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PASSENGER SAFETY BRIEFING CARDS

1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 This Circular is applicable to every public transport aircraft either registered or operated in the Maldives under an Air Operator's Certificate issued by the Department of Civil Aviation.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Civil Aviation Regulations Part 7.3 require that the following information must be provided individually to each passenger.

- 1) Instruction on the brace position to be adopted in the event of an emergency landing;
- 2) Instructions on the method of use of safety belts and safety harnesses as appropriate.
- 3) Information as to where emergency exits are to be found and instructions as to how they are to be used, and
- 4) Information as to where the life jackets, escape slides, life rafts and oxygen masks, if required to be provided by regulation 7.1, are to be found and instructions as to how they are to be used.

- 2.2 The regulation further requires that the passengers briefing be supplemented with pictorial notices (Passenger Safety Briefing Cards) relevant to the type of aircraft to be operated and the emergency equipment fitted and/or carried. Information contained in the card must be consistent with the content of the passenger briefing.

3. REQUIREMENT

In compliance and amplification of Civil Aviation Regulations, the operator is to ensure that for each type of aircraft operated by him, a Passenger Safety Briefing Card is prepared, priority being given to the mandatory requirements both in sequence and size, and placed prominently in the aircraft within the reach of each seated passenger in flight. Internationally recognised symbols with explanatory notes at least in English and Dhivehi should be used on the cards. The cards should contain information in respect of passenger safety covering the following points;

- 3.1 **Brace Position;** The card must provide pictorial information about protective brace positions. The brace position shown must be representative of the seat direction and seat pitch on the aircraft. The brace position for an adult with an infant secured on the lap should also be shown.
- 3.2 **Seat Safety Belts;** There must be instruction for fastening, unfastening and adjusting seat safety belts; the belts shown should be of an identical design to those used on the aircraft.
- 3.3 **Exit Location and Exit Routes;** The location of each exit must be clearly indicated and the appropriate route to exits should be shown. Exits that are most likely to be available in the event of a ditching should be illustrated.
- 3.4 **Exit Operation;** The cards must show information depicting the operation of the exits and the directional movement necessary to activate the exit in order to complete a successful evacuation. This should include;
 - a) The method by which to move the handle.
 - b) Disposal of exit hatches.
 - c) Directions to passengers not to bring cabin baggage to exits.
 - d) Directions to passengers not to wear high heeled shoes.
- 3.5 **Life Jackets;** The following information must be accurately shown in respect of life jackets.
 - a) The location, removal from the stowage and removal from the container.
 - b) Donning and inflation procedures, preferably depicting a passenger in a seated position, including a clear indication not to inflate the life jacket inside the aircraft.
- 3.6 **Life Rafts;** The card must show;
 - a) The stowage location of the life raft.
 - b) The type of stowage.
 - c) The removal from the stowage, preparations for use and deployment procedures.
 - d) Launching locations and procedures.
 - e) Restrictions on high heeled shoes.

- 3.7 **Escape Slides**; When the aircraft is equipped with the escape slides, the card must show their location.
- 3.8 **Oxygen Masks**; If the aircraft is to be operated at altitudes where passenger oxygen is required, instructions must show;
- (a) the location, donning procedure and adjustment of oxygen masks.
 - (b) the information needed to start the flow of oxygen.
 - (c) instructions for adults to don their own masks before assisting children.
- 3.9 **Smoking**; Information may be shown concerning the smoking restrictions in force during take-off and landing, in toilet compartments at any time, and when the 'No Smoking' sign is illuminated or when passenger oxygen is in use.



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