

REPORT OF THE BULLETIN MANAGEMENT GROUP

THIRTYTHIRD MEETING

(Munich, 21-23 October 2008)

List of participants

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WP 1 - AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Actions from previous meeting
3. Information from other groups
4. EUR OPMET Data Update procedure and data monitoring and reporting.
 - i) Routine
 - ii) Non-routine (incl. SIGMET issues)
 - iii) Volcanic Ash
5. Addressing of EUR and Non-EUR OPMET data
6. Performance Indices
7. RODEX
8. Annex 3 – Amd. 74 TAF Changes
9. Documentation
 - a) EUR OPMET Data Management Handbook
 - b) PHP
 - c) BMG FTP Servers
10. AOB

Agenda Item 2: Actions from the previous meeting

The list of actions established at the end of BMG/31 was revised. The completed tasks mentioned below were erased from the list (see comments).

Ag.Item/BMG	Action item	Responsible	Target date
BMG 28-4-4	Review the BMG FP lists of: 1) registered OPMET bulletins not monitored and 2) not-registered OPMET routine observations /	ROCs	On-going
BMG 28-4-8		NOCs	

	reports in registered bulletins		
BMG 30-4-2	Finalise VA monitoring procedure and format of test messages. Include into OPMET Hdbk.	P. Simon J.Funder	BMG32
BMG 31-2-1	Participate to MID meeting and inform BMG on SIGMET monitoring inter-change and monitoring	M. Pichler	Completed
BMG 31-4-1	Investigate nature of errors in SIGMET format	M. Pichler	
BMG 31-4-2	Investigate on obtaining EANPG decision on participation to SIGMET tests	D. Ivanov	
BMG 31-5-1	Amend the EUR SIGMET Guide to include provisions on correct usage of YYGGgg and seq no for SIGMET CCx	D. Ivanov	
BMG 31-6-2	Investigate function of Vienna MSS switch on malformed bulletins (CCCC missing)	M. Pichler	Completed
BMG 31-6-4	Correct addressing of Beirut/Damascus bulletins	M. Pichler	On-going
BMG 31-6-6	Contact ADS for KCHIUALE bulletins	K. Loy	On-going
BMG 31-7-2	Coordinate on ROC London WPkg 1	K. Loy H.Swinnen	On-going
BMG 31-7-3	Organise meeting with Baltic states	K. Loy J. Funder	On-going
BMG 31-7-4	Finalise RODEX WPkg	ROCs	On-going
BMG 31-9-2	Provide PHP application login details to BMG members	H. Swinnen	
BMG 31-9-3	Derive statistics and report to BMG on PHP	PH Task Team	On-going
BMG 32-4-1	Ask for SUG Annex1 update	K. Loy	
BMG 32-4-2	Arrange with ICAO Paris to efficiently update the EUR SIGMET Guide	K. Loy	
BMG 32-4-3	Remove App.G from the Handbook after completion RODEX transition	J.Funder	
BMG 32-4-4	Rise the question on anomalies within requirements (FASID, SUG An.1)	K. Loy	METG
BMG32-4-5	Provide listing of data requested by Taipei and Dublin. Take action based on that listing.	W. Demol K.Loy	
BMG 32-4-6	IP for METG on the proposed test FV and WV format	P. Simon	Completed
BMG 32-5-1	Coordinate with ICAO and representatives from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt on data addressing	P. Simon	BMG 33
BMG 32-8-1	Paper for PT TAF presenting schedule of actions regarding TAF changes implementation	K.Loy	Completed
BMG 32-7-1	IP on draft proposal for amending relevant documents after RODEX implementation	A. den Uijl	Completed
BMG 32-11-1	ODAG Report	Wim Demol	Completed

Agenda Item 3: Information from other groups

IP3

METG18

- Completion of task: EUR OPMET Handbook published on the ICAO website
- VOLCEX SG develops and keeps up-to-date volcanic ash procedures; to be published on the EUR/NAT ICAO website (http://www.paris.icao.int/Volc_Ash/index.htm).

Action BMG33-2-1: Update EUR OPMET Handbook with respect to VA test messages format.

- The procedure used by ~~proposals coming from~~ IATA for required that TAFs produced in Europe have with a validity period of 24 or 30 hours were not supported by METG.
- The issuance of long TAFs every 3 hours, although not compliant with both Annex3 and EUR ANP, has been adopted by a number of states in Europe (Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Russia). BMG members discussed and concluded that the single potential problem related to that is the recompilation of these bulletins. That should be investigated further.

EUR/NAT VOLCEX SG (Volcanic Ash Steering Group)

The BMG members were informed on the dates of the next VA monitoring exercises.

- 5 November 2008: location Azores. The test will involve Spain, Morocco, Portugal (these states only shall issue WV SIGMETs) and France.
- March 2009: location Iceland.
- October 2009: location Italy.

Related to the usage of the ii in the abbreviated header of the FV bulletin, it was pointed that details should be included into the corresponding section of the EUR OPMET handbook.

IP01 - MID Region METG Meeting

BMG members were informed on the following topics that were discussed during the MID Region MET Meeting:

- Finalising the procedures and conducting SIGMET tests
- Improving the procedures for sending OPMET data to IROG Vienna
- Activation of the MID BMG group

Agenda Item 8: Annex 3 – Amd. 74 TAF Changes

The group was presented by the BMG Focal Point with the summary of the response received from the states to the ICAO state letter. The information was structured per state as follows:

- a listing of the TAF bulletins currently generated by the state
- a listing of the bulletin to be used after 5th November
- a listing of the corresponding METNO announcement
- a listing of the uncertain information received from the state

Based on all the information above, and in order to facilitate the necessary actions for the implementation of the changes, the individual (per state) information was compiled and the following tables have been derived:

- a listing of all the new bulletins announced to be introduced from 5th Nov
- a listing of all the bulletins announced to be ceased from 5th Nov
- a report-oriented listing comprising the header of the TAF bulletin for each individual station

It was considered that the above listings should be distributed to all centres and, in order to be made available to everybody, to be published on the BMG FTP servers and, if possible, on the ICAO website.

Action BMG33-8-1: In order to facilitate the implementation of the changes, the BMG focal point will distribute by e-mail the above mentioned listings to BMG members and have them published on the FTP servers. In addition, ICAO Paris should be informed and consulted on the way that all states can be provided with that information (including the inter-regional gateways from other regions).

Also it was presented to the group the situation with the responses received: who responded or not and whether the response was complete. By analysing the lists, each ROC identified what states in their area of responsibility have not responded to the questionnaire or provided

incomplete information. It was agreed that the ROCs will try to make use of the contacts they have within those states in order to obtain the missing or incomplete data. Any new information received by 30 October will be formalised and a corresponding METNO message will be issued.

Action BMG33-8-2: Each ROC will contact the corresponding states trying to obtain information related to Amd 74 changes from the states which have not answered to the ICAO questionnaire or provided incomplete response. All the new information gathered that way will be announced via a METNO message on Thursday 30 October. Whether additional information will be obtained following that date, but before 5 November, that will also be announced via the METNO procedure.

The group discussed further the way that new bulletins which have not been announced before but received starting from 5 Nov should be addressed and agreed on the need to set up a procedure to deal with that.

Action BMG33-8-3: From 5 to 12 November, on reception of a new bulletin that have not been previously announced, each ROC should proceed as follows:

- will define the necessary routing in order to ensure that the respective data are correctly distributed as before 5 Nov.
- will inform by email all the centres on the new bulletins routing
- the above mentioned listing of new bulletins to be updated by adding two more columns: "Announced" and "Monitored" and appending all the new monitored bulletins to that listing

The group has agreed that, in order to conclude on the Amd 74 changes, a 24 hr monitoring of FC/FT bulletins be performed on the 12th November.

Action BMG33-8-4: Centres perform a 24 hr monitoring on 12th Nov and the results of that monitoring to update the "new bulletin" listing mentioned above with new bulletins which have not been previously announced but monitored. Similarly, the listing of the interrupted bulletins should be updated following the monitoring.

The above listings should be forwarded afterwards to ICAO in order to ask the corresponding states to formalise that data following the normal METNO procedure.

Action BMG33-8-5: Based on the results of the monitoring, action plans should be derived in order to address the corresponding routing deficiencies depicted.

Agenda Item 9: EUR OPMET Data Update procedure and data monitoring and reporting

WP 10 – EUR OPMET Handbook – Amd 74 changes

The group noted the necessity that the TAF examples section needs updating with regard to the format of the validity group (also for the time period after the change indicators BECMG, TEMPO). It was considered by the group that the complete validation section in the handbook (including values of the permitted times for the AHL, and examples) should be aligned with the provisions included in the SADIS Gateway manual.

Action BMG 33-9-1: The EUR OPMET Handbook to be updated for Amd 74 changes (examples for TAF validity after the evolution groups). BMG to study the possibility of harmonisation of the validation procedures with SADIS.

WP 9 – EUR OPMET Handbook – VA changes

The group was presented with the changes of the Appendix C of the handbook related to the format of the WV and FV messages.

WP 4 – PHP Actions

Action BMG 33-9-2: Annemiek will provide Johnny with the final version of the PHP procedure to be included into the handbook.

Action BMG 33-9-3: Annemiek will gather the collective email addresses of the BMG members and include that information into the procedure.

Action BMG 33-9-4: Annemiek will provide Dimitar with an announcement concerning the PHP

Agenda Item 7 - RODEX

WP3 – RODEX Changes to ICAO Documentation

The group was presented with an inventory of BMG and ICAO documentation where there are references to the old MOTNE system, which should be replaced to reflect the changes introduced by the new RODEX concept.

There were defined the following actions:

Action BMG33-7-0: Annemiek will update the documents as discussed

Action BMG33-7-1: Every BMG member will check the national documents related to any reference to MOTNE.

Action BMG33-7-2: BMG will inform ICAO Paris on the need to update the documentation in order to replace MOTNE references with the new RODEX references. Also inform ICAO Paris that states should update national documentation with this regard (for instance the AIPs).

RODEX Implementation Status

IP02 RODEX Implementation - Austria

ROC Vienna:

- Routing of Turkey data to Vienna (instead of Offenbach) is completed
- Switzerland completed
- German data responsibilities: to be completed in November.
- Albania: Correct Albanian OPMET bulletins will be distributed after 5 November. Data distributed to Albania needs investigation (poor AFTN link).

ROC Toulouse:

- Portugal is completed
- Malta – nothing done yet
- Rome: contact established (Giuseppe Leonforte)
- Morocco, Tunisia: to be done (no contact yet)
- Algeria is prepared and will be completed during November-December.
- After Morocco: Gibraltar and then Madrid

ROC London:

- There is planned a meeting in Copenhagen on ?? 8th July.

The group agreed on the necessity, as a general rule, for announcement in advance of the actions related to activities taking-over by the ROC.

Action BMG 33-7-3: The ROCs to inform BMG members well in advance on the dates when transition is scheduled, in order to prepare accordingly for the monitoring of data.

IP4 – Shopping cart

The group was presented with the progress recorded so far with the shopping cart application development, and the questions that have to be answered to go further. It was expressed the need that the sub-group held a meeting to address these issues.

Action BMG33-7-4: The BMG sub-group for the development of the shopping cart application will hold a meeting to address the questions presented, and prepare a report for the BMG 34 meeting.

WP2 – Communication

Action BMG33-7-5 The group will inform Annemiek about new contacts for the RODEX contact list. The updated contact list will be distributed.

Agenda Item 4 - EUR OPMET Data Update procedure and data monitoring and reporting

WP12 METNO Overview

The group was presented with the METNO activities, including formalisation of OPMET changes induced by the Amd 74.

The next SUG Annexes update is currently based on September 2008 monitoring. The group agreed, though, that the important changes expected as from 5th November should be reflected into the next update of the Annexes.

Action BMG33-4-1: The next update of the SUG Annexes should be based on the extra-monitoring on 12 November 2008.

WP 5 METNO Overview investigation

The group was presented with the results of an investigation of the bulletins that were not monitored.

Action BMG33-4-2: Each of the corresponding centres shall analyse the bulletins that were formalised but not monitored, as highlighted in the above working paper.

Non-Routine OPMET data

WP 8 – SIGMET monitoring

The group was presented the results of the SIGMET monitoring exercise that took place on 3 and 4 September 2008.

There were pointed some format errors that caused the respective bulletins being rejected and discarded by the operator. Most of the listed errors were misspelling of the FIR name or wrong validity periods. It was stressed that the messages were discarded because of their test content, while in normal practice real SIGMET messages with errors are properly handled by the operators.

WP06 SIGMET Format-sequence numbering

With the occasion of Sept. 2008 SIGMET monitoring a question has been brought up by experts related to the correct usage of the sequence number of the SIGMET message. There were analysed the provisions of the relevant documents (Annex 3 and Doc014) and the group considered that an unique sequence number shall be used for all types of SIGMET messages (WS, WV, WC).

Action BMG33-4-4: The SIGMET monitoring procedure shall be updated in order to clarify the correct usage of an unique sequence number for all SIGMET messages. The EUR OPMET Handbook shall be updated accordingly.

WP07 WV Test (18 Sept)

There was presented to the group the situation with the FV bulletins distributed on 18 September for the VA exercise. Some of the FV bulletins exceeded 1800 characters, and there were some problems experienced due to inappropriate handling by the operators. Also misrouting of the messages was noticed.

Action BMG33-4-5: The ROCs to coordinate with the 2 EUR VAACs in order to address the problems related to the routing and the length of the FV bulletins (when exceeds 1800 char).

Agenda Item 5 - Addressing of EUR and Non-EUR OPMET data

WP11 – Routing OPMET Data to EBBR

The group was informed that OPMET data are currently distributed to EBBR not only to the correct address (EBZZYBYX) but also to addresses like EBBRM@@@. As major changes are undergone at EBBR centre, it will be a good opportunity to stop using the incorrect addressing.

Action BMG33-5-3: LFPWYMYX, EDZWYMYX, LIIBYMYI, EGGYYBYA and LEMMYMYX to stop sending data to EBBRM@@@ and use EBZZYBYX instead.

Agenda Item 10 - Any other business

- The group was presented by Michael Pichler with a proposal for the BMG Website. Austro-Control has offered also to host the website. The group appreciated the efforts and agreed that the progress should be presented to BMG34.

Action BMG33-10-1: Michael Pichler will present the progress report for the BMG website to the BMG34 meeting.

- Dates and location of the next meeting
Proposed date and location for BMG34: Bucharest, 24-26 March 2009.
Proposed date and location for BMG35: UK, 9-11 June 2009.

List of actions

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BMG 31-5-1	Amend the EUR SIGMET Guide to include provisions on correct usage of YYGGgg and seq no for SIGMET CCx	D. Ivanov	
BMG 31-6-4	Correct addressing of Beirut/Damascus bulletins	M. Pichler	On-going
BMG 31-6-6	Contact ADS for KCHIUALE bulletins	K. Loy	On-going
BMG 31-7-2	Coordinate on ROC London WPkg 1	K. Loy H.Swinnen	On-going
BMG 31-7-3	Organise meeting with Baltic states	K. Loy J. Funder	End of Nov
BMG 31-7-4	Finalise RODEX WPkg	ROCs	On-going
BMG 31-9-2	Provide PHP application login details to BMG members	H. Swinnen A. den Uijl	End of Nov
BMG 31-9-3	Derive statistics and report to BMG on PHP	PH Task Team	On-going
BMG 33-9-4	Provide announcement to ICAO Paris on PHP being operational	A. den Uijl	End of Nov
BMG 32-4-2	Arrange with ICAO Paris to efficiently update the EUR SIGMET Guide	K. Loy	
BMG 32-4-3	Remove App.G from the Handbook after completion RODEX transition	J.Funder	
BMG32-4-5	Provide listing of data requested by Taipei and Dublin. Take action based on that listing.	W. Demol K.Loy	
BMG 32-5-1	Coordinate with ICAO and representatives from Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco on data addressing. Egypt data to be clarified between Vienna and Toulouse	P. Simon	BMG 33
BMG 33-8-1	Distribute "NewBul", "DelBul" and "Report-oriented" listings to BMG members and publish on the FTP sites. Contact ICAO Paris to inform	BMG FP P. Simon	27 Oct and further on 23 Oct
BMG 33-8-2	Contact states to respond to Amd 74 questionnaire. New information announced via METNO	ROCs BMG FP	27 Oct and further on
BMG 33-8-3	Apply routing for new bulletins monitored from 5 Nov, inform centres and update table	ROCs	5 Nov
BMG 33-8-4	Perform 24hr monitoring on 12 Nov	OPMET centres	12 Nov
BMG 33-8-5	Derive action plans for correcting routing deficiencies related to Amd 74 changes	ROCs	After 12 Nov
BMG33-9-1	Update the Handbook with respect to: -RODEX and shopping card -harmonize entire validation section with SADIS Gateway manual -redefine the restricted distribution	Johnny	After BMG34
BMG 33-9-2	Provide the last PHP version for updating the Handbook.	Annemiek	27 Oct
BMG 33-2-1	Update Appendices A, B, C, E and G. Inform ICAO and publish on the ICAO website	Johnny	1 Dec 2008

BMG 33-9-3	Compile listing of collective bmg email addresses to be included into the procedure	Annemiek	12 Nov
BMG 33-9-4	Annemiek will provide Dimitar with an announcement concerning the PHP	Annemiek	1 Dec 2008
BMG 33-7-0	Annemiek will update the documents concerning RODEX as discussed	Annemiek	BMG34
BMG 33-7-1	Check national documentation for MOTNE->RODEX changes	BMG members	BMG34
BMG 33-7-2	Inform ICAO on the need to update ICAO docs for MOTNE elimination and inclusion of RODEX. Suggest ICAO to ask states do the same for national documentation (AIPs, etc)	Annemiek	BMG35
BMG 33-7-3	Inform BMG members well in advance on RODEX transition (for better monitoring)	ROCs	On-going
BMG 33-7-4	Sub-group on "shopping cart" to have a meeting and progress report to BMG	Michael Johnny James Patrick	BMG34
BMG 33-7-5	The group will inform Annemiek about new contacts for the RODEX contact list An updated list will be distributed	BMG members Annemiek	Before BMG34 BMG34
BMG 33-4-1	Update the SUG Annexes according to 12 nov monitoring	BMG FP	18 Dec 2008
BMG 33-4-2	Verify the registered but not monitored bulletins (bmg33 wp 5)	All centres	BMG34
BMG 33-5-3	Stop using EBZZM@@@ and use EBZZYBYX instead	ROC OPMET centres	Dec 2008
BMG 33-4-4	SIGMET monitoring procedure to be updated to keep unique seq no for all SIGMET types	Michael	Jan 2009
BMG 33-4-5	EUR VAACs to coordinate with ROCs when FV bulletins exceed 1800 chars	ROC	Dec 2008
BMG 33-10-1	Progress report on BMG website	Michael	BMG34