

Comments submitted on behalf of Pakistan International Airways per their request of September 11, 2000:

PK MEDICAL DEPARTMENT HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE SUBJECT AND SUGGESTED FOLLOWING :

1. THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED'S) SHOULD BE MADE MANDATORY ONBOARD THE PLANE. SINCE THE CARDIAC EVENTS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS UNPREDICTABLE, WOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO EQUIP ENTIRE FLEET WITH AED'S?
2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL KIT MAY BE DIVIDED INTO TWO TYPES, ONE FOR THE USE OF CABIN CREW AND SECOND FOR THE PHYSICIANS TRAVELLING ABROAD.
3. FOR CARDIAC RELATED EVENTS, DIVERSION OF FLIGHTS FOR PASSENGER MEDICAL EMERGENCIES COULD BE MINIMISED AND FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING ON ENHANCED MEDICAL KITS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE MANDATORY FOR BOTH FLIGHT AND CABIN CREW.
4. AT LEAST ONE FLIGHT ATTENDANT TRAINED IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON BOARD.
5. COCKPIT AND CABIN CREW SHOULD BE ABLE TO INSTITUTE IV FLUIDS. ALL COCKPIT/CABIN CREW SHOULD ACQUIRE BASIC TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT.

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