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NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAMMES: INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

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NATFP: OVERVIEW

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND
2. NATFP RATIONALE
3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- FAL/2 (1948): National FAL Committees (NFCs)
 - ▶ Promote implementation of Annex 9
 - ▶ Eliminate differences
 - ▶ Solve day-to-day problems
- FAL/6 (1963): Regional FAL coordination



- Other objectives:

- ▶ Encourage cooperation between ministries
- ▶ Review old (pre-aviation) & inconsistent laws
 - Recommend elimination/amendment
- ▶ Use of modern technologies

- Setting up of Sub-Committees



1982: Amendment 13

- ▶ National Facilitation Programmes
- ▶ Formation of NFCs and Airport FAL Committees

- Initially, a Recommended Practice (Chapter 8)
- 1990: Standard mandating establishment
- Similar SARPs today



2. NATFP RATIONALE

▶ Means of coordinating activities between departments or agencies of the State concerned with or responsible for various aspects of facilitation of national civil aviation ◀



Coordination/Cooperation of CAA with other Agencies

Article 10: Landing at **customs** airport [CAA↔CUSTOMS]

Article 13: Entry and clearance regulations [↔all BORDER CONTROLS]

Article 14: Prevention of spread of disease [↔HEALTH]

Article 22: Facilitation of formalities [↔I, Q, C, CLEARANCE]

Article 23: Customs and immigration procedures [↔C, I]

Article 24: Customs duty [↔CUSTOMS]

Article 29: Documents carried in aircraft [↔C, I]

Article 35: Cargo restrictions [↔C, OTHER]



COORDINATION, COOPERATION BETWEEN/AMONG:

1. CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

2. CUSTOMS

3. IMMIGRATION

4. HEALTH

5. QUARANTINE

6. POLICE/LAW-ENFORCEMENT

7. FOREIGN AFFAIRS

8. PASSPORT/VISA-ISSUING AUTHORITIES

9. AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

10. AVIATION SECURITY

11. NARCOTICS CONTROL

12. TOURISM AUTHORITIES

13. SPORTS AUTHORITIES

14. DISABILITY-RELATED AGENCIES

15.



Key General Annex 9 Definitions:

International airport. Any airport designated by the Contracting State in whose territory it is situated as an airport of entry and departure for international air traffic, where the formalities incident to **customs, immigration, public health, animal and plant quarantine** and similar procedures are carried out. [WHERE?]

Border integrity, Immigration Control: [WHY?]

Public authorities. The agencies or officials of a Contracting State responsible for the application and enforcement of the particular laws and regulations of that State which relate to any aspect of these Standards and Recommended Practices. [WHO?]



3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Annex 9: Establishment of National FAL Programmes:

- ▶ **Standard 8.17:** Each State to establish a NATFP → FAL requirements of Conv. & Annex 9
- ▶ **Standard 8.18:** Objective of NATFP
- ▶ **RP 8.18.1:** Use guidance of Appendix 12



- ▶ **Standard 8.19:** . . . NATF Committee . . . or similar coordinating bodies . . . [coordinate] FAL activities . . . various aspects of international civil aviation . . .
- ▶ **RP8.20:** Coordination between FAL & AVSEC Programmes
- ▶ **RP8.21:** Guidance material in Appendices 11 & 12 for NATF & Airport Committees



A39-20: Appendix C: National and international action and cooperation on facilitation matters

- need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of clearance control formalities

- FAL programmes and committees proven means for improvements

States urged:

- establish & utilize national FAL programmes & committees

- remind government departments:

 - make national regulations & practices conform to Annex 9

 - solve day-to-day FAL problems



- States, aircraft & airport operators to cooperate:
 - identify & solve FAL problems;
 - develop cooperative arrangements to prevent
 - illicit narcotics trafficking
 - illegal migration
 - spread of communicable diseases
 - other threats to national security
- Cooperation between national FAL & security-related bodies



Appendix 11: Model **Airport** FAL Programme

- Purpose

 - pursue the objectives of Annex 9 at the **operational level**

- Scope

 - encompasses **border clearance processes** at the airport, as well as the **planning** for and **management** of those processes

- Organization & management

 - Airport FAL Committee: **day-to-day** problem-solving and implementation of Annex 9

 - Membership: Airport manager + Senior officers of inspection agencies + managers of aircraft operators



Appendix 12: Model **National FAL** Programme

- Purpose

- Implement the Chicago Convention mandate that States provide for a facilitate **border control formalities**

- Scope

- Applicable Articles of Convention; Activities at accomplishing these & related tasks constitute the **National FAL Programme**

- Organization & Management

- CAA + other appropriate agencies + airport & aircraft operators

- Vehicle for carrying out the National FAL Programme is the **National FAL**

Committee

ESTABLISHMENT →→→→



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QUESTIONS?