

# 16<sup>th</sup> Session of WMO Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM-16) Technical Conference (TECO)

## Keynote – Past, Present and Future

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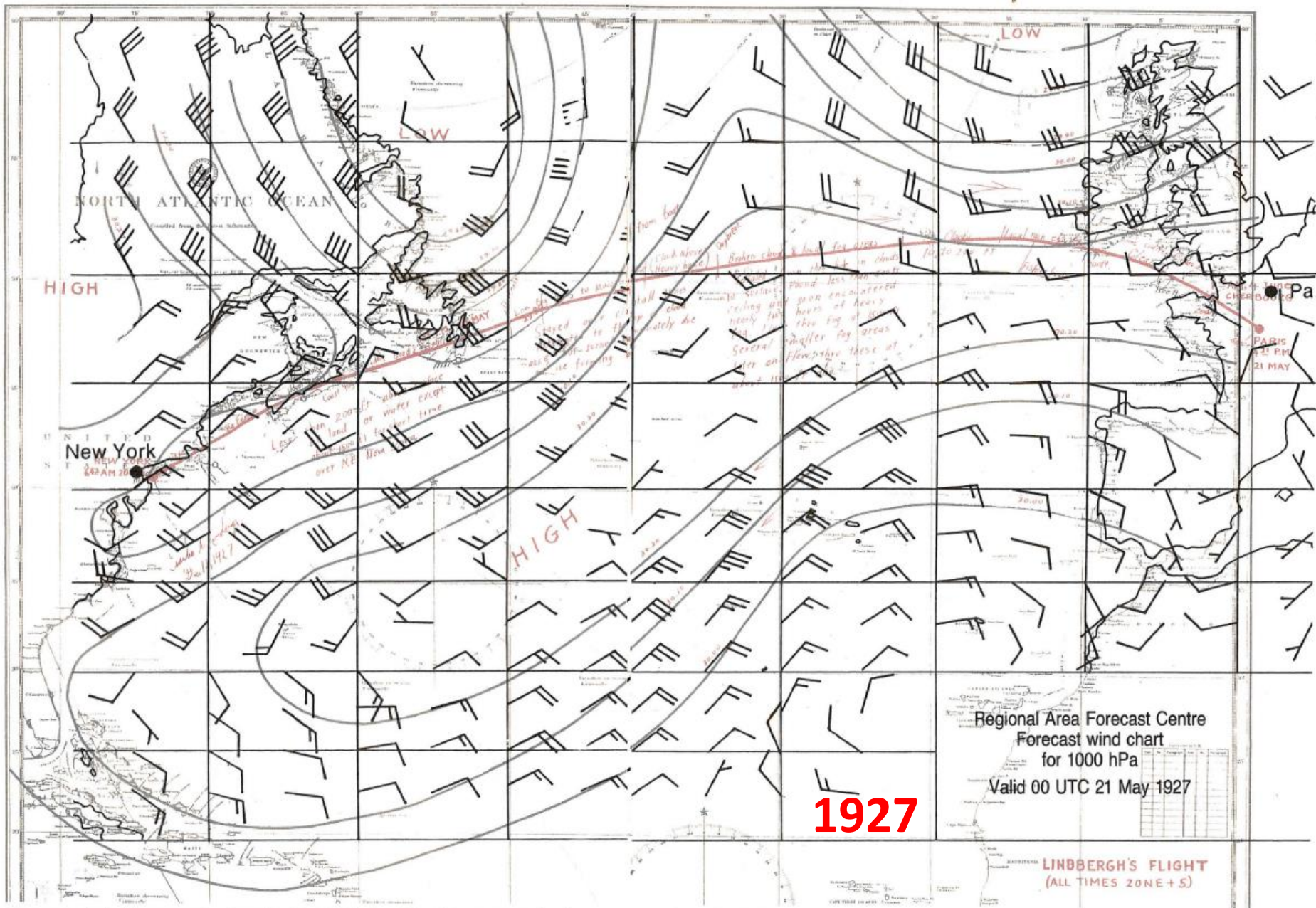
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Story begins here... 1903







The meteorological documentation issued to Capt. C. Lindbergh for his attempt at the first eastbound non-stop crossing of the North Atlantic from New York to Paris, 20-21 May 1927. If the meteorological services of today had existed sixty years ago, Capt. Lindbergh's flight

forecast in-flight weather conditions, including areas of hazardous conditions such as icing. The wind information is provided in the form of spot winds, the direction of the axis of the symbol indicating the direction, and the number of barbs the speed of the wind over the location





# A brief history of AeM

<b>1903</b>	<b>First powered flight by Wright brothers</b>
1919	First session of Commission for the Applications of Meteorology to Aerial Navigation (CAMAN) of IMO
1920s	First weather services for aviation
1922	Establishment of International Commission for Air Navigation (ICAN) by Paris Convention, under direction of League of Nations (Annex G)
1935	Establishment of <i>intergovernmental</i> International Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (ICAM) of IMO
1939	Adoption of 1st edition of “General Regulations for the International Meteorological Protection of Aeronautics” by IMO
<b>1939</b>	<b>Successful trials of operating air routes over North Atlantic Ocean</b>
1947	Establishment of ICAO by Chicago Convention, replacing ICAN
<b>1948</b>	<b>First agreement of North Atlantic Ocean Stations (NAOS) under ICAO</b>
1951	IMO formally became the World Meteorological Organization on 17th March 1951. The ensuing First Congress of WMO established Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM)

# Review of IMO status (1939)

*“In view of the steadily increasing practical importance of meteorology, it is desirable that the governments of the various countries should have a greater influence on the work of the Organization. The resolutions of the Organization should be binding on the countries to a greater extent. The Organization must be able to rely on adequate resources so that efficient co-operation should not be hampered by financial difficulties. **It is abnormal for one of the Organization's commissions (the International Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology, which had intergovernmental status -Ed.) to have a more official status than the Organization itself.** Similar organizations (the International Commission for Air Navigation, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics and others) have a more official status than IMO, a circumstance which has its drawbacks. Governments have not sufficient control over the choice of representatives from their countries.”*

– Dr Th. Hesselberg, Director of the Norwegian Meteorological Service,  
President of the International Meteorological Committee, IMO

# A brief history of CAeM

<b>1951</b>	<b>Establishment of Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM) by 1<sup>st</sup> Congress of WMO</b>
1953	Establishment of ICAO/WMO Working Arrangements
1954	1 <sup>st</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO MET Div) <i>Qualification &amp; training of AMP, air-reporting, aerodrome observation, climatological summaries, support high-level operations for jet aircraft</i>
1957	Introduction of SIGMET
1959	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO MET Div) Published guide on qualification & training, drafting manual on aerodrome MET office practices & manual on MET obs on aircraft, study of area forecast system
1964	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session of CAeM, Paris (conjoint with ICAO MET/OPS Div) <i>Draft manual on aerodrome MET office practices late, consider supersonic transport requirements esp the value of an area forecast system</i>
1967	4 <sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO ANC) TC warning, special air-reports, use of satellite data
<b>1968</b>	<b>WMO Scientific &amp; Technical Conference on Aeronautical Meteorology</b> <i>1) MET conditions in vicinity of aerodromes, 2) MET conditions in troposphere &amp; lower stratosphere, 3) MET info for Supersonic Transport Operations (SST)</i>
1969	Ext Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO ANC) <i>Turbulence detection, support for SST, centralization of MET services</i>



First separate CAeM session





# A brief history of CAeM

1971	5 <sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva (also attended by ICAO, IATA & IFALPA) <i>Detection &amp; forecasting of clear air turbulence, slant visual range &amp; low-level vertical windshear</i>
1974	Ext Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO ANC & MET Div) <i>Detailed review of SARPs, combining Annex 3 &amp; PANS-MET</i>
1975	<b>New agreement of North Atlantic Ocean Station (NAOS) under WMO</b>
1976	6 <sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO ANC) <i>Economic benefits, value of separate CAeM sessions, rapporteur on automated aircraft MET obs</i>
1982	7 <sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO COM/MET Div) <i>Established World Area Forecast System (WAFS)</i>
1986	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva</b> <i>Lack of aircraft observation, first mentioning of nowcasting</i>
1990	9 <sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO COM/MET/OPS Div) <i>Centralization of services and automation, cost effectiveness of WAFS</i>
1994	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva</b> <i>Commercialization, cost recovery and data policy, cost effectiveness of WAFS</i>
1998	<b>WMO established AMDAR Panel; ICAO established VAACs</b>
1999	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva</b> <i>Final phase of WAFS and training</i>

# A brief history of CAeM

<b>2002</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO MET Div)</b> <i>Established WAFSOPSG, IAVWOPSG, AMOSSG, METWSG &amp; METLINKSG</i>
<b>2006</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva</b> <i>Established Expert Team on New Terminal Forecast</i>
<b>2010</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Hong Kong, China</b> <i>Established competency standards for AMP</i> <i>Urgent need to address SIGMET deficiencies</i>
<b>2014</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Montreal (conjoint with ICAO MET Div)</b> <i>ICAO established MET Panel to develop provisions supporting the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) methodology (WMO established CAeM/CAS AvRDP)</i>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Aeronautical Meteorology Scientific Conference</b> <i>1) Science underpinning meteorological observations, forecasts, advisories and warnings, 2) Integration, use cases, fitness for purpose and service delivery, and 3) Impacts of climate change and variability on aviation operations and associated science requirements</i>
<b>2018</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Exeter, UK</b>

# ICAO/WMO Working Arrangements

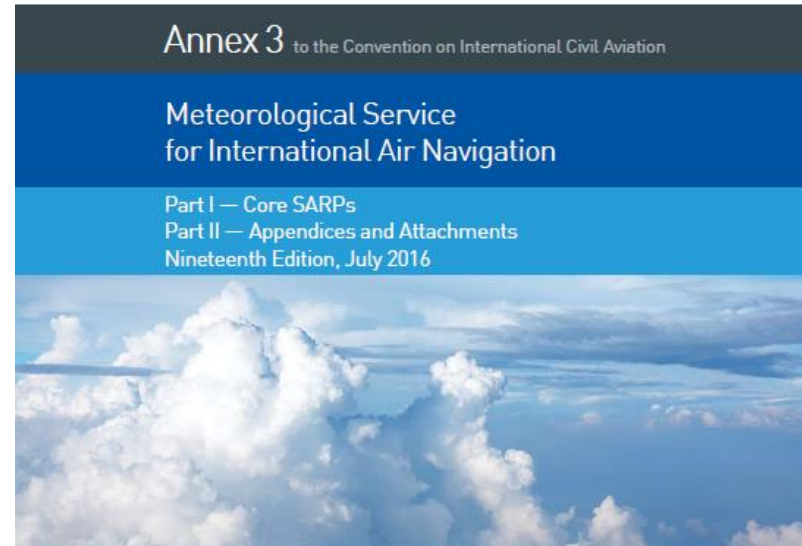
*“Although differences in the internal structures of both organizations have from time to time led to complications, the working arrangements have always been quite effective.”*

- John Kastelein, “Meteorology in the Service of Aviation”, WMO-No. 706, 1988





International Standards  
and Recommended Practices

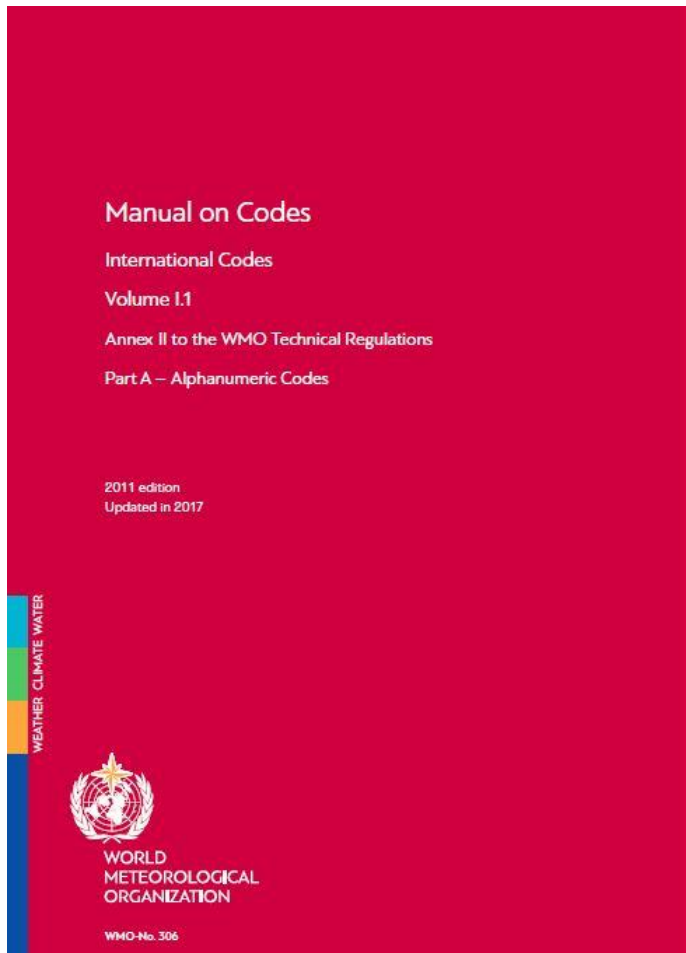


This edition supersedes, on 10 November 2016, all previous editions of Annex 3.

For information regarding the applicability of the Standards and Recommended Practices, see Foreword.

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The regulatory material contained in Annex 3 is, except for a few minor editorial differences, identical with that appearing in the *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume II — *Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation*, Parts I and II (WMO-No.49 Vol II first approved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress (1955) for applicability on 1 Jan 1956).



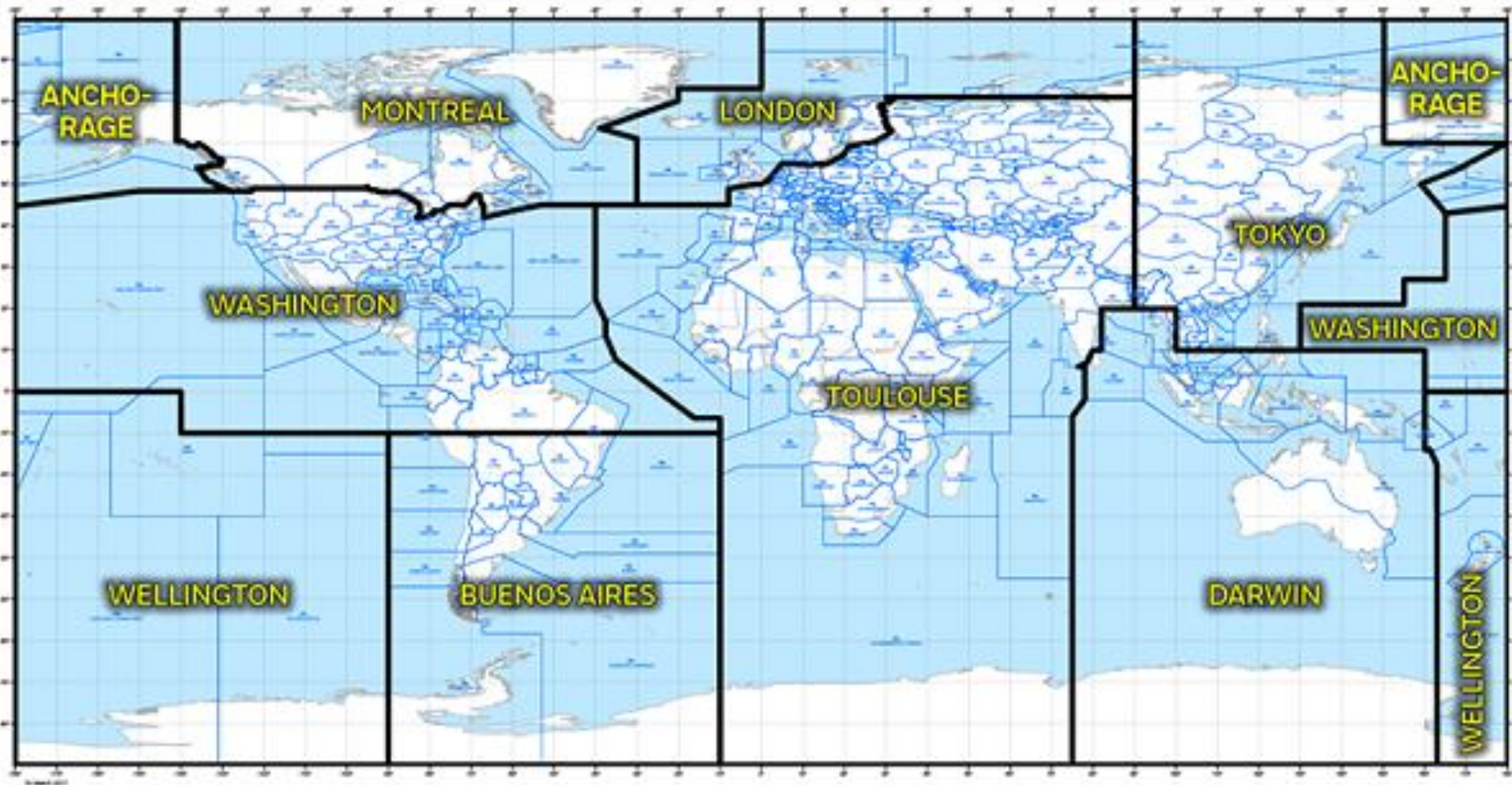
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The aeronautical meteorological code forms referred to in Annex 3 are developed by the World Meteorological Organization on the basis of aeronautical requirements contained in this Annex (Annex 3), or stated from time to time by the Council. The aeronautical meteorological code forms are promulgated in the *Manual on Codes* (WMO-No. 306), Volume I — *International Codes*.



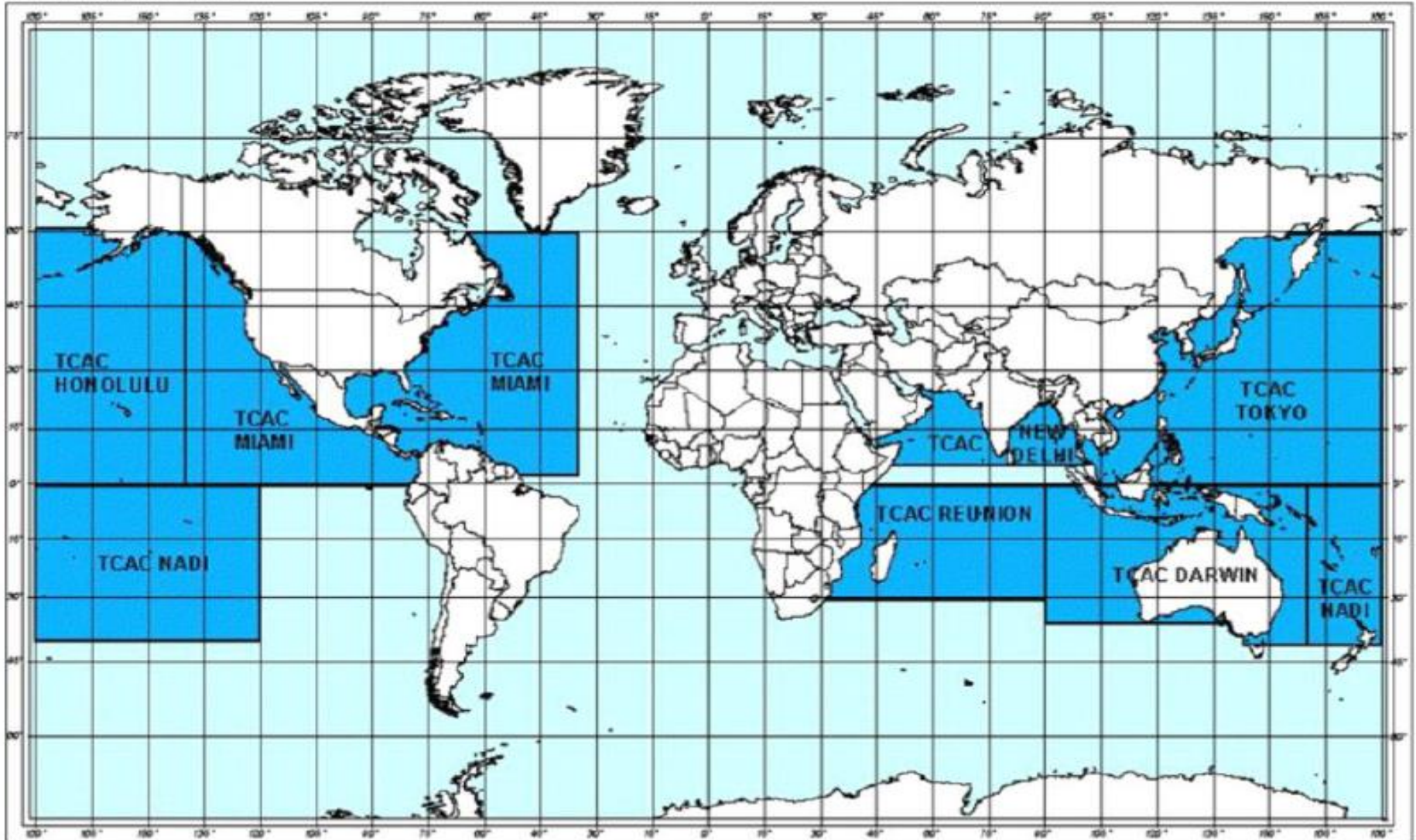


# Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres



# Tropical Cyclone Advisory Centres

FASIO Chart/Mapa FASIO MET 2



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**Thunderstorm**

Icing

**Turbulence**

Mountain wave

**MET Hazards**

Sandstorm

Volcanic ash

**Windshear**

**Tropical Cyclone**

# Gust



*The very first series of engine-powered flights by the Wright brothers ended abruptly when a strong gust of wind overturned the aircraft and damaged it.*

# Windshear

1973	Ozark Airlines Flight 809 crashed in a thunderstorm on approach to St. Louis' Lambert International Airport
1975	Eastern Air Lines Flight 66 crashed at John F. Kennedy Airport
1976	Introduction of Low-Level Windshear Alerting System (LLWAS)
1977	University of Chicago's Dr. Ted Fujita and Dr. Horace Byers postulated the downburst causing crash of Flight 66
1982	Introduction of low-level windshear warning in ICAO Annex 3
1985	Delta Flight 191 crashed at Dallas Ft. Worth International Airport. Based on black-box data, Fujita proved the existence of microburst
1993	Near miss of Alaska Airlines 727 at Juneau International Airport due to terrain-induced windshear
Mid-1990s	Operation of Terminal Doppler Weather Radar (TDWR)
2005	Operation of LIDAR Windshear Alerting System (LIWAS)



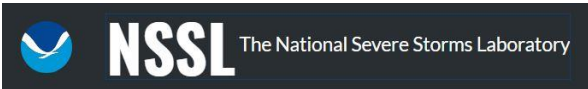




**Raytheon**



香港天文台  
HONG KONG OBSERVATORY



# Turbulence

*“In **1915**, an official of the U.S. Weather Bureau in San Diego, California, was a passenger in a military biplane on a flight from San Diego for the express purpose of **investigating atmospheric turbulence** over Point Lama near San Diego. The hills on this narrow peninsula are almost 500 feet above sea-level, and pilots had noticed an upward surge of the air to as high as 4000 feet due to the deflection of the prevailing north-westerly winds.”*

- N.A. Lieurance, President, CAeM, “Proceedings of the WMO Scientific and Technical Conference on Aeronautical Meteorology, London, March 1968”, WMO-No. 227, 1969

# Turbulence

*“Clear air turbulence (CAT) has continued to be a vexing problem. The primary goal associated with CAT is its detection. **So far, no satisfactory detection system, airborne or ground-based, has been developed.** The accuracy and usefulness of CAT forecasts leave much to be desired, primarily because the physical causes and characteristics of the CAT phenomena are not understood.”*

- N.A. Lieurance, President, CAeM, “Proceedings of the WMO Scientific and Technical Conference on Aeronautical Meteorology, London, March 1968”, WMO-No. 227, **1969**

# Turbulence forecast

*“The reliability of CAT **forecasts** has been problematic since the introduction of jet traffic because the phenomenon is very difficult to forecast. Fortunately, the numerical simulation of clear-air turbulence production, at present under development, promises to give better results.”*

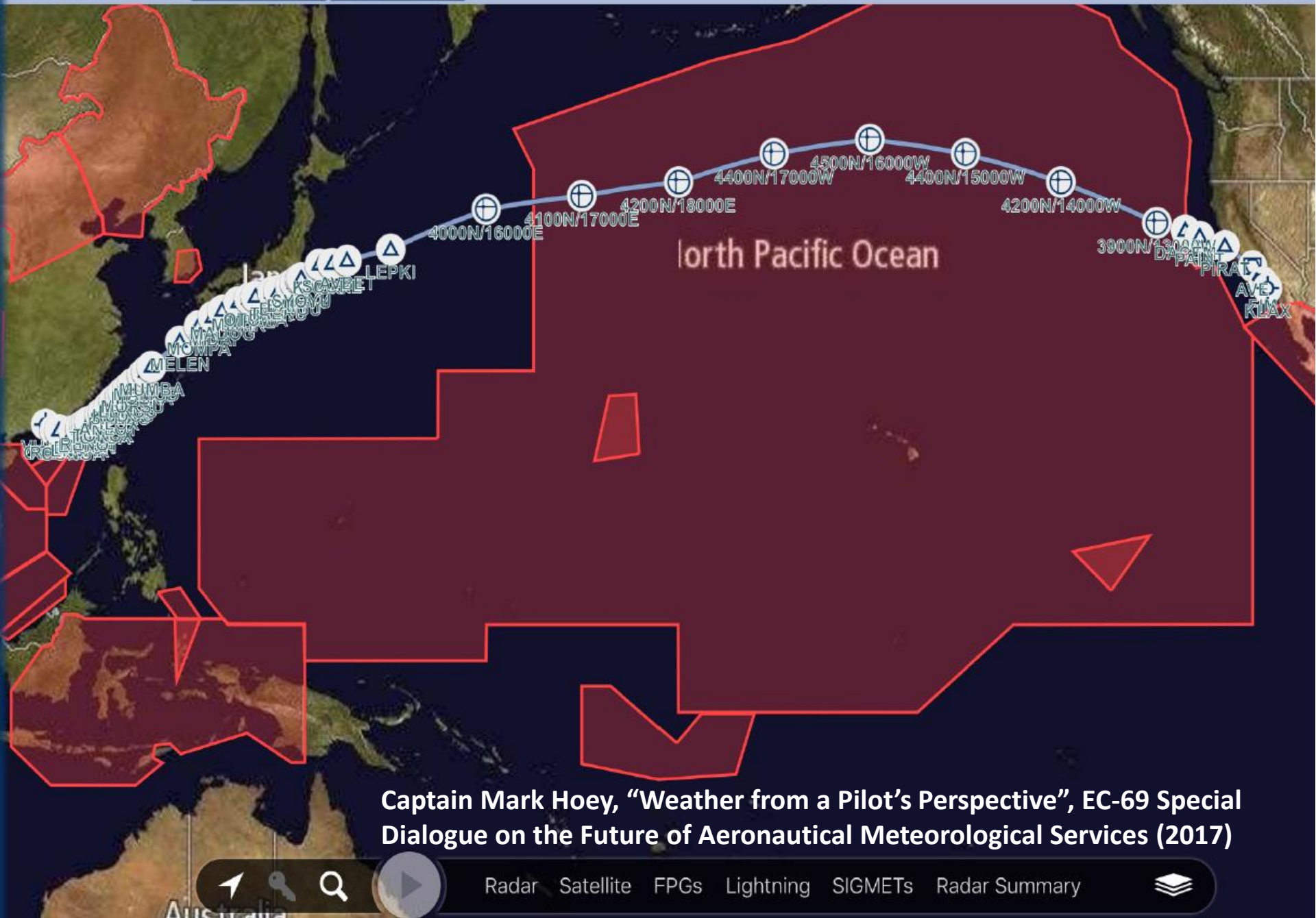
- John Kastelein, “Meteorology in the Service of Aviation”, WMO-No. 706, **1988**



# Turbulence reports

*“... the validation of icing and turbulence forecasts required upper-air observations such as **radio pilot reports (PIREPs)**. However, **the use of those reports as a primary source of verification was problematic because they were, among other things, very.**”*  
***subjective, not systematic in time and space, and tended to be located in high traffic regions and biased toward the worst conditions***

- Abridged final report, 11<sup>th</sup> Session of CAeM, Geneva, 2-11 March **1999**



Captain Mark Hoey, "Weather from a Pilot's Perspective", EC-69 Special Dialogue on the Future of Aeronautical Meteorological Services (2017)

# Turbulence reports

*“There is an evident and important need for observations of meteorological and other atmospheric parameters, especially those pertaining to aviation hazards, to be available to validate forecast guidance. However, often there are **important observational datasets which are not available or accessible to the scientific research community due to intellectual property or other such data protection rights.** Examples include **aircraft-derived atmospheric turbulence** (e.g. eddy dissipation rate, EDR) datasets and high-altitude ice crystal icing datasets.”*

- “Proceedings of the 2017 WMO Aeronautical Meteorology Scientific Conference”, Toulouse, France, 6-10 November **2017**

# Automated turbulence reports

*“The **unavailability of commercially-provided turbulence reports** to the wider meteorological and aviation communities is a highlighted issue that needs attention by WMO, ICAO and IATA to achieve a “win-win” outcome benefiting all stakeholders concerned, which perhaps could be a good demonstration of **public-private-partnership.**”*

- CM Shun, “Proceedings of the 2017 WMO Aeronautical Meteorology Scientific Conference”, Toulouse, France, 6-10 November **2017**





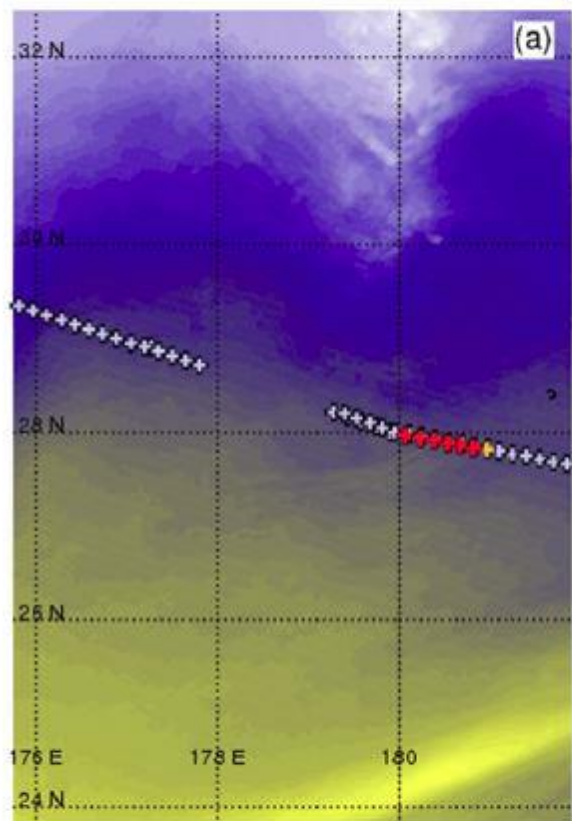
# WMO works with air transport industry on data gathering system

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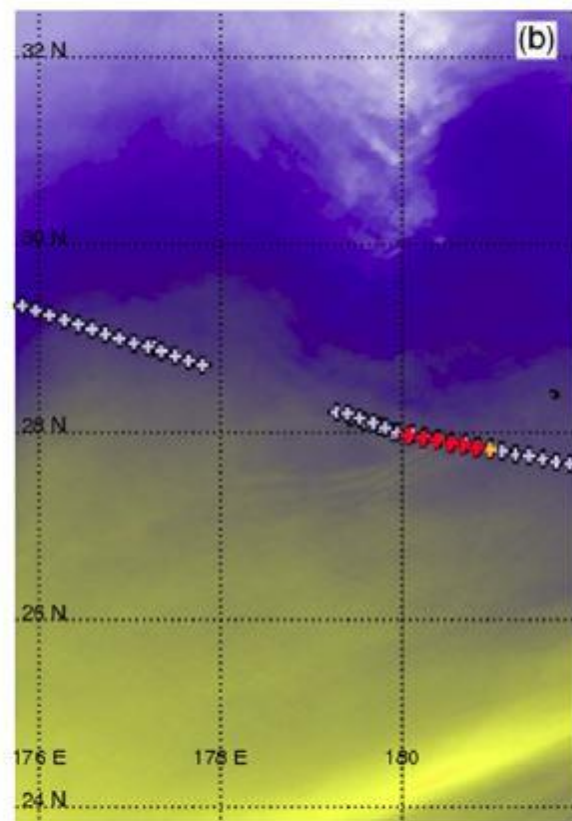
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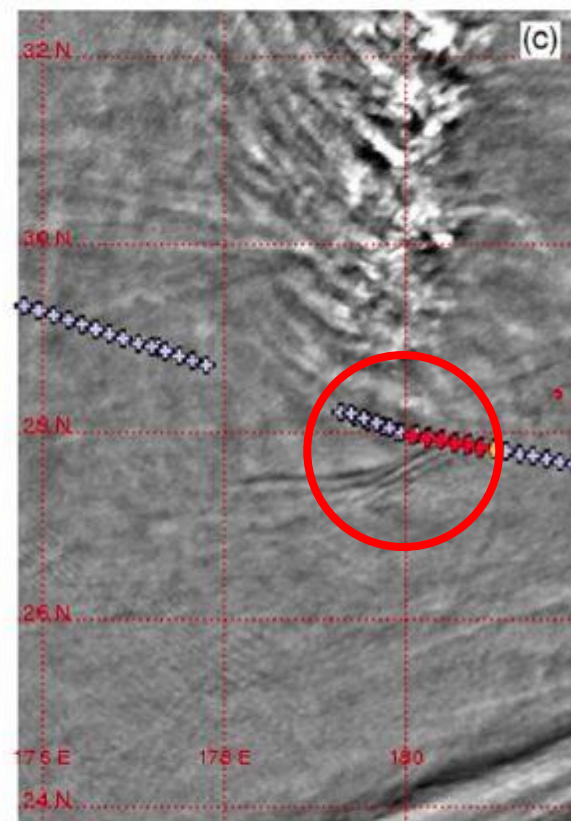
Himawari Band 8 Water Vapor from 20161214 at 1530 UTC  
8-bit data



11-bit data



Himawari High-pass Product  
from 20161214 at 1530 UTC



1-h EDR:  $\oplus$  No Turbulence  $\oplus$  Light Turbulence  $\oplus$  Moderate Turbulence  $\oplus$  Severe Turbulence

6.2  $\mu\text{m}$  Brightness Temperature (K)

163 173 183 193 203 213 223 233 243 253 263 273

Brightness Temperature (K)

-1.0 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

FIG. 1. Examples of the differences in gravity wave visualization between (a) a traditional 8-bit rendering of brightness temperature in the upper-level water vapor band, (b) a full 11-bit rendering, and (c) the high-pass product applied to the same data. Cross-shaped symbols along the flight track are automated EDRs (turbulence) peaking at  $0.620 \text{ m}^{2/3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (severe turbulence). Here and elsewhere, turbulence reports fall within 0–1 h before the image time. (See Animation A in the online supplement.)



Himawari Band 8 Water Vapor from 20161227 at 1750 UTC

Himawari High-pass Product from 20161227 at 1750 UTC  
GFS 400-hPa Winds valid 20161227 at 18 UTC

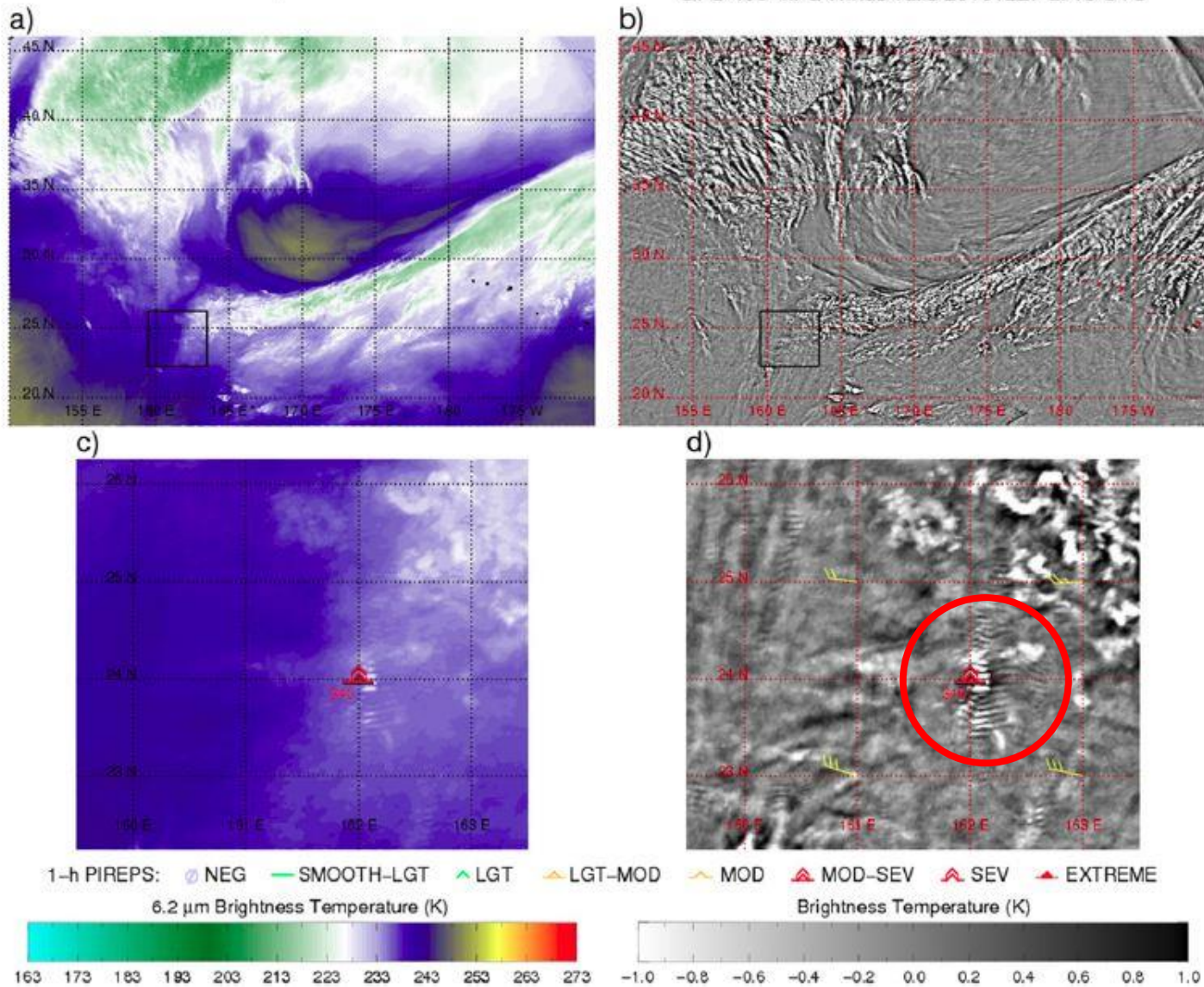
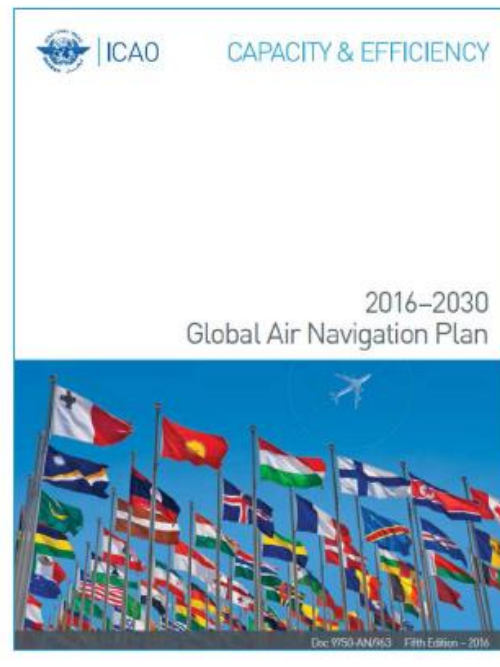


FIG. 4. Example of enhanced viewing of gravity waves in a turbulent environment. (a),(b) The larger context of the event in the mid-Pacific, and (c),(d) the gravity wave activity can be seen to extend over a wider area using the high-pass product. A moderate-to-severe (MOD-SEV) pilot report (red) at 34 kft (10.4 km) in elevation is coincident with the highest-amplitude section of the waves. The GFS analysis winds (yellow barbs) show that the gravity wave propagation is roughly orthogonal to the dominant flow in the image. (See Animation C in the online supplement.)



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# Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)





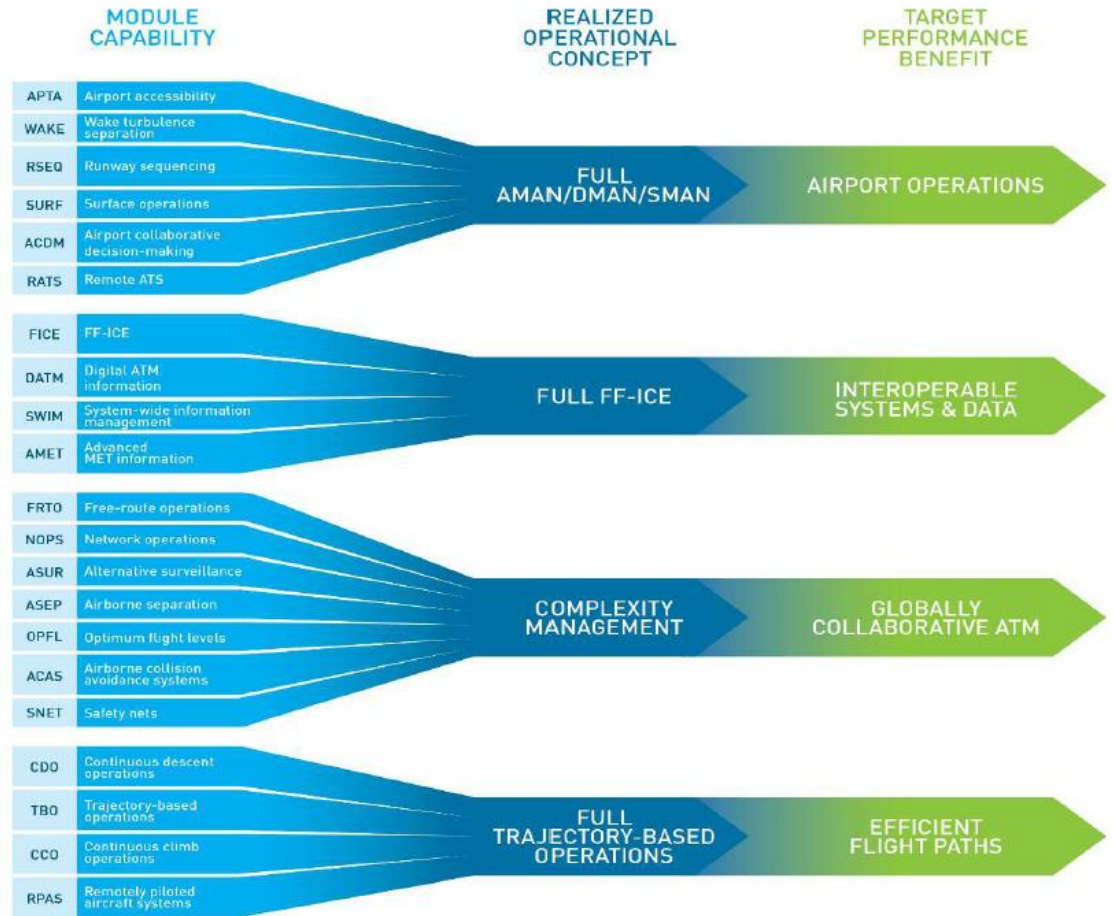
# GANP Modules

Operational Thread

Enabler Thread

Operational Thread

Operational Thread



# New AMET B2 & B4 (draft)

**AMET-B0 (from 2013):** Global, regional and local meteorological information to support flexible airspace management, improved situational awareness, collaborative decision-making and dynamically optimized flight trajectory planning.

ATM

Impact based

**AMET-B1 (from 2019):** Meteorological information supporting automated decision process or aids, involving meteorological information, **meteorological information translation, ATM impact conversion and ATM decision support.**

**AMET-B2 (from 2025):** *Integrated meteorological information in support of enhanced operational **ground and air** decision-making processes, particularly in the planning phase and **near-term.***

Nowcasting

**AMET-B3 (from 2031):** Integrated meteorological information in support of enhanced operational **ground and air** decision-making processes, **for all flight phases** and corresponding air traffic management operations.

Seamless

**AMET-B4 (from 2037):** *Integrated meteorological information supporting both **air and ground** decision making for **all phases of flight** and ATM operation, especially for implementing **immediate** weather mitigation strategies.*

# AMET B1

**MET-ATM integration for CDM**  
(B1, ACDM, B1-DATM, B1-SWIM, B1-AMET)



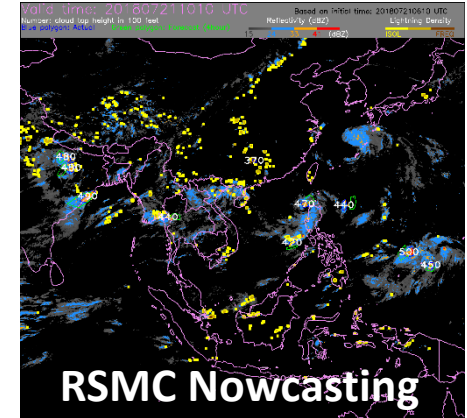
**Improved en-route weather forecast to optimize ATS routing**  
(B1-FRTO, B1-NOPS, B1-TBO)



**RVR forecast to optimize airport accessibility (B1-APTA)**



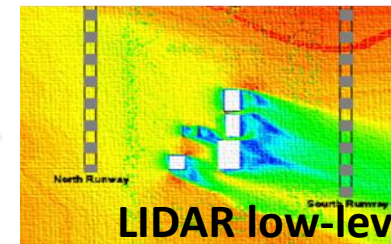
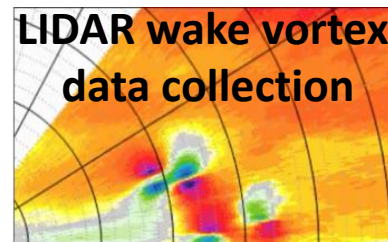
**Improved upper air winds and thunderstorm forecast to optimize departure, surface and arrival management (B1-RESQ, B1-CDO)**



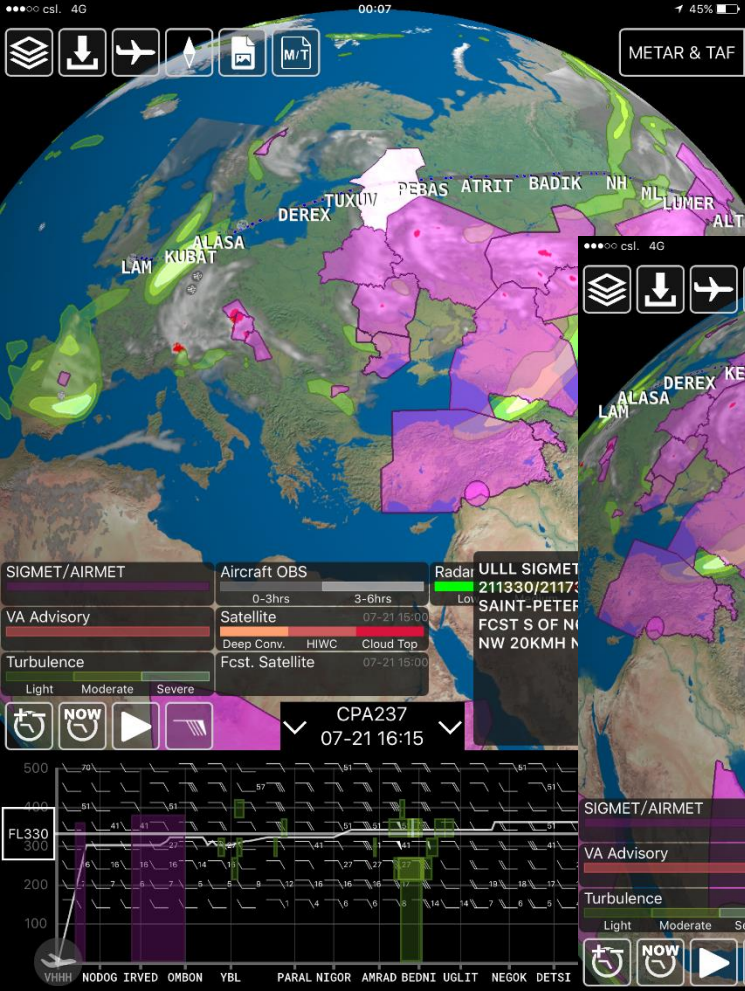
**Improved wind and thunderstorm forecast to optimize airport accessibility (B1-APTA)**



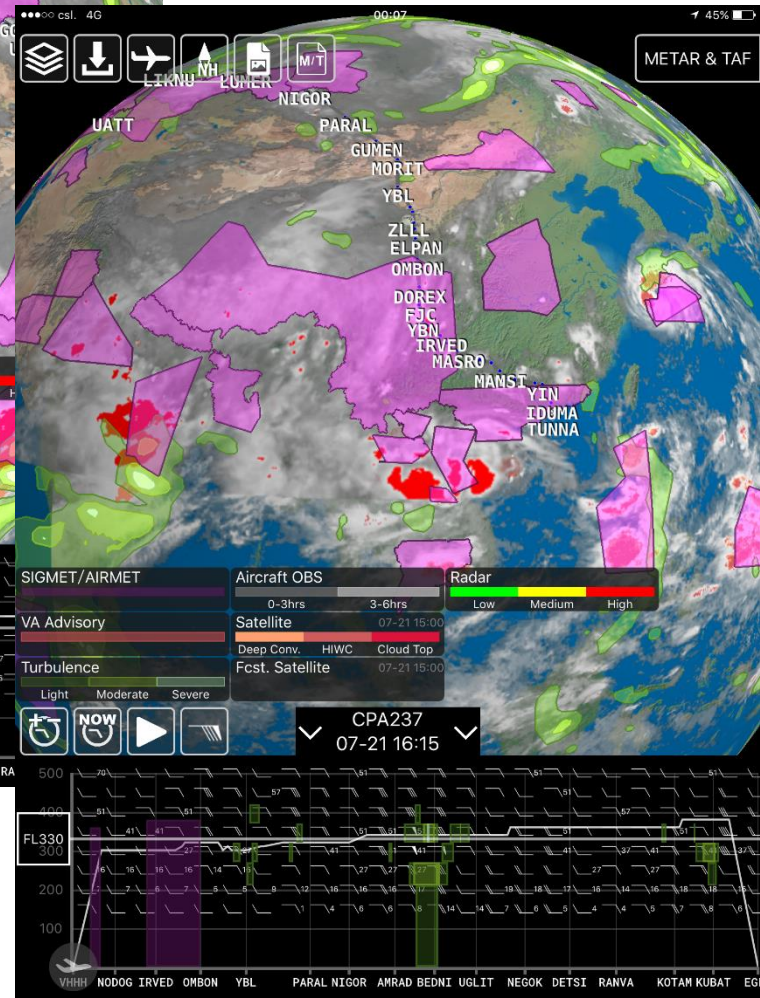
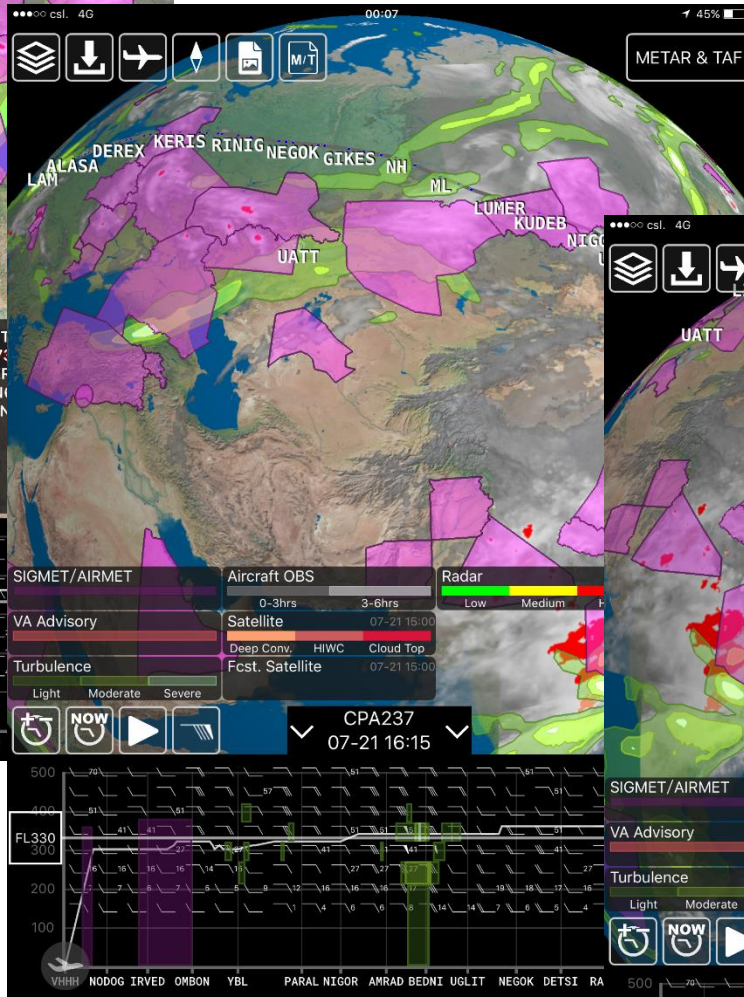
**Wake turbulence, wind forecast to increase runway throughput (B1-WAKE)**





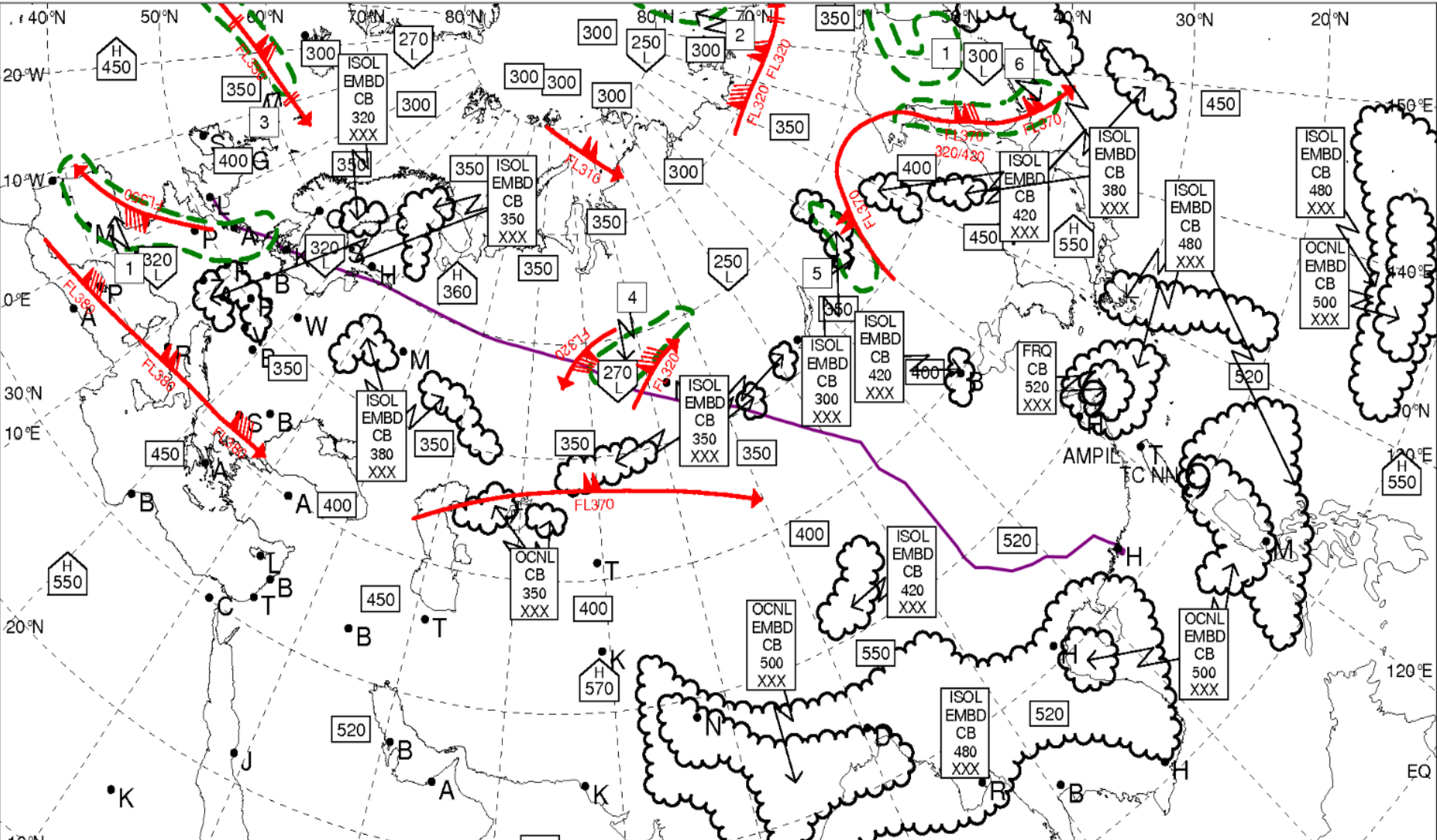


To be deployed to whole CX & KA fleet in September 2018



To replace all paper flight documentation from December 2018



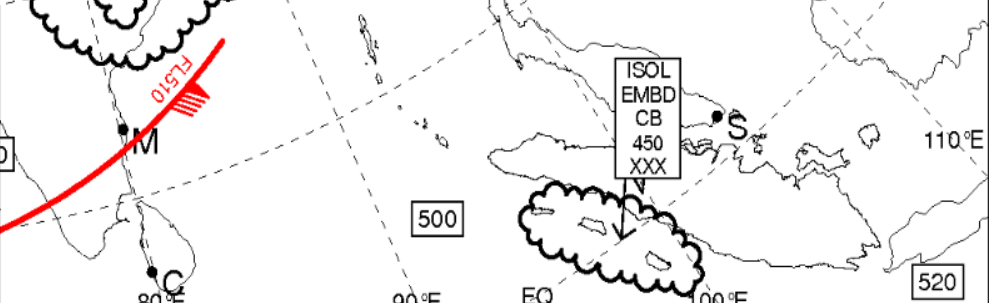


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 CHECK SIGMET, ADVISORIES FOR TC AND VA,  
 AND ASHTAM AND NOTAM FOR VA.  
 CHECK SIGMET AND NOTAM FOR RDOACT CLD

CAT Areas

1	400 290	4	350 280
2	370 260	5	400 320
3	380 270	6	420 310

ICAO AREA G MID SIGWX HIGH











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