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Enhancing Regional Collaboration & National Inter-Agency Coordination: State experiences on NATFCs

Annex 9 Requirements

8.18 Each Contracting State shall establish a national air transport facilitation programme based on the facilitation requirements of the Convention and of Annex 9 thereto.

8.19 Each Contracting State shall ensure that the objective of its national air transport facilitation programme shall be to adopt all practicable measures to facilitate the movement of aircraft, crews, passengers, cargo, mail and stores, by removing unnecessary obstacles and delays.

8.19.1 Recommended Practice. — In establishing a national air transport facilitation programme, States should use the guidance material outlined in Appendix 12 and Doc 10042, Model National Air Transport Facilitation Programme

Establishment of the NATFC

8.20 Each Contracting State shall establish a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee, and Airport Facilitation Committees as required, or similar coordinating bodies, for the purpose of coordinating facilitation activities between departments, agencies, and other organizations of the State concerned with, or responsible for, various aspects of international civil aviation as well as with airport and aircraft operators.

Standard 8.20 obliges States to establish National Air Transport Facilitation Committees, to coordinate broad, policy issues at the national level.

Please take note that this Standard is subject to the USAP-CMA audit process

Facilitation

In the civil aviation community, facilitation is of interest to four major groups (Contracting States, operators, airports, and customers), each having a somewhat different priority although the interests do overlap.

- ❑ States is full compliance with their laws and regulations.
- ❑ The vital interest of the aircraft operators is increasing productivity by minimizing the costs of operational delays and administrative procedures.
- ❑ Airport operators are interested in facilitation in order to reduce congestion in the passenger terminals and in the cargo sheds.
- ❑ The fourth group, the customers of air transport (passengers and cargo shippers), want quality service, which means being allowed to proceed through airports with minimal delay and difficulty.

Why NATFC ?

The purpose of the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (the NATFC) is to act as the policy vehicle for carrying out the NATFP by:

- ❑ providing a forum for consultation and
- ❑ information-sharing about facilitation matters amongst government stakeholders, government representatives of other air transport-related communities and the private sector. .

National and Airport Committees

The NATFC acts on a national level, while every airport should also maintain an Airport Facilitation Committee to coordinates operational FAL activities at a given airport.

Cooperation and coordination is required because the purpose of establishing national Facilitation programmes and committees is to urge Member States, aircraft operators and airport operators to continue to cooperate intensively as regards:

- a) identification and solution of facilitation problems.
- b) developing cooperative arrangements for the prevention of
- c) illicit narcotics trafficking, illegal immigration
- d) the spread of communicable diseases and

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- e) other threats to national interests.
- f) Undertaking dialogue and cooperation between national and regional facilitation and security-related bodies.
- g) Promote implementation of Annex 9;
- h) Eliminate differences between agencies.
- i) Strengthen inter-agency and international cooperation.
- j) Review old (pre-aviation) & inconsistent laws – then recommend elimination/amendment.
- k) Introduce modern technologies.
- j) Set-up Sub-Committees; and solve day-to-day problems.

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The development of an Airport Facilitation Committee is based on Std. 8.20:

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The Airport Facilitation Committee should be chaired by the airport operator.

Members of the Committee

Members of the Committee should be from the following agencies:

- CAA
- Immigration
- Customs
- Airlines
- Security
- Ground-handling
- Quarantine/health and
- Other FAL-related agencies

Thank You

