

ACCRPG Annual Rpt - AVSEC/FAL + CRRIC submission

Summary of the sub-group's activities

- o The AVSEC/FAL SG has had 9 meetings to address the related issues and matters in support of the objectives of the ACCRPG.
- o The rapporteur of the SG is Mr. Douglas Yeo, Senior Deputy Director (Security Policy & Emergency Preparedness) from the Ministry of Transport, Singapore. There are 27 members in the SG representing 9 States and 4 International Organization. However, the levels of activity in the work of the SG by different member varies significantly.

Sub-group's work achievements

- o Since the establishment of the SG in June 2020, the SG has provided APAC States with the assistance on establishing and implementing the following ICAO CART Recommendations and the related guidance from its Take-off Guidance Document. The achievements of the SG under each Recommendations can be found at its public website at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/ACCRPG/Pages/AVSEC-FAL-Meetings.aspx> : Specifically, they are:

- Rec 6

Member States that have not done so should immediately establish a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (or equivalent) as required by Annex 9 to increase national level cross-sectoral coordination.

- Informed and disseminated on the guidance and availability of ICAO Model National Air Transport Facilitation Programme, Doc 10042 and on National Air Transport Facilitation Committee
- Shared and disseminated information to APAC States on effective NATFP and Committee systems provided by States such as Singapore, Hong Kong, China
- Promoted the Strengthening National Air Transport Facilitation Committees for the Re-start and the Resilience of Civil Aviation Implementation Pack (FAL iPack) including the Webinar on Facilitation Tools in Response to COVID-19: Strengthening International and Inter-Agency Cooperation

- Rec 7

Member States should systematically use a Passenger Health Locator Form to ensure identification and traceability of passengers to help limit the spread of the disease and resurgence of the pandemic.

- Conducted a survey and analyzing the result on the current implementation system of APAC States on this Recommendation.
- Informed and promoted to APAC States the new Public Health Passenger Self-Declaration Form in conjunction with the existing Passenger Health Locator Form from Annex 9

- Rec 8

While temporarily adapting their security-related measures, using the guidance provided, Member States should strengthen their oversight system to ensure these measures are consistently applied with the objective of protecting aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

- Informed and promoted to the appropriate authority of States available ICAO developed guidance such as the Guidelines for AVSEC Contingency Measures During the COVID-19 Pandemic and The Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines and Air Cargo Security
- Shared and disseminated information to APAC States on effective Quality Control and compliance monitoring systems provided by States such as from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), USA.
- Promoted the COVID-19 Aviation Security Quality Control Oversight Implementation iPack including the Webinar on Aviation Security Contingency Measures during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Rec 9
 Member States should take measures to ensure that relevant personnel are provided training to identify and manage unruly passenger situations related to non-respect of essential aviation public health and safety measures.

- Informed and promoted to the appropriate authority of States available ICAO resources, namely guidance such as the Cabin Crew Recurrent Training During COVID-19 Handbook, Doc 10148, the 2nd edition of Cabin Crew Safety Training Manual, Doc 10002, the guidance in the Security Manual, Doc 8973 and the Webinar on Cabin Crew Recurrent Training during Covid-19;
- Shared and disseminated information to APAC States on experience of training dealing with passengers related to non-respect of essential aviation public health and safety measures provided by States such as Hong Kong, China

Problems/challenges encountered by the sub-group

- Lack of response from APAC States when conducting survey to ascertain status of States current implementation situation related to the pandemic. For example, the limited response from the NATFP survey conducted doesnot provide an fully accurate description of the status for the majority of APAC States which did not respond. However, information gathered is complemented by knowledge gained from past USAP audits and experience from ICAO Secretariat works with States;
- In some instances issues brought up to the AVSEC/FAL subgroup have been/will be cross-sectional and related to the other subgroups (Safety and Public Health). Hence close collaboration among the subgroups was/is necessary to a address these issues as appropriate.
- With the progression of phases of the CART Document and its related Take-off Guidance Document in accordance to evolvment of the pandemic situation, the subgroup monitors the situation and awaits further mandates and direction on the necessary works from the ACCRPG.
- The performance and output of the subgroup is dependent on the active participation of all its members. In this respect, it may be necessary to review membership on the appropriateness of members in contributing to the future effective works of the subgroup.

CRRIC-related works and achievements:

- All APAC States, except 1 (DPRK), have nominated and activated their State Focal Points to engage the CRRIC
- Other than the several global regional webinars conducted by ICAO HQ, the APAC RO conducted three (3) Orientation and Workshop virtual sessions, including one specifically for the Pacific Island States, to assist and familiarize the Focal Points on the needed works for the CRRIC;
- In addition, every APAC States has a designated ICAO APAC officer to engage and assist each State with any issues related to the CRRIC. This include delivering several one-to-one virtual session with some of the States which requested assistance;
- Till date, the reporting levels and updates related to the CRRIC by States still have room for improvement, especially on the status of implementation of revised and new CART Recommendations (phase III) and the Take-off Document guidance on adoption/implementation of public health related measures.

Recommendation:

With respect to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC), APAC States should continue to engage the resources available in the CRRIC (e.g., the Gap Analysis, Public Health Risk Mitigation Measures, Public Health Corridor application and Best Practices) and update their progress on implementation of the CART recommendations and TOGD (3rd Edition).