

# Cabin waste management guidance during COVID pandemic

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- Pandemic put increased pressure on global healthcare waste management systems
- Nature of cabin wastes changed (discarded PPE/wipes, empty sanitizer bottles, plastic packaging from sealed food/drink)
- Inappropriate classification of cabin waste adds to global healthcare waste problem, slows turnaround and increases costs
- IATA has developed COVID-19 cabin waste guidance (approved by MAG, COSTF and SEAC)
- Aligned with WHO and ISWA (only waste generated from pax/crew with symptoms classified as “biohazardous”; to be confirmed with national authorities)
- Liaised with EASA and ACI to ensure similar approach



# Need for Harmonization

- IATA Regions have been monitoring CAA Restart Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for alignment with IATA's guidance
- Non-aligned SOP's were initially identified in the SOPs of 9 countries but 4 of these have subsequently amended or clarified their SOPs.
- Some classified waste PPE from symptomatic passengers/crews as "normal" waste
- Others classified all discarded PPE as "biohazardous"
- Some require contents of biohazardous bags to be sprayed/sprinkled with disinfectant
- Inclusion of appropriate cabin waste guidance in the CART could reduce confusion/asymmetric requirements/lower costs and avoid risk

# Thank you

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