

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations



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To: All Member Associations

Dear Colleagues

The issues with the volume of NOTAMs is not new; we have all been dealing with it for many years. The ICAO Information Management Panel (IMP) has a dedicated sub-group addressing the issues with NOTAMs; IFALPA is represented on this Panel. The Panel is actively working on a replacement for NOTAMs, or a tailored solution, which is coming but will take some time to put into place. In reviewing the current situation, the sub-group has identified that many of the NOTAMs are valid for over 150 days. This is clearly not a temporary adjustment and should be inserted into the AIP as those NOTAMs just add to the unacceptable volume. In addition, it has been noted that several States do not follow the correct coding convention and often the text is verbose.

Whatever new or amended system is eventually put in place the AIS Community need to play their part. So as an interim measure it is necessary for the AIS community to help with this by reviewing their procedures and reducing their long-standing NOTAMs and at least use the correct codes.

The attached letter has been sent to the ICAO Regional Offices for them to distribute to their AIS community, it would be helpful for every Member Association to send the attached letter to their NOTAM office in an effort to help alleviate the current situation.

Yours sincerely

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