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PASSENGER SAFETY INFORMATION CARDS

1. SCOPE:

These recommendations are to aid the air transport industry in providing standard passenger safety information cards for use on commercial passenger carrying aircraft.

2. REFERENCES:

There are no referenced publications specified herein.

3. GENERAL PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Design and Location:

The safety information cards shall be designed and located so that the seated passenger will be able to see, and have access to, the card when placed in its normal location aboard the aircraft. It shall not be possible for the card in this location to slip out of sight of the passenger.

3.2 Content:

The safety information card shall provide the information described in Section 4. For aircraft which carry equipment for extended overwater flights, the information in Section 5 shall also be provided. The primary mode of presentation shall be pictorial. The information on the card shall apply only to the type and model airplane on which it is used.

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4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 No Smoking:

Instructions not to smoke shall be provided on each section of the safety card where appropriate.

4.2 Carry-On Baggage:

Passengers shall be instructed where to store carry-on baggage for landings and takeoffs.

4.3 Safety Belts:

Instruction for fastening, tightening, and unfastening safety belts shall be provided.

4.4 Oxygen Masks:

Locations of oxygen masks shall be indicated. Instructions for quickly donning, adjusting, and performing any actions necessary for initiating oxygen flow shall be provided. Instructions to help children don their masks only after the passenger has donned his own mask shall be provided.

4.5 Brace Positions:

Instructions on brace positions to be assumed by passengers shall be provided for all seat orientations used aboard the aircraft, i.e., forward, rearward, and sideward facing.

4.6 Individual Flotation Devices:

Locations of flotation devices, and instructions on their use when in the water, shall be provided. If flotation vests or life preservers are used, instructions for their removal from their stowed locations, package opening, donning, using the manual and oral inflation backup systems, and the operation of survivor locator lights where manual operation of such lights is required, shall be provided. If donning procedures for children and adults are different, both methods shall be depicted. If flotation seat cushions or seat backs are available, instructions for using the straps and holding the cushion when in the water shall be provided.

4.7 Passenger Exits:

Locations of each of the emergency exits shall be indicated. If exits to be used following a water landing are different from those used during a land evacuation, this should be indicated on the safety card. Passengers shall be instructed not to bring carry-on baggage to the exit. If passengers are to remove shoes, they shall be instructed to remove them before reaching the exit.

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4.8 Floor Proximity Emergency Lighting:

Passengers shall be instructed that, in case of an emergency, floor path lighting shall direct them toward exits. If exit proximity is indicated by a change in lighting color or a change in distance between the lights, this information shall be provided.

4.9 Emergency Exit Operation:

Instructions on how to open each type of emergency exit in the emergency mode shall be provided. If manual operations are needed to ensure a successful emergency evacuation (e.g., manual operation of the escape device), instructions on the additional operations shall be provided. The preferred placement of the removable hatch after an exit is opened (e.g., outside, on the seat) shall be depicted.

4.10 Use of Overwing Exit:

Instructions to walk or run on any ramp that leads from an exit shall be provided. Direction and route of escape after leaving overwing exits shall be indicated.

4.11 Use of Evacuation Slide:

Instructions to jump outward in the seated position, with legs extended, and not to sit (e.g., at the door sill) when entering the evacuation slide, shall be provided at those exits where appropriate.

4.12 Exit Row Seating:

Those sitting in exit rows shall be instructed, via the safety card, that they may be required to open the exit in an emergency and assist others. They shall be able to speak and understand English, or the appropriate language for the carrier; shall be able to see well enough to see signals from the crewmembers and assess external conditions prior to opening the exit; shall be able to understand the instructions for finding and opening the exits; shall be able to issue oral information and commands to others; shall be physically able to quickly open the exit and to go out through it; and, once outside, shall be able to help others away from the plane.

Passengers in exit row seats shall be over the age of 14 and not be travelling with children or other passengers who are physically or mentally unable to care for themselves.

Passengers in exit row seats shall be instructed they must be willing and able to perform all the actions in this paragraph or move to another seat.