the handbook. There where suggested a number of corrections to the text.

Action 1: The chapters 7-9 will be analysed by the members of the group and their comments/suggestions will be sent to Michael Pichler in advance (best before January 2005) to give enough time for the preparation of the draft to be presented to next BMG.

Action 2: UK (Mike Williamson) will prepare a material with details and examples on the matter of message validation procedures. The material will be circulated to the group members to be analysed and discussed at next BMG meeting.

### **Agenda Item 10 : Periodic tests of the issuance/reception of volcanic ash SIGMETs**

France agreed to construct a list of the headers and FIRs (in consultation with Austria) and forward that list to ICAO Paris in order to be included in the state letter regarding the VA SIGMET test.

### **Agenda Item 11 : Review structure of EUR FASID Table 1A**

#### *WP 14 – Modification of EUR ANP FASID Table MET-1A*

The group was requested to examine the WP and, in conjunction with the METG/14 SoD (para. 6.19 and 6.20, pg. 16), to prepare for discussion at BMG/22, where Netherlands will lead the discussions on this matter.

### **Agenda Item 12 : Co-ordination of alignment of TAF production**

#### *WP 11 – Change of TAF validity times in the EUR region*

The meeting was presented with the possible impact of that the change could have on recompilation of bulletins. It was agreed on the following actions in order to minimise the effect:

Action 1: UK (Mike Williamson) will prepare a proposal for a template of a METNO bulletin ment to inform the users about the changes in the validity period of every TAF bulletin. The template

will take into account different scenarios (simple validity change, change of validity and bulletin content, etc). The Update Procedure will be modified accordingly.

Action 2: UK (Kevin Loy) will compile a list of bulletins not currently in compliance and a list of bulletins recompiled outside the states of origin. These lists, together with the template mentioned above, will be sent to ICAO Paris

### **Agenda Item 13 – AOB**

#### *CIDIN/OPMET Transition to CIDIN/AFTN*

The group was informed about the stage of the transition from CIDIN/OPMET to CIDIN/AFTN, as follows:

- Austria has already stopped using CIDIN/OPMET
- Belgium, Denmark, and Germany have confirmed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2005 as the date limit for the stopping of CIDIN/OPMET application and complete transition to AFTN/CIDIN.

The meeting was informed about the following changes:

- there is an improved link in operation between Toulouse and Bordeaux
- Spain will include the prefixes (METAR/TAF) starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

**List of actions**

<b>Ag.Item/ BMG</b>	<b>Action item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target date</b>
4/20	Propose ICAO Paris and Montreal to adopt the ICD and specifications as the official documents of OPMET DBs	K Loy	
7/20	Develop a database for OPMET info administration	M Williamson J Randall H Swinnen	
7/20	Non-routine information list be kept and updated as Annexes to EUR OPMET Handbook		On-going
7/20	Make comments/suggestions to EUR OPMET Handbook Draft	BMG Members	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005
7/20	Draft EUR OPMET Handbook presented to BMG/22	M Pichler	BMG/22
10/20	Inform about transition from CIDIN/OPMET to CIDIN/AFTN	Austria Belgium Denmark Germany	BMG/22
3/21	Compilation of a list of AA indicators to be used in Europe for the WV bulletin. Circulation to states.	P Simon	BMG/22
6/21	Compilation of an inventory of non-scheduled data received from other regions	P Simon	BMG/22
6/21	Submit to Singapore a list of SIGMETs never received in EUR region	K Loy	BMG/22
6/21	Non-EUR SIGMET addressing review	UK Netherlands	BMG/22
6/21	Contact Singapore on VAA/TCA storage in DBs	ODAG	BMG/22
6/21	Extract the Monitoring Tool Specification from the Monitoring Procedure. Update monitoring dates.	H Swinnen	BMG/22
6/21	Compile a list of WV/WC bulletins received	France UK	
6/21	Investigate with ICAO Cairo on incorrect data addressing to EUR region	K Loy	BMG/22
6/21	Prepare a plan for MOTNE Centre Zurich cessation	Germany	BMG/22
6/21	Apply the plan for MOTNE Centres Zurich and Amsterdam cessation	Belgium Germany Netherlands Switzerland	After BMG/22
6/21	Provide ICAO Paris with necessary info for preparing an official addressing to Algeria and Tunisia for re-addressing of OPMET info via Toulouse	P Simon	BMG/22
9/21	Preparation of a material on message validation procedures (to be included in EUR OPMET Handbook)	M Williamson	BMG/22
10/21	Compile a list of AHLs to be used for VA SIGMET in EUR	P Simon M Pichler	BMG/22
12/21	Preparation of a template for validity change METNO bulletin	M Williamson	BMG/22
12/21	Inventory of validity period non-compliant bulletins in EUR and recompiled outside state of origin	K Loy	BMG/22