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2012 Flight Plan Implementation and Transition

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Topics

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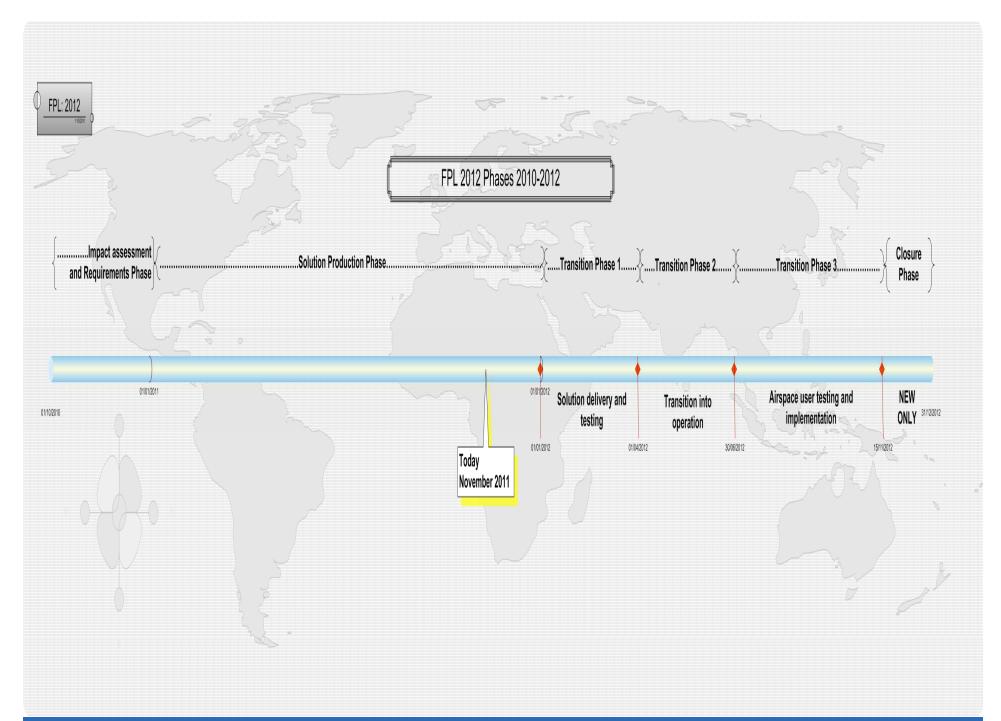
Impact of the ICAO Flight Plan changes

- Will require global software and possibly hardware changes.
- There are implementation costs for States and Airlines.
- There will be changes to procedures.
- There will be a need for staff training.
- Likely to be aviation disruption if the harmonized changes are not completed by the applicability date.
- The implementation could be compared to that of the year 2000 changes.

Implementation and Transition Strategy



- ICAO HQ is working with the ICAO Regional Offices (RO) to ensure a harmonized application of the changes.
- ICAO Regional offices providing facilitation for Task Force meetings.
- ICAO Regional offices facilitating Workshops and Seminars for their respective States.
- ICAO has provided guidance material to States.
- A comprehensive Implementation and Transition Schedule has been made available.
- ICAO secretariat, IATA, CANSO and other agencies are demonstrating their full commitment to the role-out and implementation of proposed changes



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ICAO Regional Progress

- All 7 ICAO regions have agreed with the proposed ICAO HQ timeline for Implementation and Transition.
- We are asking all ANSPs to be ready to accept filing of both NEW and PRESENT flight plans from 1 July 2012.
- Most States have reviewed the impact of the changes on their systems and procedures and some are already testing with NEW flight plan data to verify the changes.
- There has been a full schedule of regional meetings, workshops and seminars planned and completed for 2011.
- Seminars and Task Force meetings will be ongoing for 2012 as required.
- We are now concentrating on those States and areas who need targeted support.

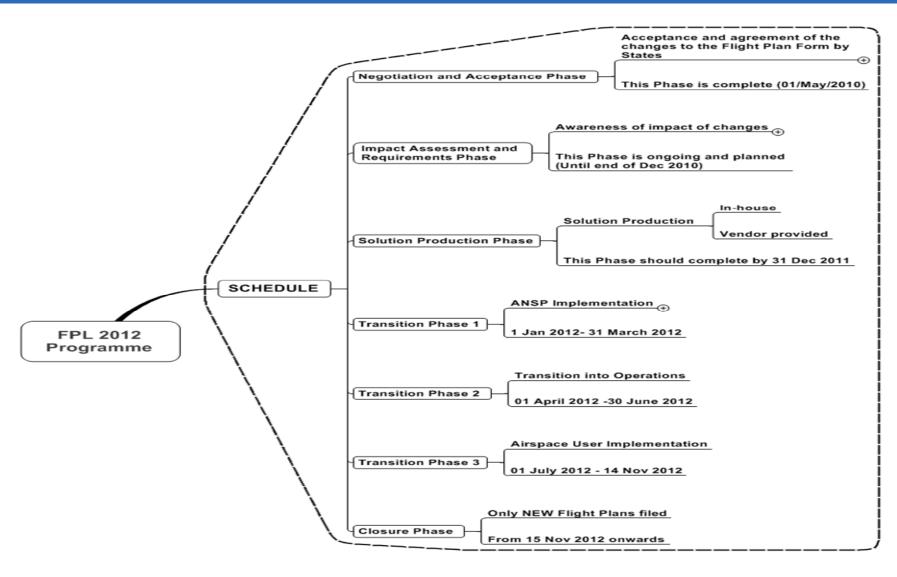
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Stakeholder Position

- ICAO HQ and the Regional Offices working closely with aviation representatives.
- IATA being regularly briefed and a good exchange of information between ICAO and IATA.
- IATA have issued a questionnaire to their members and have significantly raised the profile of the FPL changes although the numbers responding to the questionnaire was disappointing.
- ASECNA, ACAC, EUROCONTROL, CANSO, GREPECAS and many others are facilitating meetings and encouraging their States to report their implementation status.
- Vendors, system providers and Airline operators are being encouraged to attend seminars and workshops.
- There is however a lack of awareness among some Stakeholders.



FPL 2012 phases



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Issues and Concerns

- Some ICAO States are behind the implementation schedule.
- Some States do not see the need for the change "what's in it for me" syndrome.
- Many States are still not providing their implementation progress to the ICAO Regional Offices for entry into the FITS database.
 http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx
- Maintaining a harmonized implementation of the FPL change.
- Maintaining a harmonized application of PRESENT and NEW flight plan data.
- IATA advising their members to go for a switchover to the NEW FPL around 15 November 2012, the days before this need to be well planned.
- States meeting the requirements of the amendment but not the 'spirit' of the amendment

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Next Steps

- Continue the awareness campaign throughout the aviation industry especially among airspace users.
- ANSPs and Aviation users must plan for the change considering especially safety, budgets, training, documentation and testing.
- ANSPs in all regions need to work together to support each other and share their best practice.
- ANSPs should keep in constant contact with their regional ICAO offices to report progress and issues
- Harmonization of the application of FPL data needs to be resolved.
- We need to focus energies to support those States and aviation operators who are behind the implementation schedule.

