

**Thirty Sixth Meeting of the
Informal South Pacific ATS Co-ordinating Group
Planning Team
(ISPACG/36)**

**Video-Teleconference
17-18 July 2022**

Agenda Item 5.6 Other Business

Processing WTC J

Presented by Airways New Zealand

SUMMARY

Airways is planning on modifying their oceanic ATM system (OCS) to convert any received FPL or AIDC message for A388 aircraft that contains an incorrect H wake turbulence category (WTC) to the correct ICAO J designator.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 When the ICAO J superheavy designator was introduced, our domestic ATM was unable to process the new designator and software changes were made that enabled us to modify any received J to an H in our flight data record. These changes are now redundant, and Airways plans to roll them out.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Airways still receives some A388 FPL and AIDC messaging containing H WTC. We plan to introduce software that will modify any A388 FPL or AIDC message containing H WTC to J in our flight data record to ensure that any AIDC message originating from OCS will contain the correct ICAO WTC designator.
- 2.2 Initial co-ordination with some ISPACG ATSP this week indicates that there are still differences in how we handle the J designator.
- 2.3 ISPACG did have an action item on this issue (AI 27-3 from ISPACG/31) but it is now closed and we are unable to find a reference to the closure.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) Note Airways plans about the processing of WTC J; and
 - b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate; and

- c) determine if a new action item is required.