

FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

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Agenda Item 3: General revision of Annex 9 – Chapters 2 and 3

**REVISION OF ANNEX 9 STANDARDS AND
RECOMMENDED PRACTICES (SARPS) – SECOND PART OF CHAPTER 3**

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**PROPOSED TEXT
CHAPTER 3. ENTRY AND DEPARTURE REQUIREMENTS
AND PROCEDURES**

Reference

FALP/3-WP/6

H. Departure procedures

1. RECOMMENDED PRACTICE 3.32

- 1.1 Australia's National Facilitation Advisory Committee (NatFAL) has had difficulty implementing the intent behind Recommended Practice 6.16 – proposed now to be 3.32 – because it is worded in such a way that ignores reality.
- 1.2 The timing of a passenger presenting at check-in, security control point and the outwards control point is up to the individual passenger and beyond the control of State agencies, operators and airport authorities.
- 1.3 Given that airports actively promote departure shopping and the use of other facilities as part of the overall travel “experience” to passengers, the practicalities of measuring the time taken for the mandatory steps in departure processing would seem to outweigh any benefits in setting a 60 minute goal, although formalities should be kept to a minimum.

1.4 NatFAL has also considered that the time taken in gate boarding can be subject to so many variables that are beyond the control of airport authorities, and often the airline operator, that it is meaningless to measure.

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 The following changes to the draft set out in FALP/3-WP/6 are suggested:

- a) add “in aggregate” after “total time period of 60 minutes”;
- b) replace “is cleared by the operator to board the departing aircraft” with “presents at the gate for boarding”; and
- c) delete “boarding gate control” in Note.

2.2 The revised Recommended Practice would thus read:

3.32 Recommended Practice.— *Contracting States in cooperation with operators and airport authorities should establish as a goal a total time period of 60 minutes in aggregate for the completion of required departure formalities for all passengers requiring not more than normal processing, calculated from the time of the passenger's presenting himself at the first processing point at the airport (i.e. airline check-in, security control point or other required control point depending on arrangements at the individual airports) to the time he presents at the gate for boarding.*

Note.— *“Required departure formalities” to be completed during the recommended 60 minutes would include airline check-in, aviation security measures and, where applicable, airport tax collection and exit control measures.”*

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