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# AFI SECFAL PLAN 11TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



## AIR TRANSPORT FACILITATION RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

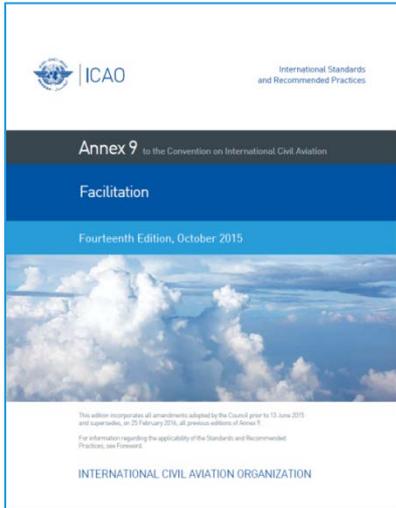
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# Presentation outline

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# Introduction



- *Annex 9 — Facilitation* is based on 10 articles of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Chicago Convention):
- Implementation of the Annex 9 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) are essential:
- To facilitate the clearance of aircraft, passengers and their baggage,
- cargo and mail and to manage challenges in border controls and airport processes so as to maintain both the Security and the efficiency of air transport operations



# Introduction

This paper contains recent developments:

- ❑ in ICAO Annex 9 — Facilitation,
- ❑ the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD), and
- ❑ the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO TRIP) Strategy.

Highlights of the outcomes of the Facilitation Stream of the High-Level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC-2021) held from 12 to 22 October 2021 ; and

The first ICAO Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families, held from 1 to 3 December 2021.



## Discussion

- The Twelfth Meeting of the Facilitation Panel (FALP/12) → 13 to 22 July 2021: Considered proposals for new and revised health-related Standards and Recommended Practices for inclusion in Amendment 29 to Annex 9 developed by the ICAO's ad hoc Task Force on health Issues Outbreaks in Aviation.
- *The FALP/12 established a dedicated Working Group on Annex 9 (WGA9), approved by the Air Transport Committee (ATC) in September 2021.*

*Note: Documents pertaining to FALP/12 can be found on the ICAO Public website at <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/FALP/Pages/FALP12-2021.aspx>.*

# Discussion

The Facilitation Panel's Working Group on Human Trafficking developed a Comprehensive Strategy for Combating Human Trafficking in the Aviation Sector to :

- ✓ equip States,
- ✓ civil aviation authorities and organizations,
- ✓ aircraft operators, and airports
- *with guidance and recommendations to inform their development of comprehensive counter-trafficking strategies in line with ICAO Assembly Resolution A40-16, Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation. In September 2021, the ATC approved FALP/12's recommendation of the Comprehensive Strategy*



## Discussion

On 9 March 2022, the ICAO Council adopted Amendment 29 to Annex 9, which will become **effective on 18 July 2022 and applicable on 18 November 2022**. This amendment includes new and/or revised provisions:

- ✓ *on public health emergencies,*
- ✓ *security of travel and health proofs documents,*
- ✓ *relief and repatriation flights, air transport facilitation of persons with disabilities, assistance to aircraft accident victims and*
- ✓ *their families, and trafficking in persons.*



## Discussion

**FAL I-pack:** ICAO developed a Facilitation Implementation Package (iPack) on Strengthening National Air Transport Facilitation Committees for the Restart and the Resilience of Civil Aviation.

This aims to assist Member States in establishing and operating a resilient and robust National Facilitation Committee that provides the necessary framework for effective coordination and collaboration.

ICAO developed 3 training courses entitled **Annex 9 — Facilitation**, **ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy**, and **Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families**, for delivery in both virtual and classroom formats



## Discussion

ICAO convened the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC 2021) from 12 to 22 October 2021. The Conference discussed five agenda items under the Facilitation Stream, covering a wide range of subjects that resulted in 79 recommendations endorsed by the Ministerial Plenary. Of the 79 recommendations, 17 are addressed to ICAO.

*Documentation pertaining to HLCC 2021, including the Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Conference on COVID-19 and the report can be found at <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/HLCC2021/Pages/yellow-cover-report.aspx> .*



# Discussion

From 1 to 3 December 2021, ICAO convened the first Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (AAAVF 2021). As adopted in Amendment 29 to Annex 9, a new Recommended Practice (RP).



## Discussion

### The ICAO PKD:

- ❑ ICAO PKD new data types is now available and the use of the PKD in support of authenticating health proofs for travel being considered.
- ❑ These developments bring value to more Member States, with the participation in the PKD increasing year on year. As participation has grown, annual fees payable have decreased.
- ❑ In 2021, 7 Member States, Ghana, Lesotho, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Sudan and Viet Nam, joined the ICAO PKD, bringing **the total number of PKD participants to 82.**

# Discussion

- 15 AFI States are currently participating in the ICAO PKD (Benin, Botswana, Cote d'ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Lesotho, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Rwanda and Seychelles),



# Discussion

**The ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy** : It establishes a comprehensive framework for Member States to build a robust traveller identification process. It is composed of five elements related to identification management, namely:

- a) Evidence of Identity (EoI);
- b) Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs);
- c) Document Issuance and Control (DIC);
- d) Inspection Systems and Tools (IST), including the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD); and
- e) Interoperable Applications (IA), such as Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data.



## Discussion

### ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy course:

- ❑ To assist Member States in implementing the ICAO TRIP Strategy and Annex 9 – Facilitation, ICAO developed a dedicated training course entitled
- ❑ The course builds upon the base of documents and guidance material pertaining to the ICAO TRIP Strategy already available on the ICAO public website <https://www.icao.int/Security/FAL/TRIP/Pages/Publications.aspx> .
- ❑ In addition, as part of the support provided to States, the 8th edition of Doc 9303, Machine Readable Travel Documents, composed of 13 parts, was published on the ICAO public site (<https://www.icao.int/publications/pages/publication.aspx?docnum=9303>) in all ICAO languages in 2021

## Discussion

- ❑ **Development of Digital Travel Credentials (DTC):** ICAO Technical Advisory Group on the Traveller Identification Programme (TAG/TRIP) endorsed, inter alia, the ICAO Guiding Core Principles for the Development of Digital Travel Credentials (DTC), as well as the technical specifications of VDS for Non-Constrained environments (VDS-NC).
- ❑ The DTC specifications will enable an ICAO-compliant passport to be extended to a passenger's mobile device, allowing a more seamless traveller journey.
- ❑ *The objectives and proposed contents of the VDS-NC iPack are to support the implementation of the specifications of the VDS-NC for both issuance and inspection either under the existing eMRTD Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) or under any newly established health PKI as decided by States.*



## Actions by the Steering committee

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) note the information in the paper;
- b) encourage States to implement the provisions of Annex 9 – Facilitation;
- c) encourage States to consider deployment of the iPacks, and participate in the Facilitation-related training courses;
- d) encourage States to join the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD); and
- e) encourage States to consider implementing the recommendations of the Facilitation Stream of the High-Level Conference on COVID-19.



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