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# **NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAMMES: INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

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## **NATFP: OVERVIEW**

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND
2. NATFP RATIONALE
3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



## 1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- FAL/2 (1948): National FAL Committees (NFCs)
  - ▶ Promote implementation of Annex 9
  - ▶ Eliminate differences
  - ▶ Solve day-to-day problems
- FAL/6 (1963): Regional FAL coordination



- Other objectives:

- ▶ Encourage cooperation between ministries
- ▶ Review old (pre-aviation) & inconsistent laws
  - Recommend elimination/amendment
- ▶ Use of modern technologies

- Setting up of Sub-Committees



## 1982: Amendment 13

- ▶ National Facilitation Programmes
- ▶ Formation of NFCs and Airport FAL Committees

- Initially, a Recommended Practice (Chapter 8)
- 1990: Standard mandating establishment
- Similar SARPs today



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Rationale

## 2. NATFP RATIONALE

► Means of coordinating activities between departments or agencies of the State concerned with or responsible for various aspects of facilitation of national civil aviation ◀



## Coordination/Cooperation of CAA with other Agencies

**Article 10:** Landing at **customs** airport [**CAA↔CUSTOMS**]

**Article 13:** Entry and clearance regulations [**↔all BORDER CONTROLS**]

**Article 14:** Prevention of spread of disease [**↔HEALTH**]

**Article 22:** Facilitation of formalities [**↔I, Q, C, CLEARANCE**]

**Article 23:** Customs and immigration procedures [**↔C, I**]

**Article 24:** Customs duty [**↔CUSTOMS**]

**Article 29:** Documents carried in aircraft [**↔C, I**]

**Article 35:** Cargo restrictions [**↔C, OTHER**]



COORDINATION, COOPERATION BETWEEN/AMONG:

1. **CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**

2. CUSTOMS

3. IMMIGRATION

4. HEALTH

5. QUARANTINE

6. POLICE/LAW-ENFORCEMENT

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS

8. PASSPORT/VISA-ISSUING AUTHORITIES

9. AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

10. AVIATION SECURITY

11. NARCOTICS CONTROL

12. TOURISM AUTHORITIES

13. SPORTS AUTHORITIES

14. DISABILITY-RELATED AGENCIES

15. . . . .





## Key General Annex 9 Definitions:

***International airport.*** Any airport designated by the Contracting State in whose territory it is situated as an airport of entry and departure for international air traffic, where the formalities incident to **customs, immigration, public health, animal and plant quarantine** and similar procedures are carried out. [WHERE?]

***Border integrity, Immigration Control:*** [WHY?]

***Public authorities.*** The agencies or officials of a Contracting State responsible for the application and enforcement of the particular laws and regulations of that State which relate to any aspect of these Standards and Recommended Practices. [WHO?]



### 3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

#### Annex 9: Establishment of National FAL Programmes:

- ▶ **Standard 8.17:** Each State to establish a NATFP → FAL requirements of Conv. & Annex 9
- ▶ **Standard 8.18:** Objective of NATFP
- ▶ **RP 8.18.1:** Use guidance of Appendix 12



- ▶ **Standard 8.19:** . . . NATF Committee . . . or similar coordinating bodies . . . [coordinate] FAL activities . . . various aspects of international civil aviation . . .
- ▶ **RP8.20:** Coordination between FAL & AVSEC Programmes
- ▶ **RP8.21:** Guidance material in Appendices 11 & 12 for NATF & Airport Committees



A39-20: Appendix C: National and international action and cooperation on facilitation matters

- need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of clearance control formalities
- FAL programmes and committees proven means for improvements

**States urged:**

- establish & utilize national FAL programmes & committees
- remind government departments:
  - make national regulations & practices conform to Annex 9
  - solve day-to-day FAL problems



- States, aircraft & airport operators to cooperate:
  - identify & solve FAL problems;
  - develop cooperative arrangements to prevent
    - illicit narcotics trafficking
    - illegal migration
    - spread of communicable diseases
    - other threats to national security
- Cooperation between national FAL & security-related bodies



## Appendix 11: Model **Airport** FAL Programme

- Purpose

  - pursue the objectives of Annex 9 at the **operational level**

- Scope

  - encompasses **border clearance processes** at the airport, as well as the **planning** for and **management** of those processes

- Organization & management

  - Airport FAL Committee: **day-to-day** problem-solving and implementation of Annex 9

  - Membership: Airport manager + Senior officers of inspection agencies + managers of aircraft operators



## Appendix 12: Model **National FAL** Programme

- Purpose

- Implement the Chicago Convention mandate that States provide for a facilitate **border control formalities**

- Scope

- Applicable Articles of Convention; Activities at accomplishing these & related tasks constitute the **National FAL Programme**

- Organization & Management

- CAA + other appropriate agencies + airport & aircraft operators

- Vehicle for carrying out the National FAL Programme is the **National FAL Committee**

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THANK YOU!  
***QUESTIONS?***

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