

NOTICE TO AERODROME CERTIFICATE HOLDERS (NOTAC)

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AIRPORT EMERGENCY PLANS (PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Airport emergency planning is the process of preparing an airport to cope with an emergency occurring at the airport or in its vicinity. The object of airport emergency planning is to minimize the effects of an emergency, particularly in respect of saving lives and maintaining aircraft operations. The airport emergency plan sets forth the procedures for coordinating the response of different airport agencies (or services) and those agencies (or services) in the surrounding community that could be of assistance in responding to the emergency.
- 1.2 Each airport emergency plan should be a coordinated programme between the airport and the surrounding community. This is desirable as the planning and procedures needed to handle major emergency situations on the airport are similar to other types of major emergencies that can strike a community.
- 1.3 In a medical emergency the degree or type of illness or injury and the number of persons involved will determine the extent to which the airport emergency plan is utilized.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this NOTAC is for aerodrome certificate holders to formulate procedures for public health emergencies. The recent Swine Flu scare is an example of the need to formulate procedures.

2.2 It is intended that Subpart 2 Rescue & Fire-Fighting – Emergency Planning, dealing with on aerodrome emergencies will be amended upon revision of CAR Part 9. The requirements contained in this NOTAC will be included in the regulations in due course.

3. SCOPE

3.1 The content of this NOTAC applies to all UAE certified aerodromes.

4. The Emergency Plan

4.1 The plan shall coordinate the response or participation of all existing agencies which, in the opinion of the appropriate Health Authority, could be of assistance in responding to public health emergencies.

a. On aerodrome agencies: - air traffic control, rescue & firefighting services, medical clinics (if provided), aerodrome administrations, aircraft operators, security services and airport police.

b. Off aerodrome agencies:- local police, rapid intervention units, defense fire service, local ambulance services, health authorities, local hospitals.

4.4 Procedures within the plan need to be formulated to establish communications with National Crisis & Emergency Management Authority. (NCEMA).

5 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 With immediate effect, Aerodrome Certificate Holders shall formulate procedures for public health emergencies.

5.2 All Aerodrome Emergency Plans are to include infectious diseases /epidemic handling procedures.

6. QUERIES

6.1 Any queries, further guidance or a request for NOTAC action should be submitted by email to the Chief of ANS Regulations Department at the following address:ans.reg@gcaa.ae