



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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Carriage of Deportees, Inadmissible Passengers and Persons in Custody

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Aeroplane AOC Holders
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 EU-OPS 1.265 requires that an operator should establish procedures for the transportation of inadmissible passengers, deportees or persons in custody to ensure the safety of the aeroplane and its occupants. Similarly under the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Air Operations Regulations (rule CAT.OP.MPA.155) deportees, inadmissible passengers and prisoners in custody are considered to be Special Categories of Passengers (SCPs) and must be carried under conditions that ensure the safety of the aircraft and its occupants according to procedures established by the operator.

Note: An inadmissible passenger is a passenger who is refused admission to (or transit through) the territory of a State by the authorities of that State.

- 1.2 A coroner's inquest into the death of a person in custody whilst being carried on a commercial air transport aircraft identified that first aid was not provided when the passenger became unresponsive following the use of physical restraint by the escorting personnel.
- 1.3 The coroner issued a report under Rule 43 of the Coroner's Rules 1984, which recommended a clarification of the respective responsibilities of escorting personnel and cabin crew regarding the administration of first aid in medical emergencies. The purpose of this Safety Notice is to provide clarification of those responsibilities.

2 Compliance

- 2.1 Where an operator is required to carry deportees or inadmissible passengers, or requested to carry persons in custody, special arrangements (including the provision of escorts and a risk assessment, where appropriate) are to be made by the relevant government agency, and details provided to the aircraft commander and operating crew. Where practicable, the operating crew should receive a briefing from the escorting personnel.
- 2.2 Information should be provided to the operator where a detainee has a known medical condition that may require the intervention of escorting personnel or the assistance of cabin crew.
- 2.3 Persons in custody are entitled to the same safety and welfare provisions as other passengers. Where cabin crew become concerned for a detainee's health and welfare, and believe medical assistance may be required, they should communicate with escorting personnel and ensure the aircraft commander is informed of the condition of the detainee. However, cabin crew are not expected to endanger themselves and should always assess the hazards present, in accordance with first aid protocols, before providing assistance.

3 Actions to be Taken

- 3.1 Operators should review their Operations Manuals to ensure that these include training and procedures for the carriage of deportees, inadmissible passengers and persons in custody.

4 Further Information

- 4.1 [EASA.CEAC Doc No. 30 \(Part I\)](#) contains further guidance in respect of the carriage of deportees.

5 Queries

- 5.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance from AOC holders as a result of this communication should be addressed to the assigned Flight Operations Inspector in the first instance.

6 Cancellation

- 6.1 This Safety Notice shall remain in force until 31 January 2015.