International Health Regulations (IHR)
Proposed procedures for the certification of designated airports and ports

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Points of Entry

All Points of Entry (Art. 4, 5-14, 22-38, Annexes 1, 5, 8, 9)

Health Documents (Art. 39)
- Competent authorities, 4, 19, 22
- Art. 38 and Annex 9 - Health Part of the Aircraft General Declaration
- Annex 5. Specific measures for vector-borne diseases
- Art. 36, Annex 6, Annex 7 - Certificates of vaccination or other prophylaxis

Authorized ports (Art. 20) - Ship Sanitation Certificate
470 authorized ports in 25 States Parties

Designated ports and airports (Art. 5, 13, 19, 20) and ground crossings (Art. 21, “where justified”)

Core capacities (Annex 1.B): - Routine
- Response to potential PHEIC

Certified airports and ports (Art. 20)
4. WHO may, at the request of the State Party concerned, arrange to certify, after an appropriate investigation, that an airport or port in its territory meets the requirements referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article*. These certifications may be subject to periodic review by WHO, in consultation with the State Party.

*designated airport or port that has the core capacities detailed in Annex 1.B in place and these can be maintained

5. WHO, in collaboration with competent intergovernmental organizations and international bodies, shall develop and publish the certification guidelines for airports and ports under this Article. WHO shall also publish a list of certified airports and ports.
- 64 designated ports in 31 of the 35 States Parties
- 77 designated airports in 34 States Parties
- Request for certification from two States Parties
Proposed Procedures - 5 Stages

**STAGE ONE**
- Preconsultation with WHO

**STAGE TWO**
- State Party submits official request for certification, with documentation outlined in appendix 2, including self-assessment.
- WHO reviews request, acknowledges receipt and responds

**STAGE THREE**
- Assessment Team assembles
- Documentation Review

**STAGE FOUR**
- Planning for onsite verification visit
- Onsite verification visit
- Team drafts and submits assessment report

**STAGE FIVE**
- WHO evaluates team onsite verification report and recommendation
- Certification recommendation by WHO

Resources and collaboration required
- Collaboration with Air Transport sector
- Pool of experts for Assessment Team Training
Overall feasibility

- Degree of overlaps and potential synergies with Chicago Civil Aviation Convention obligations

- Potential synergies with CAPSCA

- Degree and modalities of consultation with States Parties and other international Organizations

  - 52nd PAHO Directing Council / 65th Session of the WHO Regional Committee, 30 Sept. - 4 Oct. 2013
    - Criteria to grant the additional two years’ 2014-2016 extension
      - IHR Review Committee
    - Procedures and methods to monitor the status of implementation of the Regulations, in particular beyond 2016
Thank you

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