AIS/MAP CONTINGENCY PLANS

1.0 PURPOSE
This Advisory Circular (AC) provides information about the AIS/MAP contingency plans that need to be implemented by the AIS/MAP service provider.

2.0 REFERENCES

3.0 BACKGROUND
Contingency plans are intended to provide alternative facilities and services to those provided for in the air navigation plan when those facilities and services are temporarily not available. Contingency arrangements are therefore temporary in nature, remain in effect only until the services and facilities of the plan are re-activated.

4.0 GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES
An AIS/MAP service provider shall develop and maintain contingency plans for implementation in the event of disruption or potential disruption, of Aeronautical Information services/MAP within the area of jurisdiction. The plan shall include:-

a) The actions to be taken by the service provider’s personnel responsible for providing the service
b) Possible alternative arrangements for providing the service; and
c) The arrangements for resuming normal operations for the service

4.1 AIS/MAP Service disruptions
a) Each AIS/MAP service provider shall establish procedures, in addition to requirements in regulation 23 of the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Service) Regulations to—
   i) advise the Authority of any planned disruption to the provision of Aeronautical Information services/MAP that could have an impact on safety; and
   ii) investigate any unplanned disruption to the provision AIS/MAP and
   iii) report to the Authority, within 48 hours of the occurrence, the circumstances surrounding any unplanned disruption to AIS/MAP Services when the disruption affected, or could have affected, the safety of air traffic.

b) Disruptions reportable under paragraph (a) shall include, but are not limited to, any:-
   i) Aeronautical Information Management system; and
   ii) any interruption to the normal provision of Aeronautical Information services/MAP; and
   iii) curtailment of watch, by greater than 30 minutes, from the promulgated off watch time.