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## **AIR SAFETY CIRCULAR**

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### **PROTECTIVE GLOVE REQUIREMENT**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Civil Aviation Department recognises that crew members (usually flight attendants) face many hazards in their work environment. Among these hazards it is believed, medical emergencies that involve bleeding, such as nose-bleeds, cuts and child birth, that could expose flight attendants to blood borne diseases such as hepatitis B, etc.
- 1.2 Crew members (usually flight attendants), passengers and health care professionals are sometimes called upon to provide assistance to ill or injured people on aircraft. Providing such assistance may cause such persons to come into contact with body fluids or persons infected with a blood borne pathogens such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis virus (HBV). Risk of transmission of HIV and HBV from other body fluids and materials is extremely low except where blood is visible in these substances.
- 1.3 The probability of crew members contracting HIV or HBV in their working environment is remote; the CAD is concerned about the possibility of unnecessary exposure to blood borne pathogens. Therefore the Civil Aviation Department has determined that it is necessary to require operators of aircraft under public transport category to install protective gloves on board those aircraft.

#### **2. APPLICABILITY**

- 2.1 This Circular is applicable to all Maldivian registered aircraft and other aircraft operated under a Maldivian AOC for public transport.

### **3. COMPLIANCE**

- 3.1 Operators are required to provide a pair of protective gloves on their aircraft in each of the first aid kits available on the aircraft.
- 3.2 The protective gloves required by this circular must be equivalent of latex gloves commonly found in hospitals and other medical facilities. Operators are expected to maintain and dispose of these gloves in accordance with the acceptable procedures.
- 3.3 This circular does not lay down a specific standard of training for the use of latex gloves or their equivalent. However, since protective gloves will be required in the medical kit, operators will be required to provide training as to their use and proper disposal.

### **4. EFFECTIVITY**

- 4.1 This circular becomes effective on 01 July 1995.



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