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NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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PREAMBLE: These Bye-Laws are made by the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana with the approval of the Minister of Transport and Communications under Section 8 (2) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2011.

CITATION: These Bye Laws may be cited as the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (Notification of Communicable Diseases) Bye Laws.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Civil Aviation Bye-Law (CABY) is to clarify the requirements relating to the management of communicable diseases, cases of suspected communicable diseases during flights.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Bye-Law shall apply to all flight crew of aircraft operating within the Gaborone Flight Information Region (FIR).

3. EFFECTIVITY

This Civil Aviation Bye-Law (09-2015) shall be deemed to have commenced on 17th September 2015.

4. REFERENCES

- International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 9, Chapter 8

5. REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 In line with the guidance materials relating to the management of communicable disease as contained in the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 9, Chapter 8, case(s) of suspected communicable disease shall be reported promptly to Air Traffic Services (ATS) by the pilot-in-command of an aircraft.
- 5.2 The following procedures shall be followed by flight crew of aircraft operating within the Gaborone FIR.
- 5.3 The flight crew of an aircraft shall, upon identifying suspected case(s) of communicable disease, or other public health risk on board the aircraft, promptly notify Botswana Air Traffic Control with the information listed below:
 - (a) Aircraft identification;
 - (b) Departure aerodrome;
 - (c) Destination aerodrome;
 - (d) Estimated time of arrival;
 - (e) Number of persons on board;
 - (f) Number of suspected case(s) on board; and

(g) Nature of the public health risk, if known.

5.4 The words “communicable disease” shall be used in the message. For example:

“(Callsign), ADVISE (destination aerodrome) ATC/TOWER THAT (callsign), DEPARTURE FROM (departure aerodrome), ESTIMATING (destination aerodrome) AT (time), PERSONS ON BOARD (number), REPORTING (number) CASE(S) OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ON BOARD”.

5.5 In addition to the above, if the aircraft is landing at airports in Botswana, the pilot-in-command shall furnish the Airport Health Officer with one copy of the General Declaration form (see ICAO Annex 9, Appendix 1) and one copy of the Passenger Manifest (see ICAO Annex 9, Appendix 2) signed by the pilot-in-command.

5.6 Prompt notification of communicable disease, or other public health risk on board an aircraft will enable Botswana ATC to inform the relevant agencies and mitigate the adverse health impact to the population from infections of serious public health concerns.

Note: A communicable disease could be suspected and require further evaluation if a person has a fever (temperature 38°C / 100°F or greater) that is associated with the following symptoms: e.g. appearing obviously unwell; persistent coughing; impaired breathing; persistent diarrhoea; persistent vomiting; skin rash; bruising or bleeding without previous injury; or, confusion of recent onset.

6. GUIDANCE

The provisions of this Bye-Law shall be read together with the provisions of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 9, Chapter 8.

Approved on this 22nd Day of MAY 2018



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