

## Policy Statement Number: 22

### **Subject: Regulation of Annex 3 Meteorological Services for International Air Navigation**

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#### **Rationale:**

The Civil Aviation Act commits the UK, and hence the UK Overseas Territories (OT), to implementing the Chicago Convention and its Annexes. It is policy of the OTs to comply with Standards and safety-related Recommended Practices (see Policy Statement 02). ICAO Annex 3 to the Convention places a responsibility on the State to ensure that arrangements are in place to meet the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of the Annex ie to ensure Meteorological (Met) services are provided.

The AN(OT)O gives the Governor responsibility for making appropriate arrangements for the provision of Met services within the Territory. The Governor or the body charged by the Governor with responsibility for ensuring provision of the service shall set out the services to be provided within the Territory and arrange for provision of such services.

There are no OTARs for Annex 3 so regulatory audits of the service provider will ascertain conformance with the provisions of Annex 3 itself in relation to the services set out by the Governor. In the event that a non-conformance is discovered normal regulatory action may not be possible as the AN(OT)O does not provide the regulator powers in the same way that it does with other functions. Non-conformances shall be brought to the attention of the provider of Met services for resolution.

Guidance on the provision and regulation of Met services is given in OTAC MET-1.

Since the provision of Met services is a State responsibility the relationship between the Regulator and Service Provider may not follow the definitions in Policy Statement 4 Regulation/Service Provision and, therefore, each case should be judged on its merits.

#### **Policy Statements:**

- (a) The Governor is responsible for ensuring that the provision of a meteorological service is as specified by ICAO Annex 3.
- (b) The Governor or body charged by the Governor with responsibility for ensuring provision of Met services shall set out the services to be provided within the Territory and arrange for provision of such services.
- (c) Meteorological services may be provided by agreement with a dedicated service provider who shall comply with ICAO Annex 3 and the requirements of the Governor.
- (d) The Governor's designated regulator shall periodically audit the meteorological service provider to ascertain whether the service accords with ICAO Annex 3 and the requirements of the Governor.
- (e) Non-conformances shall be brought to the attention of the provider of Met services for resolution.