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FOREWORD

The Sixth Session of the Facilitation Division (Mexico City, March/April 1963) adopted Recommendation No. B-2 as follows:

"THE DIVISION RECOMMENDS that the Council consider ways and means of giving greater publicity to those type "B" Recommendations of the Division that have a continuing value for the different government departments interested in facilitation."

The Council, desirous of providing Contracting States with any guidance material that may assist them in achieving further FAL progress in their respective territories and recognizing the usefulness which a collective publication as envisaged in the above Recommendation may have in this connexion, requested the Air Transport Committee to look into the matter.

As a result, Circular 67-AT/8 was published in 1964, containing those FAL Division Recommendations not relating to amendment of Annex 9 as adopted by the First through Sixth Sessions which the Committee considered as being of continuing value to the various government departments concerned with facilitation matters as well as to operators of international flights and international organizations having an active interest in this sphere.

The Eighth Session of the FAL Division (Dubrovnik, March 1973), in its Recommendation No. B-17, recommended an up-dating of Circular 67-AT/8 in order, inter alia, to take into account pertinent B-type Recommendations of the Division's Seventh and Eighth Sessions and called for a periodic review of all pertinent Recommendations after each Session of the FAL Division.

The Council subsequently approved this Recommendation and requested the Secretary General to take the necessary action. Accordingly, Circular 119-AT/31 was issued in April 1974. Following the same procedure, the present document takes into account pertinent B-type Recommendations of the Ninth Session of the FAL Division as part of the periodic review.

It should be noted in this connexion that, in all cases where Council approved these Recommendations, they became, ipso facto, Recommendations of the Council itself.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Council, in the first year of the Organization's existence, decided to establish a Facilitation Division, i.e. an international body composed of senior officials in the fields of customs, immigration, public health, and quarantine, consular, tourism and aviation, for the purpose of advising it on facilitation matters. The Council decided that the work of the Division should be interpreted as covering all obstacles to aircraft, crews, passengers and cargo in international air transport arising from national laws and required forms, regulations and procedures prescribed by governmental or other public authorities and that the subjects coming under this definition included customs procedures and manifests, sanitary, public health or quarantine regulations, financial or monetary regulations, taxes, police and immigration requirements, military restrictions and the regulations imposed by national or international aeronautical authorities. The Division commenced its work in February 1946 when its First Session was convened in Montreal to lay the groundwork for the Organization's Facilitation Programme. The Second Session took place in Geneva in June 1948 and subsequent meetings were held at approximately four year intervals, i.e. the Third Session in Buenos Aires in December 1951, the Fourth in Manila in October 1955, the Fifth in Rome in December 1959, the Sixth in Mexico City in March/April 1963, the Seventh in Montreal in May 1968, the Eighth in Dubrovnik in March 1973 and the Ninth in Montreal in April 1979.

The Recommendations adopted at the various Sessions of the Division fall into two categories: those concerning amendments to Annex 9 (Facilitation) and the other type which does not affect the amendment of Annex 9. The former type of Recommendations has been designated, in the Reports of the last five Sessions, as "A" type Recommendations, while the latter have come to be referred to as "B" type Recommendations. This publication is concerned only with a selection of "B" type Recommendations shown in the left-hand column of the following pages. Some editorial changes have been made by amending references to time limits in a small number of Recommendations which otherwise appeared to be useful for republication and by replacing such words as "the Division recommends" by "it is recommended" for the reason stated in the last paragraph of the Foreword.

In the right-hand column Council action thereon is recorded in the following manner: in cases where Council action was limited to outright approval of a Recommendation, only the number and date of the meeting during which such approval was given is recorded opposite the Recommendation; in all other cases, "Notes" have been included in this right-hand column for the purpose, inter alia, of reflecting any other action taken by the Council.

For those who wish to refer to the Report of one or the other Session at which a particular Recommendation was adopted (as indicated in parenthesis under each Recommendation's heading), the document numbers of the respective Reports are listed as follows:

Fourth FAL Division Session	Doc 7642-FAL/560
Fifth FAL Division Session	Doc 8043-FAL/562
Sixth FAL Division Session	Doc 8324-FAL/563
Seventh FAL Division Session	Doc 8750-FAL/564
Eighth FAL Division Session	Doc 9055-FAL/8 (1973)
Ninth FAL Division Session	Doc 9272, FAL/9 (1979)

The Recommendations concerned can be easily traced in the pertinent Reports by first turning to the yellow-coloured Supplement issued to each of these Reports, indicating paragraph or page number in which the Recommendation in question can be found, as well as showing the Council action thereon. It will be noted that no Recommendations of the First, Second or Third Session have been included in this publication as they have become obsolete.

For the sake of convenience the Recommendations collected in this publication have been arranged under subject matters and, in addition, an index of the Recommendations contained herein is provided.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ENTRY
AND DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT

<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Date of Council action</u>
<u>Elimination of requirements of some States for visas on the General Declaration and other aircraft clearance documents</u>	
(Rec. No. B-1 of the Fifth FAL Division Session)	3rd Meeting, 39th Session, 9 March 1960
Considering that complete implementation of the relevant Annex 9 provision* is of particular importance to the facilitation of international air transport, Contracting States which still require visas or impose fees in connexion with the use of documents required for the entry and departure of aircraft are urged to re-examine their position with a view to completely eliminating such visas and fees.	
<u>Elimination of Passenger Manifests where still required**</u>	
(Rec. No. B-3 of the Sixth FAL Division Session)	1st Meeting, 49th Session, 4 June 1963 and 6th Meeting, 50th Session, 20 November 1963
Contracting States that have not already eliminated Passenger Manifests are strongly urged to review their needs for these Manifests at an early date and to dispense with them as quickly as possible.	(Note: The Council approved this Recommendation but also noted, in connexion with it that some States still appeared to require the Passenger Manifest solely for statistical purposes and that, in order to promote faster progress in eliminating the Passenger Manifest on a world-wide basis, the Air Transport Committee had authorized the Secretary General to provide at an early date, informatory material to those States still using the Passenger Manifest solely for statistical purposes of the means used by other States to obtain statistics on passengers without the use of a Passenger Manifest; in this connexion see Rec. No. B-2 of the 5th FAL Division Session, page 34 in this document.)

* i.e. paragraph 2.20 in the Eighth Edition of Annex 9.

**In this connexion, see also Standard 2.6 of Annex 9, Eighth Edition.

RecommendationsDate of Council action

Elimination of remaining requirements
for extra copies of aircraft clearance
documents

(Rec. No. B-5 of the Sixth FAL Division
Session)

1st Meeting, 49th Session, 4 June 1963

Contracting States that presently require more copies of aircraft clearance documents than are specified in Chapter 2 of Annex 9 are urged to take all necessary measures to reduce their requirements in this respect accordingly.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ENTRY
AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS AND THEIR BAGGAGE

Recommendations

Date of Council action

Continuing programmes to inform passengers
of the entry requirements and procedures

(Rec. No. B-3 of the Eighth FAL Division
Session)

5th Meeting, 79th Session, 6 June 1973

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

Airline operators, airport administrations and public services of Contracting States should maintain, and expand where possible, continuing programmes to inform passengers on a timely basis of entry requirement and procedures, particularly with respect to public health and immigration requirements, customs exemptions, prohibitions and restrictions on imports, agricultural quarantine regulations, and rates of duty on articles most commonly purchased abroad by tourists and other returning travellers.

(Note: The Council approved this recommendation and directed that it be drawn to the attention of Contracting States and such organizations as AACC, IATA, IACA and IAOPA.)

Early and full implementation of
paragraph 3.10 of Annex 9

(Rec. No. B-1 of the Ninth FAL Division
Session)

8th Meeting, 98th Session, 23 November
1979

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

Contracting States should examine, as a matter of high priority, the possibility of achieving early and full implementation of the provisions of Standard 3.10 of Annex 9.

RecommendationsDate of Council actionClearance of inbound baggage at customs
airport of final destination*

(Rec. No. B-4 of the Seventh FAL Division
Session)

7th & 9th Meetings, 65th Session, 11 & 16
December 1968

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

Contracting States make arrangements
for passengers, arriving at an
international airport of entry and
continuing their voyage on a connecting
flight of the domestic network, to allow
the checked baggage of such transferring
passengers to be cleared at the customs
airport of final destination, whenever
such clearance may be carried out by the
competent authorities at the time of
arrival of the passengers.

Inclusion in AIPs of information concerning
baggage clearance at airports of passengers'
final destination

(Rec. No. B-4 of the Eighth FAL Division
Session)

5th Meeting, 79th Session, 6 June 1973

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT

States which are prepared to accept the
arrangements for checked baggage to be
cleared through customs at the airport
of final destination should comply with
Recommendation No. B-4 adopted by the
7th Session of the Facilitation Division
by arranging for the insertion into the
FAL Section of Aeronautical Information
Publications of the list of airports in
their territories at which this measure
can be implemented.

*In this connexion, see also paragraph 3.18 of Annex 9, 8th Edition.