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# Briefing to ACCRPG

Third Meeting - Public Health Subgroup (PH SG)

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- PH SG New Members – Japan and Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) - (Revised member list: Australia, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, AAPA, ACI Asia-Pacific, IATA, IFALPA, EASA, COSCAP-SEA, ICAO)
- Three meetings held – Thursday last three weeks - Very good attendance – Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June attended by both Co-chairs and RD and Chief /Aviation Medicine Section ICAO HQ

#### WORK PROGRESS

- Developed *'Take-off Guidance (CART) Implementation Response Checklist'* for Domestic Operations and International Operations separately. - Sent to all APAC States and PH Subgroup members through ICAO APAC State Letter Ref.: SN 5/1 – AP136/20 (TC) dated 24 June 2020

- Responses are expected from States for, Domestic Operations by 3 July, International Operations by 10 July 2020

**Recommendation:** 1. All ACCRPG Member States to respond within the time period specified

2. ACCRPG to endorse the State Letter to be sent to all individual ACCRPG Members (20 States/ Administration) and encourage coordination within their respective States/administrations for expeditious response



## SALIENT MATTERS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Regarding the PH-SG Deliverable on appointing State Focal Points, **concluded** that:

**Recommendation:** 1. ACCRPG to initiate with States/Administrations for appointment of State Focal Points for the implementation of the CART Recommendations and *Take-off Guidance* Document.

2. Focal Points nominated by States to also be the communication channels for the 3 subgroups of ACCRPG to coordinate on the issues and work discussed/undertaken by the Subgroups

- Regarding the PH-SG Deliverable on 'Assisting ACCRPG to improve awareness at State level of guidance in the CART *Take-off Guidance* Document through CAPSCA',
  - agreed to conduct a CAPSCA Meeting (virtual) on 16 July 2020 – Chief/Av. Med. Section ICAO HQ consented
  - invite all APAC States (including non-CAPSCA members)
  - invite WHO SEA and WP Regional Offices and invite States Public Health authorities
  - ACI, IATA and AAPA, IFALPA to coordinate for maximum participation of respective members (these International Organizations are the focal industry associations for airport, airline and crew modules of CART *Take-off Guidance* Document (IATA endorsed support)



- Identified *Take-off Guidance* Document implementation issues/challenges (raised by subgroup members) – Airport module: Face mask and covering, Cargo module: definition of ‘crew’, Personal hygiene etiquette as an important general measure
  - Suggestions acknowledged by ICAO HQ to be referred to CART drafting group for consideration during the next review of the *Take-off Guidance* Document. Would also be considered in other ICAO communication channels (EBs, FAQ section of CRRIC etc.)
  - Referred the Safety aspect related to face shield to ICAO Safety Section for further deliberation (through Chief/Av. Med. Section ICAO HQ)
- IATA shared information on their development of a ‘One-stop’ resource website to provide information on State’s travel procedures (e.g. Government policies, Entry and Quarantine restrictions etc.) - <https://www.iata.org/en/programs/covid-19-resources-guidelines/covid-gov-mitigation/>



# Questions

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Thank you