INTEGRATION OF AVIATION PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN INTO NATIONAL PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Memorandum of Understanding-DOH/DOT
- Organization
- Challenges

- National Department of Health is responsible for the implementation of the National Pandemic Plan.

- Under NDOH - Multiple stakeholders involved in the implementation of the National Pandemic Preparedness Plan.

- NDOH is normally not aware of the ICAO/CAA Annexes & Regulations - Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Plan.

- NDOH is overwhelmed with other public health challenges (e.g. HIV/AIDS), therefore; aviation not a priority.

- Who takes the initiative to ensure that the Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Plan is incorporated into the National Plan?

- Challenges is the extension of the implementation of International Health Regulations, extension to 2014.

- MOU-obtained permission from the DOT to draft this document on behalf of the two departments (DOH & DOT)

Memorandum of Understanding-DOH/DOT

CAA-Initiative to draft the MOU

- Guidelines used-IHR-2005
- ICAO Annexes -6,9,11,14 & 18
- Guide to Hygiene and Sanitation in Aviation
- WHO Pandemic Preparedness Plan
- Others
Participation of the following Stakeholders-Input

- WHO Representative-Overview of the IHR, how far is SA in the implementation of the IHR.

- National Department of Health Representatives (CDC, Ports Health, Epidemiology)-Progress made IHR.

- Departments at DOH, work in silos-ensure that you involve all the departments.

- Representatives from Department of Agriculture-Animal & animal product.

- CAA-Medical, Legal and Dangerous Goods Representatives

- Workshop 1 day because of the previous preparation.
Challenges

- Shortage of staff, WHO send presentation could not avail themselves.

- Extension of the implementation of the IHR by States

- In SA, although the assessment by WHO has taken place, the Acts and Regulations has not been amended.

- CDC knowledgeable, little input from Port Health Authorities.

- The proposed MOU still have to be presented to the Facilitation Committee before signature.

Memorandum of Understanding - Benefits

- Better understanding of the following IHR (24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43 & 46)


- Introduced to the National IHR Focal Person, definition of their responsibilities.

Identify the gaps in the system and propose interventions:

- Water source in the aircraft and around the airport.

- IHR Article 36: Ensure that travellers in possession of certificate of vaccine issued in conformity of Annex 6 and 7.

- Are not denied entry as a consequence of disease which the certificate refers, even when coming from an affected area unless if competent authority has verified that vaccination not ineffective.

- Were charges are made, ensure conformity of the tariff and not exceed the cost of the service.

- Screening-Entrance & Exit Screening.

- The proposed MOU is in front of you, we welcome all the comments before it can be submitted for signature.

- Drafting the Terms of References for the Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Committee, which will provide to Nancy for distribution-comments.
Dangerous Goods-CAA/Agriculture/DOH

- Handling of human remains
- Transfer of blood samples for testing.
- Food and mouth disease
- Handling of food waste from an aircraft.
- Handling of waste material from the aircraft
- Imports and exports of animals.
"That's all folks!"