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ADVANCE SUBMISSION OF A FLIGHT PLAN

(Presented by New Zealand)

SUMMARY

This paper outlines the New Zealand position regarding the advance submission of a flight plan as detailed in Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of PANS-ATM Doc4444.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 New Zealand has reviewed the provision in Amendment 1 to the 15th Edition of PANS-ATM Doc4444 whereby flight plans shall not be submitted more than 120 hours before the estimated off-block time of a flight. New Zealand have identified that no operational reason exists for this extended capability in the New Zealand area of interest.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 As part of the implementation of the Amendment 1 changes New Zealand has decided to limit the advance filing of Flight Plans to 24 hours in advance of the estimated off-block time of a flight. This decision has been taken after consultation by Airways NZ, the New Zealand Air Navigation Service Provider, with affected parties which has determined no operational need for the 120 hour capability allowed in Amendment 1 in the New Zealand area of responsibility.

2.2 This decision will be reviewed again in consultation with affected parties if and when an operational requirement is determined. The decision will also be reviewed if current ATM systems are replaced or upgraded.

2.3 This decision has created significant savings in the software upgrades required in the New Zealand existing systems to implement the new FPL and has considerably simplified these upgrades.

2.3 The requirement will be published in the AIP New Zealand.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information provided in this paper.

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