



**STATES RESPONSE TO ICAO STATE LETTER REF: AN 5/28-20/15**

**DATED: 13 February 2020**

**Subject:** State support to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

**Required action by States:** Urge States to: a) implement relevant provisions of Annex 9; b) become a member of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA); c) enhance effectively National FAL Committees by clarifying roles and responsibilities of public health and civil aviation authorities during outbreaks; d) implement effective collaboration and coordination strategies with all stakeholders; and e) provide financial and in-kind assistance or support to the CAPSCA programme.

STATE LETTER REQUIREMENT	REFERENCE	CASSOA GUIDANCE	STATE'S STATUS
a) Implement relevant provisions of Annex 9	<b>Std. 8.17.</b> Each Contracting State shall establish a national air transport facilitation programme based on the facilitation requirements of the Convention and of Annex 9 thereto.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Member States are urged to complete the Annex 9 Compliance Checklist in the Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) System.</li> <li>✓ This will provide the Status of implementation of relevant provisions of Annex 9.</li> </ul>	

<p>b) Become a member of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ICAO State letter AN 5/28-20/15</li> <li>✓ ICAO second electronic bulletin (EB 2020/9) issued on 30 January 2020 strongly urging Member States to adhere to the recommendations and guidance provided by the WHO and to become CAPSCA members as per ICAO Assembly Resolution A40-14</li> <li>✓ <b>Std. 8.16</b> A Contracting State shall establish a national aviation plan in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease posing a public health risk or public health emergency of international concern.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The States need to provide their current Status as to whether they are members of ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) program.</li> <li>✓ In order to collect States' information on the implementation of ICAO SARPs regarding, inter alia, compliance with international health regulations of the WHO (2005) and development of national aviation plans in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease posing a public health risk or public health emergency of international concern, ICAO has established an online survey on its public website, for completion by States. Therefore, Member States are urged to complete the survey.</li> <li>✓ States should take advantage of the WHO developed an on-line training course on an open-learning platform regarding general introduction to coronavirus ( and emerging respiratory viruses intended for public health professionals, incident managers and personnel working for the United Nations, international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which is available at <a href="https://openwho.org/courses/introduction-to-ncov">https://openwho.org/courses/introduction-to-ncov</a>.</li> <li>✓ States should take advantage of ICAO on-line CAPSCA training course which provide participants with the necessary knowledge and</li> </ul>	
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		skills required to participate in an on-the-job training mission to conduct a technical assistance visit to CAPSCA member States and airports available at: <a href="https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/training-catalogue-details.aspx?catid=615&amp;language=0&amp;region=&amp;ITP=0">https://www.icao.int/training/Pages/training-catalogue-details.aspx?catid=615&amp;language=0&amp;region=&amp;ITP=0</a> .	
c) Enhance effectively National FAL Committees by clarifying roles and responsibilities of public health and civil aviation authorities during outbreaks;	<p><b>Std. 8.16</b> A Contracting State shall establish a national aviation plan in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease posing a public health risk or public health emergency of international concern.</p> <p><b>Std. 8.17.</b> Each Contracting State shall establish a national air transport facilitation programme based on the facilitation requirements of the Convention and of Annex 9 thereto.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This can be achieved by having the NATFP developed in line with ICAO Doc 10042, <i>Model National Air Transport Facilitation Programme</i> and ensure its implementation.</li> <li>✓ Allocate and clarify roles and responsibilities of various entities of the State responsible for public health in line with the provisions of ICAO Annex 9 in the NATFP.</li> <li>✓ Develop national policy framework on air transport facilitation and establish clear roles and responsibilities of various ministries, agencies and organizations involved with or responsible for air transport facilitation.</li> <li>✓ The EAC Model NATFP which addresses the above has been developed and is available in CASSOA DMS for adoption and customization by States.</li> </ul>	
d) Implement effective collaboration and coordination strategies with	<p><b>Std. 8.17.</b> Each Contracting State shall establish a national air transport facilitation programme based</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Member States are reminded that the implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) that relate to the preparedness and management of public health emergencies is essential.</li> <li>✓ Member States are encouraged to develop</li> </ul>	

all stakeholders;	on the facilitation requirements of the Convention and of Annex 9 thereto.	<p>aviation plans and air transport facilitation programmes in order to, inter alia, clarify roles and responsibilities of public health and civil aviation authorities during outbreaks and hence to assist in limiting its spread by air transport. Furthermore, the economy of the aviation sector, and industries that rely on it, will undoubtedly be detrimentally affected. For both reasons it is therefore necessary to plan for such an event, in order to mitigate the effects of a human outbreak.</p> <p>✓ Member States are urged to strengthen their preparedness plans for managing risks relating to communicable disease outbreaks by implementing effective collaboration and coordination strategies with all stakeholder.</p>	
e) Provide financial and in-kind assistance or support to the CAPSCA programme	ICAO State letter AN 5/28-20/15	<p>✓ State's Funding of the CAPSCA programme is essential for sustainability.</p> <p>✓ Apart from becoming members of CAPSCA, States and organizations are encouraged to support the programme in-kind by making available resources and personnel to assist.</p> <p>✓ ICAO is also appealing for financial contributions through ICAO's voluntary Safety Fund (SAFE) earmarked for CAPSCA. More information about SAFE is available on the ICAO website <a href="http://www.icao.int/SAFE">www.icao.int/SAFE</a>.</p>	
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