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Aircraft Disinsection through Implementation of Vector (Mosquito) Control Measures

1. Legal Framework and Scope

By Decision No. D1a/CP.oik.23247 (GG 3041/B/19-Jun-2025) of the Hellenic Government, airlines and any natural or legal person, whether private or public, that owns or operates aircraft, are obliged to take mosquito control measures on aircraft arriving at Greek airports from countries/areas with established populations of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, or with recorded populations of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes and an increased estimated risk of their establishment, or from areas with other non-endemic mosquito species that may pose a public health risk.

The purpose of this Decision is to prevent the introduction and establishment of new invasive mosquito species in Greece that transmit infectious diseases, thereby avoiding adverse consequences for both public health and the economy.

The scope of this Decision includes all aircraft (private or public passenger aircraft, cargo, civil, and military) that arrive in Greek airports directly or through an intermediate stop in countries/areas included in the list posted by the Ministry of Health at the following link: <https://www.naturl.link/a3M50J>. An official English translation of the above-mentioned Decision is available here: <https://shorturl.at/mqs19>.

Single-seater and two-seater military fighter aircraft (jets) and combat helicopters are excluded from this obligation, except for those transported and stationed on a ship.

2. Vector Control Measures

In accordance with the provisions of the International Health Regulations, and specifically within the framework of implementing vector (insect) control measures of public health significance on aircraft arriving at entry points of Greek territory from a country/area listed above, aircraft must be kept free of vector mosquitoes through the application of biocides against adult mosquitoes.

Specifically, when an aircraft departs from or makes an intermediate stop in areas where vector mosquito species not established in Greece are endemic, additional public health measures must be implemented.

The recommended method is residual spraying on the interior surfaces of the aircraft, while an alternative is the application of biocides in the air (aerosol spraying) in areas of the aircraft where mosquitoes may be present.

The methods, procedures, and precautions for residual spraying, as well as for aerosol spraying, are described in the WHO manual titled "Methods and Procedures for Aircraft Disinsection", available on the Ministry of Health website.

Residual spraying must only be carried out by licensed disinsection personnel, under the supervision of competent scientific staff to ensure correct and safe application.

When aerosol spraying in the passenger cabin is performed by the aircraft's crew, passengers must be informed in advance—prior to boarding—of the purpose and necessity of the application, as well as the type of biocide formulation to be used.

If a passenger informs the crew of a serious medical condition that may be affected by the spraying, they must be allowed to disembark before spraying, leaving their luggage on board.

When the aerosol spraying method is used, all fully or partially used aerosol containers must remain on the aircraft so that the Authorities mentioned in Article 5 can inspect them upon arrival, if deemed necessary.

3. Documentation Requirements

Each residual spraying application must be accompanied by a Certificate of Residual Disinsection – biocide application against mosquitoes in aircraft, in accordance with WHO guideline standards. The ICAO Annex 9, Facilitation, Appendix 4 "Certificate of Residual Disinsection" form must be completed, duly signed, and made available for inspection by the competent Authorities listed in Section 4.

Each aerosol spraying application must be recorded in the ICAO Annex 9, Facilitation, Appendix 1 "General Declaration" form, which must be available for inspection by the competent Authorities of Section 4.

Aircraft operators or authorized representatives of the obligated aircraft must notify the competent Authorities at the arrival airport only if mosquito disinsection has not been performed.

Obligated aircraft operators must keep copies of the Certificate of Residual Disinsection and the General Declaration for three months, to be made available to the inspection Authorities of Section 4 upon request.

4. Competent Authorities

Competent Authorities at airports—excluding military airports—for the mandatory inspection of the Certificate of Residual Disinsection and/or the General Declaration are:

- ❖ The Aero-Health Authority of LGAV Airport
- ❖ The Public Health and Health Control Services of the Regions/Regional Units at airports within their jurisdiction.

The competent Authority at military airports is the Health Service of the respective military airport.

At joint-use airports, inspection authority is divided between the competent civil and military Authorities depending on the nature of the aircraft.

Airport management bodies are obliged to notify the Inspection Authorities in an appropriate manner and within a reasonable time, of the details of flights from countries on the list in Section 1, including flight number, date and time of arrival, and the name of the operator.

Airlines/operators may request from the Inspection Services the reason for the aircraft disinsection requirement.

5. Measures in Case of Non-Compliance

In case of non-compliance with the measures described in Sections 2 and 3, the aircraft will be restricted to a designated area of the airport, with no boarding or disembarkation permitted (except for passengers with medical conditions as per Section 2), and no loading or unloading. Refueling, and the loading of water, food, and supplies will be permitted under the supervision of the competent Authorities, until aerosol spraying is carried out at the arrival airport under the responsibility of the aircraft's pilot.

If cabin spraying upon arrival is required, passengers with medical concerns about aerosol spraying may disembark without their hand luggage and wait until the disinsection is completed. After all other passengers have disembarked, they may reboard to collect their belongings.

The provision of the appropriate approved biocide formulation is the responsibility of the obligated parties described in Section 1.

Note: AIC A01/24 dated 27 JUN 2024 is hereby cancelled.