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SECURITY CONTROL FOR SCREENING LIQUIDS, GELS, AEROSOLS, ETC. FOR CARRY ON BAGGAGE

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The purpose of this Circular is to implement recommendations of the ICAO Council for screening of liquids, gels, aerosols, etc, carried in cabin baggage.
- 1.2 The ICAO Council, at the ninth meeting of its 179th session on 22 November 2006 agreed that security screening control guidelines for screening liquids, gels, aerosols etc., as prescribed in Section 2 of this Circular should be recommended to States for their implementation not later than 1 March 2007.
- 1.3 This Circular, for the time being, applies to all airports opened for international flights to/ from the Republic of Maldives.
- 1.4 In the interest of better facilitation all airlines operating international flights to/from the Republic of Maldives are urged to ensure that their sales agents, handling agents, representatives and tour operators keep passengers informed of this requirement/ procedure at point of sale and check-in.
- 1.5 The Civil Aviation Department requests cooperation of airport operators, airlines, ground handling agents, tour operators, airlines representatives in order to ensure the services offered to customers are in no way diminished, delayed, deteriorated in manner or timeliness.

2. SECURITY CONTROL GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The following security control guidelines for screening liquids, gels, aerosols, etc. shall be implemented not later than 1st March 2007;
 - a) All liquids shall be carried in containers with a capacity not greater than 100 ml (or the equivalent in other volumetric measurements, e.g. fluid ounces). Liquids carried in containers larger than 100 ml are not to be accepted, even if the container is only part-filled;

- b) Containers shall be placed in a transparent re-sealable plastic bag of a maximum capacity not exceeding 1 litre (approximately 20cm X 20cm). The containers must fit comfortably within the transparent plastic bag, which shall be completely closed;
- c) The plastic bag shall be presented for visual examination at the screening point. Only one transparent plastic bag per passenger shall be permitted; and
- d) Exemptions shall be made for medications, baby milk/foods and special dietary requirements once it is ascertained by the screening security personnel.
- 2.2 In addition, exemptions shall be made in respect of liquids purchased either at airport duty free shops, or on board aircraft, on the condition that the liquid is packed in a sealed plastic bag that is both tamper-evident and displays satisfactory proof of purchase at airport duty free shops, or on board aircraft, on the day(s) of the journey for departing as well as transfer passengers.
- 2.3 To facilitate screening and avoid a cluttered x-ray image, such plastic bags containing liquid containers shall be presented apart from other cabin baggage, coats and jackets or laptops for separate x-ray screening.

3. EFFECTIVITY

3.1 This Circular becomes effective from 1st March 2007.

4. CANCELLATION

4.1 This Circular cancels the Air Safety Circular GEN-04 Issue 01 dated 27 December 2006, which should be destroyed.

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