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1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this Regional Supplement is to establish an exception to the NWS policy requiring a minimum area for mountain obscuration AIRMETS.

2. **Description.** Section 7.1 of NWSI 10-811, International Products, describes meteorological conditions contained in AIRMET advisories, including extensive mountain obscuration. It states that in order to issue an AIRMET, this condition, and others covered by an AIRMET, must affect an area of at least 3,000 square miles. Due to the small size of individual islands in the Pacific Region, it is possible for mountain obscuration conditions to present a significant hazard to aircraft operations even if they affect areas less than this stated minimum.

3. **Policy.** AIRMET bulletins will be issued for mountain obscuration whenever, in the judgement of the aviation forecaster, the obscuration poses a significant aviation hazard. An AIRMET bulletin will be issued whether or not the condition affects an area of at least 3,000 square miles.