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Subject: ICAO Establishes the ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Coordination Centre

The following Electronic Bulletin has recently been published by ICAO.

“ICAO Establishes the ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Coordination Centre

1. On 15 November 2012, the new ICAO Flight Plan (FPL) format will be implemented globally. The change, approved by the ICAO Council on 27 May 2008, is required to update the current ICAO model flight plan form in order to meet both the needs of modern aircraft with advanced capabilities and the evolving requirements of automated air traffic management (ATM) systems, while taking into account compatibility with existing systems.
2. This is a significant change for States, industry and air navigation service providers (ANSPs) that are dependent upon global conformity essential for sustained inter-operability. The successful submission, acceptance and management of flight plans and associated information are critical for international flights to operate in a safe and efficient manner.
3. Over the past four years, States and ANSPs have taken timely steps to update their automation interfaces and flight data processing systems to accommodate the new flight plan format.
4. To monitor global implementation of the new flight plan, ICAO, together with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) has established a global coordination centre at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada.
5. The ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Coordination Centre will serve as a global focal point for the sharing of information concerning implementation with the objective of monitoring States' progress related to global flight operations. The coordination centre will also assist in coordinating issues between States, ANSPs and operators.
6. States are urged to instruct their ANSPs and operators to collect information on the progress of implementation and status of operations in their State, as well as on difficulties experienced, related to the use of the new flight plan format, and then to share this information with the ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Coordination Centre by e-mail as soon as practical.
7. The ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Coordination Centre will be operational on a 24 hour basis from 13 November from 0401 UTC to 16 November 0359 UTC 2012, and can be reached primarily via e-mail at fpl2012@icao.int to report the status of implementation or to report problems experienced or, for other urgent matters, via telephone at +1 514-954-5839.
8. The status of implementation and problems experienced will be updated on the ICAO Flight Plan Implementation Tracking System web site at <http://www2.icao.int/en/fits/Pages/home.aspx>.
9. To further assist users, States should instruct their ANSPs to issue a trigger NOTAM indicating their readiness to accept the new flight plan as soon as the ANSP is able to do so.

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