



3 bis villa Emile Bergerat, 92522 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex, France

When replying please quote

№ : EUR/NAT 11-0363.TEC (KOV/LEJ)

10 June 2011

Subject : **First European meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)**
(Paris, France, 20-22 September 2011)

Action

required : Confirm participation not later than **20 August 2011**

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honor to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the first European meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA-Europe) to be held during 20-22 September 2011 in the premises of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office in Paris. The meeting will be held in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The working languages of the meeting will be English and Russian and simultaneous interpretation will be provided if sufficient participants of both languages provide timely registration.

2. Events over the last decade, including those related to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Influenza A H5N1 (avian flu) and Influenza A H1N1 (pandemic influenza) have demonstrated the involvement of air travel in the global dissemination of communicable diseases and the vulnerability of the aviation sector, and economies that rely on it, to public health emergencies.

3. In 2005, WHO published the second edition of the International Health Regulations (IHR) which includes many Articles related to airport and aircraft operations. Since then, ICAO has been collaborating with WHO to facilitate the implementation of the IHR (2005) in the aviation sector and this has resulted in several important additions and changes to ICAO Annexes i.e. Annex 6 – *Operations*, Annex 9 – *Facilitation*, Annex 11 – *Air Traffic Services*, Annex 14 – *Aerodromes*, and *Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management*. In light of the recent nuclear power plant accident in Japan (radiation accidents are considered in the IHR (2005)) changes have also been made in Annex 18 – *Dangerous Goods*.

4. The CAPSCA project commenced in 2006, in order to provide guidance for public health-related amendments to the ICAO Annexes, and to facilitate their implementation. It is currently operating in Asia Pacific, Africa and the Americas regions and will shortly commence in the Middle East. The project is managed by ICAO, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization, and additional partners include Airports Council International and the International Air Transport Association. At present, Europe is not well represented in CAPSCA. Further information on CAPSCA can be obtained from www.CAPSCA.org.

.../...

Distribution: States of accreditation of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, United States (FAA), WHO, WFP, EASA, UNSIC, IOM, CDC, IATA, ACI, ECAC, UNWTO

cc: ICAO Mexico, ICAO Cairo, CAA Singapore via ICAO Bangkok, C/MED

5. Experience in other regions has demonstrated two main points: preparedness planning for public health emergencies affecting the aviation sector can be strengthened, and cross-sectoral communication and collaboration could be improved. Recipients of this invitation are therefore requested to encourage airport and aircraft operators and air navigation service providers to attend the meeting, and to forward the invitation to relevant points of contact not only in the aviation sector but also the public health sector. A selection of topics for discussion at the meeting is at Attachment A. A more detailed agenda will be forwarded in due course.

6. In other regions CAPSCA has provided workshops, seminars and training with a view to improving public health emergency responses in the aviation sector in accordance with international best practice and in a harmonized manner. Assistance visits are undertaken to international airports to help with the implementation of relevant ICAO SARPs and Procedures, and with the IHR (2005). This has been achieved with funding provided primarily by the United Nations Central Fund for Influenza Action, a fund administered by the United Nations Development Programme. One of the goals of this CAPSCA-Europe meeting will be to consider future funding for the programme in Europe.

7. The Registration Form of the meeting is at Attachment B. You are kindly requested to advise me by 20 August 2011, whether your Administration/Organization intends to participate by submitting a Registration Form for each participant.

8. A list of hotels recommended for meeting participants and other practical information is available at: http://www.paris.icao.int/practical_info/main_practical_info.htm. Participants are encouraged to make reservations directly with the hotel(s) in a timely manner.

9. All meeting documentation/presentations will be placed on the following web site: <http://www.capsca.org> as it becomes available. Taking into consideration the availability of documentation/presentations in electronic format, no hard copies will be distributed during the event.

10. Documentation/Presentations that your Administration/Organization may wish to submit/present at the meeting/event should be forwarded to this office by e-mail as soon as practicable in Microsoft Word/PowerPoint format.

11. If you require any further information regarding the meeting, please contact ICAO Paris Office, Mr. Victor Kourenkov, at: vkourenkov@paris.icao.int or Ms. Johanna Levina, at: jlevina@paris.icao.int.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Luis Fonseca de Almeida
ICAO Regional Director
Europe and North Atlantic



3 bis villa Emile Bergerat, 92522 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex, France

When replying please quote

№ : EUR/NAT 11-0527.TEC (KOV/LEJ)

22 August 2011

Subject : **First European meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)**
(Paris, France, 20-22 September 2011) - reminder

Action

required : Confirm participation not later than **9 September 2011**

Sir/Madam,

1. I wish to refer to my letter EUR/NAT-11-0363.TEC dated 10 June inviting you to participate in the First European meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) which will be held in the premises of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office in Paris, France, from 20 to 22 September 2011. The meeting will commence at 09:00 hours on the first day, with registration of delegates from 08:15 hours. On subsequent days, sessions will convene at 08:30 hours. The draft agenda and a list of registered participants are attached for your perusal.

2. In view of the importance that ICAO attaches to the participation of your Administration in this event, I am pleased to inform you that registration can still be made before **9 September 2011**. In this regard, I would like to invite you to nominate appropriate experts by sending the completed registration forms via e-mail (icaoeurnat@paris.icao.int) or fax (+33 1 46 41 85 00).

3. Please be advised that the number of participants from one particular State is not limited. It is expected that various stakeholders (e.g. health and civil aviation) would be represented.

4. The registered candidates are responsible for all necessary visa arrangements for their own visas. Information on visa requirements for entering France, a list of hotels in Paris and other can be found on our web site at: http://www.paris.icao.int/practical_info/main_practical_info.htm.

5. Please also note that while there is no conference fee associated with the Meeting, all other expenses associated with it (travel, accommodation and miscellaneous expenses) shall be covered by the participants.

6. If in the meantime you have already submitted your nominations, please ignore this reminder.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Luis Fonseca de Almeida
ICAO Regional Director
Europe and North Atlantic

Enclosures

Distribution: States of accreditation of the ICAO EUR/NAT Office, United States (FAA), WHO, WFP, EASA, UNSIC, IOM, CDC, IATA, ACI, ECAC, UNWTO

cc: ICAO Mexico, ICAO Cairo, CAA Singapore via ICAO Bangkok, C/MED

Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)

FIRST MEETING IN EUROPE

(Paris, 20 to 22 September 2011)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Presented by the Secretariat)

TIME	20 September 2011
0815 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 1000	Opening Remarks Regional Director, ICAO Chief Aviation Medicine, ICAO WHO Representative Self introductions Group Photo
1000 - 1030	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
1030 – 1115	ICAO and public health emergencies. Chicago Convention and its Annexes, ICAO Assembly Resolutions, Standards and Recommended Practices, Guidelines, Audit Protocols. (Dr Anthony Evans, ICAO)
1115 – 1200	International Health Regulations and aviation (Dr Daniel Menucci, WHO)
1200 – 1230	‘Designation’ of airports under the IHR (2005) (Mr Thomas Hoffman, WHO)
1230 - 1345	LUNCH BREAK
1345 – 1415	The ‘CAPSCA’ story (Dr Jarnail Singh, CAPSCA Technical Advisor, CAA Singapore)
1415 - 1445	CAPSCA - Americas Experience and CAPSCA website (Mr Michiel Vreedenburgh, ICAO)
1445 – 1515	Airline guidelines (Dr Claude Thibeault, IATA Medical Advisor)
1515 – 1545	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
1545 – 1645	Air traffic control, air traffic controllers, and preparedness planning (Dr Roland Vermeiren and Mr Richard Lawrence, Eurocontrol)

TIME	21 September 2011
0830 – 0900	Whole of Society preparedness planning (Mr Peter Scott-Bowden, World Food Programme)
0900 – 1000	Business Continuity Planning at international airports (Mr Arturo Garcia-Alonso, Airports Council International)
1000 - 1030	Preparedness planning in Europe, a national view – aviation perspective (Dr Annetje Roodenburg, European Civil Aviation Conference and Irish Civil Aviation Authority)
1030 – 1100	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
1100 – 1130	Preparedness planning in Europe, a national view – public health perspective (Public Health Authority, Ireland, TBC)
1130 – 1215	From theory to practice – experience from an airport exercise (Dr Rosemarie Neipp López, Public Health Authority, Madrid)
1215 – 1245	In pandemics, what do airport passengers and staff need to know? Risk communication strategies put into practice (Dr Petra Dickmann – London School of Economics and Dickmann Risk Communications)
1245 – 1400	LUNCH BREAK
1400 – 1430	Disease transmission by air transportation of animals (FAO/OIE, TBC)
1430 – 1500	Management of a nuclear powerplant accident (IAEA, TBC)
1500 – 1530	Implementing the IHR(2005) – legislation aspects (Mr Thomas Hoffmann, WHO)
1530 - 1600	TEA/COFFEE
1600 - 1630	Preparedness planning from an Asia perspective (Dr Jarnail Singh, CAPSCA Technical Advisor, CAA Singapore)
1630 - 1700	H1N1 – lessons learned from the United States (Dr Peter Houck, United States)

TIME	22 September 2011
0830 – 0900	WHO core capacity checklist (Dr Daniel Menucci, WHO)
0900 – 0930	CAPSCA Assistance visit programme including reference to ICAO checklist (Mr Michiel Vreedenburgh, ICAO)
0930-1030	Presentations/remarks/discussion by States/International Organizations [free format]
1030 – 1100	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
1100 – 1115	Tabletop exercise brief, including reference to template for national aviation preparedness plan (Dr Jarnail Singh, CAPSCA Technical Advisor, CAA Singapore)
1115 – 1300	Tabletop exercise
1300 - 1400	LUNCH BREAK
1400 – 1530	Tabletop exercise
1530 - 1600	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
1600 - 1630	CAPSCA – the way forward in Europe
1630	Close of meeting



European and North
Atlantic Office

REGISTRATION FORM

First European meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA)

(Paris, France, 20-22 September 2011)

 Please confirm or complete **all** sections **in block capitals** in English

Family name:

First name(s):

State or Organization:

Title/Position:

Tel: Fax:

E-mail:

Mailing address:

.....

.....

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

AUSTRIA

Antonia HATLER
Silvia KLADE (TBC)

BELGIUM

Dominique WAGNER
Jean-Marie RISSELIN

CZECH REPUBLIC

Marie HAUEROVA
Jozef DLHY

FRANCE

René GERMA
Patrick LANSMAN
Vincent FEULLIE (Air France)

DENMARK

Anne-Marie PLESNER
Anne HEMPEL-JØRGENSEN

GERMANY

Walter GABER
Arnold HÖLLRIGL
Maria WADL

GREECE

Androula PAVLI

ISRAEL

Joseph Hillel FAKTOR

NETHERLANDS

Rolf APPELS (TBC)

POLAND

Ireneusz DZIK
Andrzej ILKOW
Anna SWIATECKA

PORTUGAL

Francisco BRAZ DE
OLIVEIRA
Francisco Manuel Contreiras
Braz de Oliveira

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Elena CATAMAN
Carina MANOLE

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Djordje VUJICIC

SLOVAKIA

Marta POSTENYIOVA
Michaela VALASTINOVA

SLOVENIA

Irena GRMEK-KOSNIK

SPAIN

Rosemarie NEIPP LOPEZ

SWITZERLAND

Hans AEBERSOLD
Jennifer SAURINA

UNITED KINGDOM

Petra DICKMANN
Nigel DOWDALL
Elizabeth WILKINSON (Br
Airways)

UNITED STATES

Peter HOUCK

CAA SINGAPORE

Jarnail SINGH (CAPSCA
Technical Advisor)

ACI EUROPE

Federico BONAUDI

ACI WORLD

Arturo GARCIA-ALONSO

EASA

Annette RUGE

ECAC

Annetje ROODENBURG

EUROCONTROL

Richard John LAWRENCE
Roland VERMEIREN

**HEALTH PROTECTION
AGENCY**

Nicol BLACK
Graham BICKLER
David HAGEN

IATA

Claude THIBEAULT

WFP

Peter SCOTT-BOWDEN

WHO

Daniel MENUCCI
Thomas HOFMANN

ICAO Headquarters

Anthony EVANS

ICAO CAIRO

Jehad FAQIR

ICAO MEXICO

Michiel VREEDENBURGH

ICAO Paris

Luis FONSECA DE ALMEIDA
George FIRICAN
Victor KOURENKOV