

**Twenty Second Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group (ISPACG/22)
FANS Interoperability Team Meeting (FIT/15)**

Papeete, Tahiti, 11-12 March 2008

Agenda Item 9: Other business

Removal of CPDLC Message Elements From CPDLC Editor

Presented by Airservices Australia

SUMMARY

This information paper describes the removal of a number of the CPDLC message elements available to controllers.

1. Introduction

1.1 At the ICAO OPLINK Panel meeting held in Montreal in September 2005, it was proposed that certain CPDLC “EXPECT” message elements be removed from the ICAO CPDLC message set because there were concerns that they may be misinterpreted as actual clearances.

1.2 The deleted message elements all include advice to “EXPECT” as well as a [level]:

- UM13 AT [time] EXPECT CLIMB TO [level]
- UM14 AT [position] EXPECT CLIMB TO [level]
- UM15 AT [time] EXPECT DESCENT TO [level]
- UM16 AT [position] EXPECT DESCENT TO [level]
- UM42 EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT [level]
- UM43 EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT OR ABOVE [level]
- UM44 EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT OR BELOW [level]
- UM45 EXPECT TO CROSS [position] AT AND MAINTAIN [level]

1.3 After considerable discussion, the meeting agreed to these deletions. These changes were published in the amendment to PANS-ATM Doc4444 (Appendix 5), issued on November 22 2007.

2. Discussion

2.1 The ICAO amendment does not affect the FANS CPDLC message set. However after discussions within Airservices Australia, it was decided that the corresponding FANS CPDLC message elements should also be removed from the set of CPDLC message elements available to Australian controllers. This can be accomplished by a TAAATS data change.

2.2 Although the ICAO amendment has already occurred, this data change has not yet been implemented into TAAATS. This was due to the desire for the data change to coincide with associated documentation changes.

3. Action by the Meeting

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