

WHO CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR IHR REQUIREMENTS AT PORS AND AIRPORTS

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WHO Procedures for Airport and Port Certification

- ❖ Legal background
- ❖ Technical references
- ❖ Certification work flow
- ❖ General feedback from draft review



Legal Ground

IHR Art 20. Airports and Ports

4. WHO may, at the request of the State Party concerned, arrange to certify, after an appropriate investigation, that an airport or port in its territory meets the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 and 3 of this article [core capacities for routine, emergency and for issuance of ship sanitation certificates] . These certification may be subject to periodic review by WHO, in consultation with State Party.
5. WHO, in collaboration with competent intergovernmental organizations and international bodies, shall develop and publish the certification guidelines for airports and ports under this Article. WHO shall also publish a list of certified airports and ports.

WHO CERTIFICATION AIRPORTS AND PORTS - IHR(2005)

- FOR AIRPORTS AND PORTS ONLY, NOT FOR GROUND CROSSINGS
- NOT FOR ALL AIRPORTS AND PORTS : Applies only to airports and ports designated by State Parties to develop core capacities for public health under IHR(2005)
- NOT AN OBLIGATION: Under request of State Party, WHO may arrange to certify an airport or port
- WHO SHALL PUBLISH LIST OF CERTIFIED AIRPORTS AND PORTS
- WHO SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION
- The certification aims to verify specific core capacities under IHR Annex 1 (Health surveillance and response for activities related to PoE, at all times and to respond to events that may constitute a PHEIC) and for issuance of ship sanitation certificates.

Timeline for Strengthening National Capacity

1. Strengthen national disease surveillance, prevention, control and response systems
2. Strengthen public health security in travel and transport

• Timeline

2 years + 3 + (2) + (up to 2)

2007

2009

2012

2014

2016

Planning

Implementation

Core capacities

Airport and Port Certification to be pursued, on the voluntary basis, by the countries who already have the capacities in place and functioning

Basis for Certification

WHO/HSE/IHR/LYO/2009.9



International Health Regulations (2005)

Assessment tool for core capacity requirements at designated airports, ports and ground crossings

October 2009

International Health Regulations
Coordination

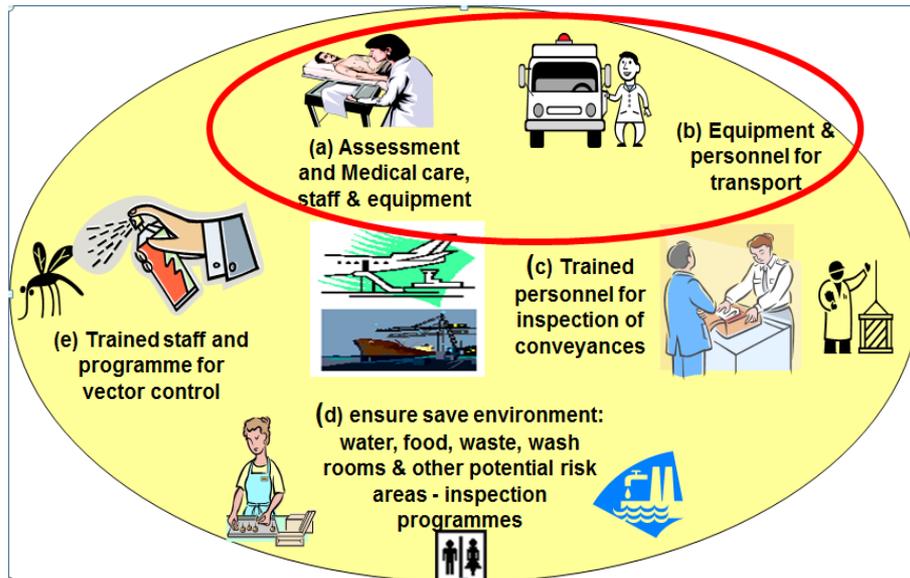


- Assessment tool provided to support State Parties during core capacity assessment at designated airports, ports and ground crossings at who.int/ihr/ports_airports/PoE/en/ww
- Administrative procedures and technical guidance build on assessment tools

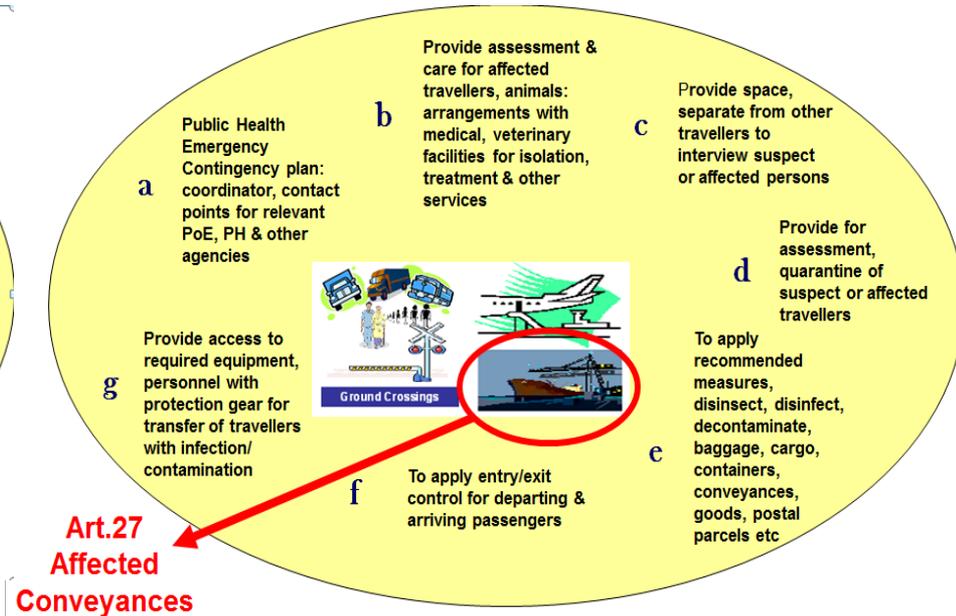
WHO Airport and Port Certification--- What

What to be certified?

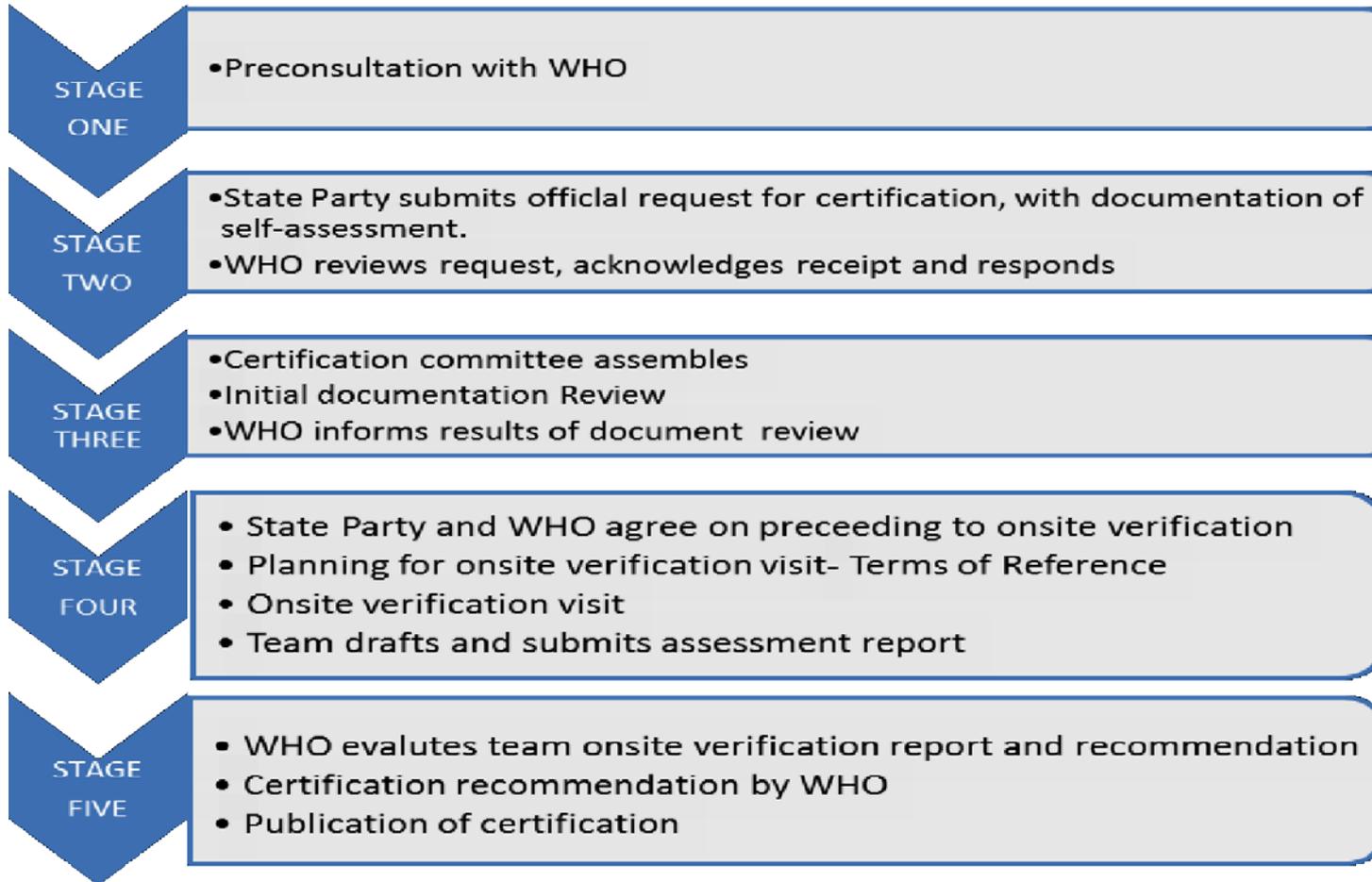
Routine times



Public Health Emergency



Proposed Procedures – 5 Stages



Stage One- Preconsultation

- Informal discussions between National authorities and WHO
- No commitment to proceed but information exchange
- To consider results from previous national assessment and certification systems (e.g. certification of aerodromes)



Stage Two – Official Request

- State Party submits official request for certification
- WHO confirms receipt of request
- National authority should have completed core capacity assessment and believe capacities are sufficiently developed
- Documentation file must accompany official request



Stage Three – Documentation Review

- WHO assembles certification team
- Certification team reviews documentation submitted with request
- There may be exchange between State Party and certification team to request additional documentation
- Documentation review report provided to State Party



Stage Four – Onsite Verification

- Terms of Reference for onsite verification to be developed by WHO in agreement with State Party
- Planning for onsite verification
- Onsite verification including observation of core capacities, additional documentation review, interviews with key stakeholders
- Preliminary and final reports confirming findings and results of onsite verification provided to State Party



Stage Five – WHO Evaluation and Certification

- WHO evaluates Certification team's onsite verification report and findings
- If, in opinion of WHO , airport and port has met core capacity requirements, recommendation for certification to be forwarded to Director/Assistant Director
- Certification awarded,  valid for period of (5) Years

Publishing and Periodic Review

Publishing

- WHO will publish the names of Certified Airports and ports

Periodic Review

- Certification will be valid for set number of years.
- State Party may request renewal of certification upon expiry
- At any time, State Party may request re-certification if airport/port operations have changed significantly

Prospects for cooperation with ICAO

WHO core capacity assessment for airport

Core capacities:

- Core capacities addressed in routine times
- Public health emergency contingency plan in place at **every** designated airport
- Be able to **adopt public health measures targeting all risks (biological, chemical and radiological)**

ICAO health related documents

- Annex 6 — Operation of Aircraft, Part I
- Annex 9 — Facilitation
- Annex 11 — Air Traffic Services
- Annex 14 — Aerodromes

ICAO Guidelines for States

Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM, Doc 4444)

Public health response for communicable diseases shares common ground, whereas environmental health issues, e.g. potable water, food, waste and vector need more consideration...

Collaboration between WHO and ICAO

IHR	ICAO
<p>Art 13 stipulates the deadline for WHO State Parties to have IHR core capacities for surveillance and response set out in Annex 1, at national, intermediate and local levels and Annex 1B specific capacities to be in place at Points of Entry (ports, airports and ground crossings).</p>	<p>Annex 9 – Facilitation (2007 amendment) 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>IHR requires individual public health emergency contingency plan for each designated airport</p>	<p>ICAO requires an aerodrome emergency plan, that shall include aspects related to Public health emergency</p>
<p>WHO certification for IHR Core Capacities at designated airports/ports</p>	<p>State Parties CAA Aerodrome Certification, some health related requirements</p>

Resources and collaboration required for certification

Multisectoral pool of experts for assessment team and training plan / resources

Support of WHO Regional and Country offices, National and Points of Entry authorities

Support from aviation and maritime sector

Thank you



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