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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

SUBJECT: DOT Manual for Quarantinable Diseases

Purpose: This InFO informs air carriers of the availability of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Aviation Resource Manual for Quarantinable Diseases. The manual is for organizations involved in the response to a quarantinable disease incident of major public health significance at a United States (U.S.) international airport.

Discussion: The U.S. government has become increasingly concerned about the potential of the international airline industry to spread new or re-emerging communicable diseases. Because of the volume of travelers flowing through the more than 130 U.S. international airports, rapid, widespread dissemination of a communicable disease is possible.

This manual, written in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, was developed with input from representatives of major airlines; international airports; airline and airport associations; federal, state and local response agencies; state and local health departments; and other federal, state and local public health and emergency response stakeholders. It focuses on the recognition and control of quarantinable diseases, such as smallpox, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), and avian/pandemic flu, which require an intensive response due to their potential for widespread impact on public health.

The DOT National Aviation Resource Manual for Quarantinable Diseases can be found at the following website: <http://isddc.dot.gov/OLPFiles/OST/013334.pdf>.

Recommended Action: Directors of safety, directors of operations, fractional ownership program managers and crewmembers of operators who may be potentially involved in the response to or recovery from a quarantinable disease incident at a U.S. international airport should be aware of the availability of this manual and the guidelines it contains. The manual is designed to be used as a resource for these organizations as they develop more detailed response plans to deal with quarantinable disease. Please refer any questions or comments about this InFO to the Air Transportation Division, AFS-200 at (202) 267-8166.