Aeronautical Information Circular

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SUBJECT: Deaths on board aircraft

1- BODIES INVOLVED

Macau International Airport, Public Prosecutor, Health and Police Authorities and Airlines.

2- **AIM**

Establishing the procedures aimed at "releasing" the aircraft in question as soon as possible, without prejudice to applicable legal formalities.

3- PROCEDURES

- 3.1 In order to avoid undue delays for passengers, crew and aircraft, the authorities involved agreed that, in case of death on board aircraft, while waiting for the arrival of the health and police authorities, the aircraft as well as passengers and crew be released, e.g., given "free practice", when death is due to natural causes, duly certified by a doctor, other than contagious diseases, subject to the following procedures:
- 3.1.1 The pilot in command shall immediately notify Airline officials that a death occurred on board the aircraft, indicating the probable cause;
- 3.1.2 The Airline shall, as soon as possible, notify the Airport Operations Service of the occurrence (duly described), stating the apparent cause of death, as conveyed by the pilot in command.
- 3.2 The Airport Operations Service is in charge of:
- 3.2.1 Receiving and registering the notification by the Airline, stating the hour and the name of the person who conveyed the information;
- 3.2.2 Immediately informing the Airport's Public Security Police Force (CPSP), which shall arrange for the human and material resources necessary for removing the corpse;
- 3.2.3 Informing the Judiciary Police task force, indicating the probable cause of death;
- 3.2.4 Informing the doctor assigned by the Health Department;

- 3.2.5 Informing the Airport's nurse;
- 3.2.5 Informing the Airport's Transport Unit, in order that an ambulance awaits the arrival of the aircraft;
- 3.2.7 Following up the matter until it is completely settled;
- 3.2.8 After receiving information that the corpse was removed and that passengers, crew and aircraft may clear regular procedures, giving the Airline clearance. Prior to the aircraft's departure, the Airline shall hand over:
 - a) to the Airport Operations Service:

A report in three duplicates (one duplicate for the CPSP and the other for the PJ) issued by the pilot in command, stating the occurrence.

b) to the Health Control:

One duplicate of the Traffic Form along with a health statement, duly filled out and signed.

- 3.2.9 The Airport's ambulance shall only be used when, after death was confirmed, the corpse can be removed from the aircraft and the ambulance of the Conde São Januário Hospital is not available.
- 3.3 The doctor is in charge of:
- 3.3.1 In case death is due to natural causes, starting medical investigations, while awaiting the arrival of the Health Authority;
- 3.3.2 Confirming death and determining whether it was caused by contagious diseases, in particular diseases that require quarantine according to International Health Regulations;
- 3.3.3 In case death is caused by non-contagious diseases, arranging for the corpse to be unloaded and loaded into the ambulance;
- 3.3.4 Informing the Airport Operations Services that passengers, crew and aircraft may clear regular formalities;

3.3.5 - Later, the CPSP shall arrange for the corpse to be sent to the Conde São Januário Hospital, according to legal procedures.

3.4 - The Public Security Police Force is in charge of:

After being notified by the Airport Operations Services:

Placing an officer near the corpse upon arrival of the aircraft and securing the site in case of suspected unnatural death cause.

3.5.1 - The Airport Transportation service is in charge of:

Placing an ambulance near the aircraft;

- 3.5.2 After receiving the corpse, parking the ambulance as much as possible out of the public's sight (at a place to be assigned);
- 3.5.3 Awaiting instructions on whether the corpse shall be transported to a morgue or transferred to the ambulance of the Conde São Januário Hospital.
- 3.6 Airlines are in charge of:
- 3.6.1 Notifying the Airport Operations Service, as soon as possible, of the occurrence of death on board;
- 3.6.2 Removing the corpse from the aircraft and placing it in the ambulance intended for transportation;
- 3.6.3 Handing over a copy of the Traffic Form, prior to the aircraft's departure, to the Health Control, along with a health statement, duly filled out and signed.

Chairman

José Queiroz

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF MACAU

DEATH ON BOARD REPORT

FLIGHT	DATE//
DATE//	TIME (GMT)
POSITION LONGITUDE	LATITUDE
1. <u>DEAD PERSONAL DATA</u>	
MIDDLE NAME & SURNAME	FORNAME
NATIONALITY	DATE OF BIRTH
SEX	HOME ADDRESS
STATION OF EMBARKATION	DESTINATION
IDENTIFICATION / TRAVEL DOCUMENT	
IF ACCOMPANIED BY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS (FU	LL NAME, NATIONALITY AND HOME ADDRESS)
a)	
b)	
2. <u>DEATH PARTICULARS</u>	
FLIGHT ALTITUDE	CABIN ALTITUDE
APPARENT CAUSE	
DETAILS	
3. <u>CAPTAIN PERSONAL DATA</u>	
MIDDLE NAME	FORENAME