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Post COVID-19**

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**PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDARDIZED PROTOCOL ON SANITARY
CONTROLS FOR THE SOUTH AMERICAN REGION**

(Elaborated by the SRVSOP Technical Committee)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this note is to inform the representatives of the States and industry organizations of the SAM Region, the progress achieved in accordance with the work plan presented in Virtual Session 1, regarding the development of the standardized protocol on sanitary controls that will contribute to quickly and safely reactivate regional and world air transport in the States of the South American Region against COVID-19.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 As a result of the Virtual Meeting of Directors General of the SAM Region (RACC) held on April 24, 2020 and the proposal of WP / 04 presented by the representative of Argentina, the Panel of Experts in Aeronautical Medicine of the SRVSOP was entrusted , which constitutes a permanent working forum for the past 15 years, to develop a standardized protocol for health control in our States, aimed at minimizing the risk of COVID-19 at the start of aeronautical activities and that, to the extent of what possible, be implemented by all the States of the South American Region for the benefit of the aeronautical industry that has been affected so much by this pandemic.

2.1 Subsequently, during the Virtual Session # 1 convened by the ICAO SAM Office within the framework of Post COVID-19 strategies, the presentation of the representative of the SRVSOP Technical Committee was made regarding the plan of activities to carry out the development of this protocol, corresponding to Phase 1 of the project, to be later shared with the States and the industry, in order to receive feedback that allows for a document that guarantees greater implementation, allowing a State, when a case of force majeure requires it, notify differences for acceptance of the other States.

2.2 Likewise, the protocol to be developed was agreed to be standardized with the documents and guidelines developed by the WHO and CAPSCA

3. PROGRESS MADE

3.1 As planned, as of April 27, 2020, the development of the proposal began, in the first instance by Dr. Rossana Goette of the ANAC of Argentina and member of the MED Panel, with the support

of Dr Juan Carlos Monteza, CAPSCA participant, in order to have an initial proposal to be analyzed and validated by the Panel of Experts on Aeronautical Medicine.

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3.3 This work, as reported by the aforementioned doctors, had an initial design in three main blocks: preflight, in-flight and post-flight, with the aim of finding safeguards that prevent the spread of the virus among the crews and the public that uses the air services.

3.4 Likewise, knowing the danger posed by the dissemination of COVID-19, as well as the work and effort being carried out by the WHO, ICAO, CAPSCA, the States and the various sectors of the aeronautical industry, after reviewing the available documentation to date, the contributions of the aforementioned doctors' experience in operations 121, consultations with colleagues in the sector via email or telephone, other blocks were added to the original 3, some actions and details, in order to configure it and present it to the opinion of the members of the Panel of Experts in Aeronautical Medicine in the States of the Region as planned.

3.5 Also, yesterday afternoon, a teleconference was held with Dr. Goette to review the proposal in its entirety with the expert in licenses for the staff of the Technical Committee, after which the initial proposal, Version 1, was received. It was distributed to the Panel of Experts in Aeronautical Medicine for its analysis and opportunities for improvement, which will be discussed in a teleconference later this week and Version 2 may be ready to be circulated to the States and Industry organizations in the Region next week to receive feedback as part of Phase 2 of this project

3.6 Es importante también mencionar, que para el desarrollo de la Versión 1 del protocolo, fueron revisadas por parte de los médicos aeronáuticos las siguientes publicaciones:

- a) CAPSCA WP-Crew Protection and Facilitation (COVID-19);
- b) Medical Evidence-Restarting Aviation following COVID-19-IATA;
- c) WHO-2019 COV-Aviation-2020;
- d) WHO-2019 COV-IPC-PPE-use-2020;
- e) FAA return-to-work Guidance 3-25-2020;
- f) WHO-COVID-strategy-updates;
- g) IATA-Guidance-cabin-operations-during-post-pandemic), among others.

3.7 On the other hand, considering the various publications that the region has to date regarding guidelines for the protection of crews, controllers and personnel who are part active contingency operations before COVID-19, as well as for the progressive start of aeronautical operations, it is proposed to publish these publications as a Tool Kit on the ICAO SAM COVID-19 website.

4 SUGGESTED ACTION

4.7 It is suggested to the participants of Virtual Session # 2 - Post COVID-19 Strategies convened by the ICAO SAM Office:

- a) Take note of the information presented in this informative note; and
- b) Provide comments on the publication of a Tool Kit on COVID-19 on the ICAO SAM website with the material developed by different industry associations (IATA, CANSO, ACI-LAC, IFALPA) and other States and / or regional organizations.

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