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SWINE INFLUENZA UPDATE

The recent decision of the World Health Organization to raise the level of influenza alert from phase 3 to phase 4 should further prompt ICAO Member States to review their preparedness and be ready to take effective measures to prevent the spread of communicable disease, in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

During the past two years, ICAO has developed, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, International Air Transport Association, Airports Council International and other concerned parties, guidance material to assist States prepare for a serious public health event. In addition, changes to Annex 6 – *Operation of Aircraft*, Annex 9 – *Facilitation*, Annex 11 – *Air Traffic Services* (and PANS-ATM) and Annex 14 – *Aerodromes*, strengthen the Standards and Recommended Practices and Procedures dealing with public health events.

The ICAO website <http://www.icao.int/> is regularly updated and provides a link to the current guidelines – <http://www.icao.int/icao/en/med/guidelines.htm>. Directors General are urged to consult the guidelines and familiarize themselves with the relevant changes already applicable in Annex 9, as well as those in the other Annexes which become applicable in November 2009.

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