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### **NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In line with the guidance materials relating to the management of communicable disease as contained in the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 9, Chapter 8, case(s) of suspected communicable disease is to be reported promptly to air traffic services (ATS) by the pilot-in-command of an aircraft.

#### **2 Required actions**

- 2.1 The following procedures shall be followed by flight crew of aircraft operating within the Gaborone FIR.
- 2.2 The flight crew of an aircraft shall, upon identifying suspected case(s) of communicable disease, or other public health risk on board the aircraft, promptly notify Botswana ATC with the information listed below:
- a. Aircraft identification;
  - b. Departure aerodrome;
  - c. Destination aerodrome;
  - d. Estimated time of arrival;
  - e. Number of persons on board;
  - f. Number of suspected case(s) on board; and
  - g. Nature of the public health risk, if known.

The words “communicable disease” should be used in the message.

For example:

“(Call-sign), ADVISE (destination aerodrome) ATC/TOWER THAT (call-sign), DEPARTURE FROM (departure aerodrome), ESTIMATING (destination aerodrome) AT (time), PERSONS ON BOARD (number), REPORTING (number) CASE(S) OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ON BOARD”.

- 2.3 In addition to the above, if the aircraft is landing at airports in Botswana, the pilot-in-command shall furnish the Airport Health Officer with one copy of the General Declaration form (see ICAO Annex 9, Appendix 1) and one copy of the Passenger Manifest (see ICAO Annex 9, Appendix 2) signed by the pilot-in-command.
- 2.4 Prompt notification of communicable disease, or other public health risk on board an aircraft will enable Botswana ATC to inform the relevant agencies and mitigate the adverse health impact to the population from infections of serious public health concerns.

*Note: A communicable disease could be suspected and require further evaluation if a person has a fever (temperature 38°C / 100°F or greater) that is associated with the following symptoms: e.g. appearing obviously unwell; persistent coughing; impaired breathing; persistent diarrhoea; persistent vomiting; skin rash; bruising or bleeding without previous injury; or, confusion of recent onset.*

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