



MINUTES OF THE 8th
MALDIVES AVIATION SAFETY TEAM (MAST-8)
MEETING

Time: 1100 Hrs to 1230Hrs
Date: 12 July 2006 / Wed
Venue: Civil Aviation Department / Conference Room

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, Introduction and adoption of Agenda

The Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed and thanked all the members for their presence. He said that this meeting was taking place after 04 months, but this delay was due to unavoidable circumstances and thanked all the members for their patience.

He expressed his desire to make the MAST meeting a force to be reckoned with, in promoting safety in the country as well as in the region.

Capt. Ameen also spoke on the importance of continuity and of the need for members to be regular to meetings so as to conclude business items professionally and in a timely manner.

He also thanked all the members for giving Island Aviation Services (IAS) the Chairmanship for the current year.

As all members agreed to the agenda that was put forward by the Secretariat with the omission of Agenda Item 3 for this meeting, the Agenda with the revision was adopted for business.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion on MAST Terms of Reference (TOR)

The draft MAST Terms of Reference up for discussion was read page by page by the Chairman and members were asked to come out with their comments and suggestions.

After lengthy deliberations, the TOR was amended and the secretariat was tasked to send out the amended TOR to all members with the MAST-8 meeting Report.

With regards to the TOR the meeting was also of the opinion that the TOR under discussion reflects Recommendations and Decisions instead of Conclusions, Decisions & Recommendations. Hence, the TOR was amended on these lines with Recommendations and Decisions being given sufficient weight so as to progress the work of the meeting.



Agenda Item 3 – Presentation on Dangerous Goods

(This item was omitted from the agenda for this meeting)

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion on VFR Procedures

Mr. Ahmed Nazim Secretary to the meeting presented the draft VFR procedures. He pointed out that all the amendments received from the members were incorporated in the new draft, however, two significant issues required to be tabled for discussion. They are:

1 VFR Cruising tables

- The table of cruising level as reflected in Annex 11 should remain without change; if changed, then it has to be brought to the attention of ICAO as a difference.
- The way to go about this would be to leave the table without change in the AIC but put in a foot note to reflect the levels that can be used for VFR operations in the airspace of Male' Terminal Control Area.

2 Restricted usage of North Left for Landing and South Right for Take-off

- The pilots from MAT & TMA Capt. Dave Kuruvita and Capt. Cam Leslie commented that they have been flying and using the bowling alley for several years and so far they haven't had any mishap or even come close to the tower. And they were confident that there would be no need to jump the gun as such.
- All other members also agreed that there has been no reported occurrence or issue so far so it must be a procedure that was working.
- Chairman Capt. Ameen suggested in order to come to an agreement, it would be best to elect a task force of 2 pilots, 1 from ATC and 1 from CAD to do a risk analysis, for e.g.: 'to see whether there is a risk in following the procedure if one engine fails'.
- All the members agreed with this suggestion and elected Capt. Dave Kuruvita, Capt. Cam Leslie, Mr. Ibrahim Thoha and Ms. Sameeha Abdul Hakeem as members of the task force.
- The chairman emphasized at this point, that since the main objective of MAST is to improve safety, all members be proactive and let the Task Force come out with suggestions.
- It was also agreed that while this risk assessment was being undertaken by the Task Force, to implement the VFR Procedures without delay. It was left to the Secretariat to come out with a target date of implementation.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion on Outstanding Issues from previous meetings

1 #03/01 - Kadhdhoo AEP draft completed by MACL, draft sent to Regional Airports HQ for comments in October 2005

- The secretariat briefed the meeting that, from information received from Regional Airports HQ, all Regional Airports AEPs will be now amended and completed by



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Regional Airports HQ instead of MACL. As such, the Kadhdhoo AEP will be completed by 01.09.2006.

- 2 **#03/03 - Runway incursion database established, periodic de-brief to the MAST Meeting**
 - Mr. Ibrahim Thoha briefed that, Database established at ATS and no incidents reported since the last meeting. Next report will be at MAST-9 meeting in September 2006.
- 3 **#03/04 - Training and licensing of Male' International Airport (MIA) Apron Staff**
 - The secretariat briefed the meeting that from information received from Ramp Services at MACL, licensing was in progress and driver training will commence on 01st August 2006.
- 4 **#04/01 – Wattania Antennae at Kadhdhoo Airport still not painted**
 - Mr. Abbas Mohamed reported that antennae now painted and lit and this item was completed.
- 5 **#05/06 – Breach of Apron Security at Kadhdhoo Airport**
 - The secretariat briefed the meeting that this issue has been raised with the Security division of the CAD and will be presented at the next MAST-9 meeting with action taken and progress so far.
- 6 **#06/02 – All operators establish a Flight Documentation System (FDS)**
 - Most airline operators were unaware whether this system had been distributed or not. Ms. Sameeha A. Hakeem ensured that all airline operators were copied and a soft copy/file sent, she said that she will be liaising with the airline operators and will get back to the MAST-9 meeting with an update.
- 7 **#07/02 – Conduct of an Airport Emergency Exercise at Kadhdhoo Airport**
 - The secretariat briefed the meeting that, from information received from Regional Airports HQ, as the Kadhdhoo AEP will be completed by 01.09.2006, a Full Scale Emergency Exercise was planned to be held in the near future. A brief of all activities for Regional Airports Emergency Planning Activities will be tabled at the MAST-9 meeting.
- 8 **#07/04 – Fence put around the runway at MACL. The distance to be reported to CAD.**
 - Mr. Ibrahim Thoha briefed that, this information has been sent to the CAD. And this item was closed.
- 9 **#07/05 – Study and analyze the requirement for Emergency Boxes on floating platforms.**
 - The secretariat briefed the meeting that this issue was still pending and needs to be actioned as soon as possible. Mr. Ibrahim Thoha was asked to moderate. Study report to be sent to MAST-9 meeting.



- 10 #07/08 – Communication gap due to Gan HF being Unserviceable.**
- Capt. Ameen suggested that there should be a requirement to man all HF frequencies as such adequate staffing needed to be provided.
 - Capt. Ameen also suggested that as development is in progress in all sectors of the aviation industry as such Regional Airports has to develop accordingly as well.
 - Mr. Ibrahim Kahlid, suggested that the issue was not whether an ATC should be at the alternate aerodrome, but it was for the fact that there was no proper Communication with the Area & Approach Control Centre AACC. If proper communication existed then the problem would be solved. So he suggested upgrading the facility at the AACC.
 - Mr. Nazim from the Secretariat was tasked to discuss this issue with Technical Services Section of MACL and to report back to the MAST-9 meeting.
 - Mr. Abbas Mohamed informed the meeting that a new transmitter for Gan was budgeted for 2007. This will ensure that adequate coverage will be provided for en-route flights. And he will be reporting at the MAST-9 meeting with any new developments.
- 11 #07/09 – Inadequate ATCO staffing at Hanimadhoo Airport.**
- Ms. Fathimath Jameel reported that the ATCO complement was raised to 3 ATCOs and as such this was considered as adequate. And this item was closed.

Agenda Item 6 – New Action Items

- 1 #08/01 – AMO staff to be invited to MAST Meetings**
- Mr. Ahmed Fazeel suggested that Aircraft Maintenance Staff be invited to MAST meetings.
 - Ms. Sameeha A. Hakeem suggested that instead of permanent membership, perhaps it would be advisable that maintenance staff be invited as and when required, and when significant maintenance issues were raised, otherwise it would be a waste of time for them.
 - Mr. Ahmed Fazeel was of the opinion that since it was only six times a week that the meeting would be taking place this would not inconvenience maintenance personnel and they would also have issues to be raised if they were invited.
 - The meeting was of the opinion that maintenance staff should be invited to the next meeting to understand their perspective of the MAST meetings.
- 2 #08/02 – Incident Reporting to CAD**
- Mr. Nazim raised the issue of filing of incident reports to CAD, whereby the common practice is for operators to report an incident on the phone to the CAD Safety Focal Point/7774838 (SFP) immediately and then to send a hard copy via fax or by e-mail.
 - It was reminded to all operators the importance of the follow up and the requirement of the CARs for the hard copy to be sent to the CAD within 48 hours.



3 #08/03 – The need for identification of Wildlife Hazard Control Programme at MIA

- Mr. Ibrahim Thoha quoted the incident where birds were nesting on the tail of Qatar Airways aircraft that was parked on the apron. He was unsure as to who was to be contacted or what means to be taken to report this incident and he wanted a recommendation from the meeting.
- Mr. Nazim informed the meeting that this matter will be taken up with MACL and in the meantime ATS file a safety issue report with CAD with the details of the incident.

Conclusion of the Meeting

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1225, thanking all the members for their excellent cooperation and stating that it was a very fruitful meeting and a lot had been accomplished. He also stated that the next meeting would be held in the third week of September 2006 which would be notified to all members in due course.

Members Present:-

1	Island Aviation Services (Chairman)	Capt. Mohamed Ameen
2	Civil Aviation Department (Secretary)	Mr. Ahmed Nazim/Director Standards
3	Civil Aviation Department	Ms Fathimath Ramiza/Asst. Director
4	Civil Aviation Department	Mr. Ahmed Fazeel/Airworthiness Eng.
5	Civil Aviation Department	Ms. Sameeha Abdul Hakeem/SFOO
6	Regional Airports HQ	Mr. Abbas Mohamed/Deputy Director
7	Maldivian Air Taxi	Capt. David Kuruvita/Chief Pilot
8	Trans Maldivian Airways	Mr. Ibrahim Khalid/Safety Officer
9	Trans Maldivian Airways	Capt. Cameron Leslie/Chief Pilot
10	Maldives Airports Company Ltd	Mr. Muhammad Faisal/Coordinator Gr. 2
11	Maldives Airports Company Ltd	Ms. Fathimath Jameel/CATCO
12	Maldivian Airports Company Ltd	Mr. Ibrahim Thoha/SATCO
13	Civil Aviation Department	Ms. Aishath Fareesha/AISO
14	Civil Aviation Department	Mr. Hussain Hafiz/Technical Assistant

Members Absent:-

15	Maldives Airports Company Ltd	Airfield Unit
16	Maldives Airports Company Ltd	Ramp Services Unit

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