



TASK FORCE ON HEALTH ISSUES OUTBREAKS IN AVIATION TF-HIOA

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- 15 April 2020, the ATC approved the Terms of Reference of the Task Force Air Transport Committee (ATC) (C-DEC 219/3, paragraph 4, refers).
- ICAO / ST 12 May 2020 Ref EC 6/3 – 20 / 58 .
- 53 States nominated **53** Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), and **9** international organizations nominated 9 SMEs .
- International Organization (ACI , AsMA , NATS , EASA , IATA , IFALPA , RAA, WCO , GES) .
- APAC **9** (China , Japan , Lao People’s Democratic Republic , Malaysia , Pakistan , Republic of Korea , Singapore & Sri lanka) .
- ESAF **8** , ESAF **8** , EUR/NAT **17** , MID **8** , NACC **2** , SAM **3** , WACAF **6** .



Terms of References

- a) Review, the relevant SARPs of Annex 9 - Facilitation, and develop appropriate proposals for amendments .
- b) Review existing international regulations and provisions.
- c) Review existing best practices and guidance material from aviation stakeholders.
- d) Develop as required, ICAO guidance material that would assist both Member States, and the relevant stakeholders.
- e) Collect best practices related to the facilitation of the operations of all so-called “repatriation flights”, whether designated as humanitarian flights, diplomatic flights or commercial repatriation flights.
- f) In consultation with CAPSCA, develop proposals to improve the level of implementation of Annex 9 Standard 8.16, which directs States to develop a national plan in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease;
- g) Revise, as appropriate and as required, Doc 10042, Model National Air Transport Facilitation.
- h) Liaise, through the Secretariat, with the different panels involved in handling Annexes with health-related provisions regarding any outcome.
- i) Handle any urgent issue that may arise during the planned work plan of the task force, as directed by the ATC



Scope of Work

- 1) **Working Group 1:** Chapter 2. Entry and Departure of Aircraft
SARPs on Disinsection, Disinfection and Air Traffic Control
SARPs: 2.23 through 2.32 and 8.15

- 2) **Working Group 2:** Chapter 3 - Entry and Departure of Persons and their Baggage
SARPs Certificates of Vaccination and Prophylaxis
SARPs: 3.31, 3.34, 6.35, 8.13 and 8.14

- 3) **Working Group 3:** Chapter 6 - International Airports –Facilities and Services for Traffic
SARPs on Health Clearance Border and Control Services, Facilities required for implementation of public health, emergency medical relief, vaccination; and animal and plant quarantine
SARPs: 6.1.3, 6.34, 6.35, 6.36 through 6.42

- 4) **Working Group 4:** Chapter 8 – Facilitation Provisions Covering Specific Subjects
SARPs on Relief flights and their passengers and cargo, Contact tracing (Passenger Locator Form), National aviation preparedness plans for an outbreak of a communicable disease, Air transport facilitation programs and committees
SARPs: 8.8, 8.9, 8.15.1, 8.16 through 8.19, 8.21

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Deliverables

- Presented a Progress Report on the work accomplished since its establishment (AT-WP/2188) to the Air Transport Committee during its 222nd Session, on Friday 29 January 2021, for consideration
- The ATC is considering the Progress Report, concurred many good ideas and useful suggestions, notably on the transition to digital platforms for processing the collection of health passenger information.
- Most recommendations relate to a better response to the next communicable disease crisis rather than a response to the COVID-19 pandemic .
- The Committee requested that the recommendations of the Task Force are discussed during the Twelfth Meeting of the FALP (FALP/12) planned in July 2021.



Discussions and outcomes

- Some other related SARPs were consequentially reviewed in order to align with the new proposals.
- Definition **1** reviewed & **7** new .
- SARPS : **22** reviewed & **22** new .
- The TF in considering the inclusion of new and revised health-related SARPs recommended the creation of a new Chapter (Chapter 10) in Annex 9.
- Chapter 10 comprise 3 sections (*X. International Health Regulations and Related Measures, Y. Inspection of Health-related documents, and Z. Prevention and Mitigation of Communicable Diseases*).
- The international certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis, or other health-related credentials are not travel documents.
- Harmonizing all health documents with WHO documents (PLF) .
- Developed a new Recommended Practice 6.XX(a) for early identification and management of public health threats.
- Revising Standard 8.16 to ensure the establishment of national aviation plan in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease posing a public health risk.
- Eleven Impact Assessments and Implementation Task Lists were developed in line with the proposed new and revised SARPs.



Planned Timelines

- Chief of Facilitation Section .
- FAL / Panel (July 2021) .
- ATC Recommendations (Aug 2021) .
- Member States .
- ATC Final Recommendations & Approval .
- Submission to ICAO Council (224 Session , October 2021) .
- Applicable (1st Q , 2022) .