DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

Dubai, 31 March to 4 April 2003

LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS

(Presented by the Secretary)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel during its fifteenth meeting held in Montreal from 17 to 21 March 2003 reviewed the attached draft list of prohibited items and acknowledged that there is a high level of inconsistency internationally, therefore a harmonized list should be made available to States as soon as possible subject to prior coordination with the Dangerous Goods Panel. In this regard, the Secretariat informed the AVSEC Panel that the next meeting of the Working Group of the Dangerous Goods Panel is scheduled to be held in May 2003 and the list will be referred for its examination and will be published in June 2003.

1.2 The Panel concluded that there is an urgent need for the harmonized list of prohibited items to be checked by panel members in all ICAO languages before being made available to States for the purpose of training and distribution to passengers and therefore recommended that the harmonized list of prohibited items be published as a provisional list, as soon as possible, on the understanding that this document as all guidance material contained in the ICAO Security Manual could be revised as and when necessary.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Aviation Security (AVSEC) Panel, at its fourteenth meeting held in Montreal from 3 to 6 September 2002, under Agenda Item 3: Guidance material, discussed the usefulness of having a harmonized list of prohibited items for the purpose of training screeners and also distribution to passengers as well as to have an analysis of the risk arising from presence of glass on board aircraft. The need for harmonization, but also flexibility in case of perceived threats in Contracting States, was confirmed.

2.2 The Panel concluded that additional work should be done in order to develop a harmonized list of prohibited items, by category, with example and illustration, as well as an extended list in the case of threats. It was therefore recommended that a small group of panel members should work with the Secretariat on the development of a harmonized list of prohibited items for inclusion in the ICAO Security Manual.

2.3 In this regard, the Panel members and observers from the following States and organizations volunteered to participate in the development of the list: Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, the Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The members and observers were requested to provide their proposals before 31 January 2003. Accordingly based on the lists provided by some members of this group, a draft proposal for the Panel's consideration is presented in the Appendix to this working paper.

3. ACTION BY THE PANEL

3.1 The Panel is invited to examine and finalize the draft of a Harmonized List of Prohibited Items presented in the Appendix to this information paper with the view to its approval for inclusion in the ICAO Security Manual.

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APPENDIX

DRAFT LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS

A. The following articles must never be carried in the cabin of an aircraft or into the Security Restricted Area of an airport, except by authorised persons who require them to undertake tasks essential to the operation of airport facilities or aircraft, catering facilities or restaurants, or by flight crew who require them for the performance of normal in-flight duties. There may be other items about which security staff have concern and which may be confiscated if found.

Generic Definitions

1. Guns, firearms & weapons - any object capable, or appearing capable, of discharging a projectile. Special attention must be paid to concealed or camouflaged items of this nature.

2. Pointed weapons & sharp objects - pointed and bladed items capable of causing injury.

3. Blunt instruments - any blunt object capable of causing injury.

4. Explosive & highly inflammable substances which could be used to facilitate an act of unlawful interference.

5. Chemical - chemical substances which could be used to facilitate an act of unlawful interference.

1. Guns, Firearms & Weapons

Shotguns
Air Guns
Ball Bearing Guns
Bolt Guns
Cross bows
Catapults
Harpoons & spears
Humane Killers
Fire extinguisher
Flare pistols
Starter pistols
Replica and imitation firearms
Toy guns of all types
Component parts of guns & firearms, excluding telescopic devices & sights.
Pellet guns
Stun Guns/cattle prods/shocking devices, tasers
Gun lighters
Concealed & camouflaged firearms

2. Weapons & Sharp Objects

Axes & hatchets
Arrows & darts
Crampons
Ice axes & ice picks
Ice skates
Lockable or flick knives with blades of any length
Knives, both real & ceremonial, with blades of more than 6 cm, made of metal or any other material strong enough to be used as a potential weapon
Meat cleavers
Open razors
Sabres
Scalpels
Scissors with blades of more than 6 cm
Ski sticks
Swords & swordsticks
Throwing stars
Tradesman's tools that have the potential to be used as a weapon including;
drills, box cutters, utility knives, all saws, screwdrivers, crowbars, hammers, pliers wrenches.

3. Blunt instruments

Baseball bats
Billy clubs
Blackjacks
Softball bats
Cricket Bats
Golf Clubs
Hockey sticks
Lacrosse sticks
Billiard, snooker and pool cues
Martial arts equipment including knuckle dusters, clubs, coshes, rice flails & num chucks, kubatons, kubasaunts
Night sticks & batons

4. Explosives & Highly Inflammable Substances

Ammunition
Blasting caps
Blow torches
Detonators & fuses
Explosive material or devices
Gas & gas containers
Grenades

Fireworks
Flares in any form
Lighter fluid
Mines & other explosive military stores
Party poppers
Petrol/gasoline
Replica or imitation explosive material or devices
Smoke cartridges
Toy caps
Turpentine & paint thinner

5. Chemical

Acids
Chlorine & bleach
Disabling sprays including mace, pepper, tear gas & acids

6. Higher Risk

The following items may be included by individual Member States following a higher risk assessment.

Corkscrews
Hypodermics
Knitting needles
Knives with blades less than 6 cm
Metal cutlery
Razor blades
Scissors less than 6cm

B. The following articles must never be carried in hold baggage. There may be other items about which security staff have concern and which may be confiscated if found.

Blasting caps
Detonators & fuses
Explosive devices
Fireworks
Flares in any form
Mines & other explosive military stores
Grenades

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