



The Twentieth First Meeting of the Informal South Pacific ATS Coordinating Group (ISPACG/21)

Auckland New Zealand March 06 to March 08 2007

Agenda Item 4:
Review Progress on Open Action Items

Status on Funding for Continuation of Central Reporting Agency (CRA) Activities

(Presented by the FAA)

SUMMARY

At the recent meeting of the Task Force for the Establishment of Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Committees (RASMC/TF), the FAA proposed a mechanism to distribute the costs of the CRA among the states. The task force drafted an approach for CRA cost sharing to be finalized at the Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Advisory Group (RASMAG).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) currently pays Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group US\$80,000 each year to carry out the required technical work for Central Reporting Agency activities to resolve operational and technical problems related to the FANS datalink system and to monitor the performance of the FANS datalink system. Under this arrangement, Boeing meets any additional costs over and beyond this amount.

1.2 Having enabled progress to occur in the implementation of the enhancements to the ATM/CNS systems, the FAA is now seeking to establish an equitable financial reimbursement plan by 30 June 2007. At the meeting of the Task Force for Establishment of Regional Airspace Safety Monitoring Committees (RASMC/TF) on 13-15 February, the FAA proposed options for equitable distribution of funding for CRA activities among the regional air navigation service providers (ANSP's).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 After discussion of various options for distribution of CRA funding, the meeting concluded that a multi-lateral cost sharing arrangement for CRA activities was desirable, but recognized that Boeing was unable to administratively accommodate a large number of individual agreements and required a collective approach.

2.2 The FAA proposed to fund half (\$40,000) of the CRA funding requirement in 2007, and accepted the an action to “investigate whether it could facilitate, collect and consolidate fees on behalf of all participating States of the Asia Pacific Region to support the CRA service provided by Boeing, and for the United States to report on the matter to RASMAG/7 prior to June 2007.”

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The meeting is asked to review and consider the recommendations of the RASMC/TF, and be prepared to adopt the approach to cost sharing of CRA activities pending the outcome of the RASMAG/7 in June.