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FACILITATION PANEL (FALP)

FIFTH MEETING

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Agenda Item 2: Comprehensive revision of Chapter 6

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 6: Paragraphs 6.51 to 6.71

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This paper sets out proposals for amendments to Chapter 6 of Annex 9, International Airports—Facilities and Services for Traffic. This working paper (FALP/5-WP/13) contains recommendations on existing paragraphs 6.51 to 6.71 (both inclusive) of the 12th Edition (2005) text of Annex 9, and an addition to Chapter 1.

Action by the FAL Panel:

The Panel is invited to consider and agree to the proposed amendments to the existing (12th Edition) text of paragraphs 6.51 to 6.71 (both inclusive) of Chapter 6, and the addition of a Definition, in Chapter 1, as indicated below.

Amend the provisions of Annex 9, Chapter 6 as follows:

CHAPTER 6. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS — FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC

C. Facilities required for implementation of public health, emergency medical relief, and animal and plant quarantine measures

~~6.51~~ **6.39** **Each** Contracting States, in cooperation with airport operators, shall ensure the maintenance of public health, including human, animal and plant quarantine at international airports.

~~6.52~~ **6.40** **Recommended Practice.**— *Contracting States should provide, at or near all their major international airports, facilities and services for vaccination or revaccination, and for the delivery of the corresponding certificates.*

~~6.53~~ **6.41** **Recommended Practice.**— *International airports should have available adequate facilities for administration of public health and animal and plant quarantine measures applicable to aircraft, crew, passengers, baggage, cargo, mail and stores.*

6.54 **6.42 Recommended Practice.**— *Contracting States should provide arrangements whereby passengers and crew in transit can remain in premises free from any danger of infection and insect vectors of diseases and, when necessary, facilities should be provided for the transfer of passengers and crew to another terminal or airport nearby without exposure to any health hazard. Similar arrangements and facilities should also be made available in respect of animals.*

6.55 ~~Contracting States, in cooperation with airport operators and aircraft operators, shall take all steps to ensure that the procurement, preparation, handling, storage and service of food and water supplies intended for consumption both at airports and on board aircraft are hygienically carried out in accordance with the pertinent regulations, recommendations and standards of the World Health Organization and the pertinent recommendations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.~~

6.55 6.43 Each Contracting State shall ensure that handling and distribution procedures for consumable products (i.e. food, drink and water supplies) on board aircraft or in the airport are in compliance with the International Health Regulations (2005) and relevant guidelines of the World Health Organization and Food and Agriculture Organization.

6.56 ~~Contracting States, in cooperation with airport operators and aircraft operators, shall ensure that an effective system is instituted for the safe removal and safe disposal of excrement, refuse, waste water, waste, unused and condemned food and other matter dangerous to the health of persons, animals or plants in accordance with the pertinent regulations and recommendations of the World Health Organization and the recommendations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.~~

6.56 6.44 Each Contracting State, in cooperation with airport operators, shall ensure that a safe and efficient system is instituted, at international airports, for the removal and disposal of all waste and waste water other matter dangerous to the health of persons, animals or plants in compliance with the International Health Regulations (2005) and relevant guidelines of the World Health Organization and Food and Agriculture Organization.

6.57 **6.45** Each Contracting State, in cooperation with airport authorities, shall ensure that ~~There shall be maintained at international airports~~ **maintain** facilities for first aid attendance on site, and ~~that~~ appropriate arrangements ~~shall be~~ **are** available for expeditious referral of the occasional more serious case to pre-arranged competent medical attention.

D. Facilities required for clearance controls and operation of control services

6.58 **6.46 Recommended Practice.**— ~~Each Contracting State should ensure that~~ **Space and facilities for the authorities in charge of clearance controls** ~~should, as far as possible, be~~ **are** provided at public expense.

6.59 ~~If the space and facilities referred to in 6.58 are not provided at public expense, Contracting States shall ensure that such space and facilities are provided on terms not less favourable than those which apply to the operators of other means of transportation entering the State and requiring space and facilities on a comparable scale.~~

6.59 6.47 Each Contracting State shall ensure that the facilities referred to in 6.45 that are not provided at public expense are provided on comparable terms to those provided for other modes of transportation.

~~6.60 6.48 Each Contracting States shall provide sufficient services of the public authorities concerned, without charge, to passengers and aircraft and airport operators during working hours established hours of operation of the airport. by those authorities.~~

~~6.60 Note.—Where traffic, volume and available space and facilities warrant, Contracting States may wish to provide clearance controls for passengers and their baggage at more than one location.~~

~~6.60.1—Contracting States shall provide sufficient services of the public authorities concerned in such a way as to respond to real needs and thus to the flow of traffic during working hours established by those authorities.~~

~~Note 1.—Paragraphs 6.60 and 6.60.1 should be applied in accordance with Article 82 of the International Health Regulations (1969), Third Annotated Edition (1983) which provides that no charge shall be made by a health authority for any medical examination provided for in the International Health Regulations (IHR) or for any vaccination of a person on arrival and any certificate thereof. The IHR specify that it is not permissible to exact or receive payment for medical examination carried out at any time of the day or night. Article 24 provides that health measures shall be initiated forthwith and completed without delay.~~

~~[6.48] Note 2.— Under Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services, States are obligated to publish the types and hours of clearance services (customs, immigration, health) at their international airports.~~

~~6.61—Outside of the working hours established to cover any periods of substantial workload at international airports referred to in 6.60 and 6.60.1 Contracting States shall provide services of such authorities on terms not less favourable to operators of aircraft than those which apply to operators of other means of transportation entering the State.~~

~~6.62 6.49 Recommended Practice.—Contracting States should make arrangements whereby one State will permit another State to station representatives of the public authorities concerned in its territory to examine aircraft, passengers, crew, baggage, cargo and documentation for customs, immigration, public health and animal and plant quarantine purposes, prior to departure for the other State concerned, when such action will facilitate clearance upon arrival in that State. Alternatively, Contracting States may by agreement enter into electronic forms of pre-clearance for any of the functions listed above to facilitate clearance upon arrival in the other State.~~

~~Each Contracting State should permit other States to station representatives of the public authorities concerned in its territory in order to pre-examine aircraft, passengers, baggage, crew, and cargo, for customs, immigration, public health and animal and plant quarantine purposes, prior to departure.~~

~~6.49.1 Recommended Practice.—Each Contracting State should use electronic forms of pre-clearance (such as registered traveller schemes) to facilitate clearance.~~

E.— Monetary exchange facilities

~~6.63—Contracting States shall make arrangements to display at their international airports their regulations governing the exchange of funds of other States against national funds.~~

~~6.64—Contracting States that maintain exchange controls with respect to funds of other States shall make arrangements:~~

~~a) to publish the current legal rates of exchange for such funds;~~

b) to display or otherwise make available at their international airports such rates as may be of principal interest at the respective airports.

~~6.65 Contracting States that do not maintain exchange controls with respect to some or all funds of other States shall make arrangements to display information to that effect at their international airports.~~

~~6.66 **Recommended Practice.**— *With respect to those funds of other States for which no controlled exchange rates have been established by the Contracting State concerned, it should make such arrangements as may be feasible to make information available at its international airports as to the prevailing open market rates.*~~

~~6.67 Contracting States shall provide, at such times as to meet the needs of the travelling public, adequate facilities at international airports for the legal exchange of funds of other States through governmental agencies or shall authorize private agencies to do so. These facilities shall be available to arriving and departing passengers.~~

~~*Note.*— *In giving effect to this provision, the use of vending machines at international airports, enabling a departing passenger to obtain foreign currency, at any time of the day or night, has proved to be of valuable assistance and should be considered as a possibility by Contracting States.*~~

[6.68 Moved to end: See 6.54]

[6.69 Moved to end: See 6.55]

F. E. Unruly passengers

~~6.70 **6.50 Recommended Practice.**— *Each Contracting States should take the necessary steps to increase passenger awareness of the unacceptability and legal consequences of unruly or disruptive behaviour in aviation facilities and on board aircraft.*~~

~~6.71 **6.51 Recommended Practice.**— *Each Contracting States should require ensure that airport and aircraft operators provide training is provided to relevant airport staff and aircraft crew members concerning the identification and management of in noting, anticipating, and handling of irate or unruly passengers behaviour, including recognition and defusing of potentially escalating situations; and crisis containment and related issues should be provided to the relevant staff and crew members who are in contact with passengers.*~~

F. Passenger Amenities

~~6.17 **Recommended Practice.**— *Contracting States should ensure that, where traffic justifies, aircraft operators, airports and airport handling operators consider the provision of child care rooms of suitable dimensions and with necessary child care facilities, in the departure and transit lounges of passenger terminals, to provide special areas for infants/small children accompanied by parent(s) or guardian(s). These rooms should be clearly marked with appropriate signs.*~~

~~6.17 **6.52 Recommended Practice** —*Each Contracting State should ensure that airport operators provide suitable child-care facilities in public terminals and direct transit areas, and that they are clearly indicated by signage and are easily accessible.*~~

~~**6.53 Recommended Practice** — *Each Contracting State should ensure that airport operators provide, for smokers, designated indoor or outdoor smoking areas at international airports.*~~

~~6.68 **Recommended Practice.**— Contracting States restricting the import or export of funds of other States should provide for the issuance to travellers of certificates showing the amounts of such funds in their possession upon entering the State and should permit such travellers, upon surrender of such certificates prior to leaving the State, to take such funds with them. Inscription on the passport or other official document for travel may serve the same purpose.~~

6.68 6.54 Each Contracting State that restricts the import or export of other States' currencies shall issue to the passenger upon arrival a certificate showing the amount of such funds in his possession. The passenger shall be allowed to leave with an amount not exceeding the amount noted on the certificate, upon surrender of the certificate, on departure.

~~6.69 6.55 **Recommended Practice.**— Contracting States that prohibit or limit the amount of importation of their own currency should provide reasonable facilities for travellers from abroad, who declare an amount of such currency in excess of that permitted by the current regulations, to deposit such amount at the international airport of entry and, upon departure, to reclaim it at the same point or at any other point designated by the public authorities concerned.~~

Each Contracting State that restricts the import of its own currency, should ensure that facilities are available for passengers to deposit any excess amount at the international airport of entry, and upon departure, to reclaim the deposited amount, at the same point or at any other designated point.

Amend the provisions of Chapter 1 of Annex 9, as follows:

Narcotics control. Measures to control the illicit movement of narcotics and psychotropic substances by air.

Passenger amenities. Facilities provided for passengers which are not essential for passenger processing.

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