

D. Disinsection of aircraft

2.23 Contracting States shall limit any routine requirement for the disinsection of aircraft cabins and flight decks with an aerosol while passengers and crews are on board, to same-aircraft operations originating in, or operating via, territories that they consider, based on a risk assessment, to pose a threat to their public health, agriculture or environment.

Note.— Guidance on a risk assessment can be found in the Safety Management Manual (Doc 9859).

2.24 Contracting States that require disinsection of aircraft shall periodically review their requirements and modify them, as appropriate, in the light of all available evidence relating to the transmission of insects to their respective territories via aircraft.

2.25 Contracting States shall, when disinsection is required, authorize or accept chemical or non-chemical methods and/or insecticides that are recommended by WHO and are considered efficacious by the Contracting State.

Note 1.— This provision does not preclude the trial and testing of other methods for ultimate approval by WHO.

Note 2.— Attention is drawn to the most recent publication of the WHO guidance material regarding aircraft disinsection methods and procedures.

2.26 Contracting States shall ensure that procedures for disinsection do not pose deleterious effects to the health of passengers, personnel and live cargo, and cause the minimum of discomfort to them.

2.27 Contracting States shall, upon request, provide to aircraft operators appropriate information, in plain language, for air crew and passengers, explaining the pertinent national regulation, the reasons for the requirement, and the safety of properly performed aircraft disinsection.

2.28 When disinsection has been performed in accordance with procedures recommended by WHO, the Contracting State concerned shall accept a pertinent certification on the General Declaration as provided for in Appendix 1 or, in the case of residual disinsection, the Certificate of Residual Disinsection set forth in Appendix 4.

2.29 When disinsection has been properly performed pursuant to 2.25 and a certificate as indicated in 2.28 is presented or made available to the public authorities in the country of arrival, the authorities shall normally accept that certificate and permit passengers and crew to disembark immediately from the aircraft.

2.30 Contracting States shall ensure that suitable mitigation measures are in place for the use of any insecticide or any other means used for disinsection in order to safeguard the aircraft structure or its operating equipment and materials against damage.

Note.— Most chemical compounds used for disinsection in their essence have deleterious effects; therefore, mitigation measures, such as appropriate application methods or means, are essential.