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05 <sup>th</sup> March	Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority		2012
2012	SEYCHELLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT		Permanent / Compliance
		AIRSIDE NOTICE	
INTENDED RECIPIENTS:		All Airside Users	
SUBJECT:		High Visibility Safety Vests	

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Further to the decision of the Airside Operations Committee (AsOC) meeting of February 2012, this Airside Notice serves to provide additional information and explanation with regards to the requirement to wear High Visibility Safety Vests (HVSV) on the Movement Areas of the Seychelles International Airport (SIA).

Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority (Aerodrome) Orders 2010 makes provision for this requirement under Order 73 as follows;

73. All personnel, other than passengers, entering any portion of the movement area or anywhere within the runway or taxiway safety strip, outside of a vehicle, shall at all times wear a high visibility safety vest of such standard as shall be approved by the chief executive officer.

#### 2. DEFFINITION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

The SCAA hereby provides the specifications that are required by this order as follows;

COLOUR: The basic colour of the background material of the HVSV shall be orange, yellow or lime green.

STNADARD: Comply with Class 2 of the European Standard EN 471, British Standard BS EN 471 or American Standard ANSI 107 in the following aspects;

- (i) minimum area of  $0.5m^2$  of background material.
- (ii) minimum area of 0.13m<sup>2</sup> of retro reflective material.

Attached to this Notice are examples of the above standards.

By 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012, all persons operating on the movement areas will need to comply with the above.

Please note the meaning of 'Movement Areas' which as per ICAO definition includes the runway, taxiways and aprons including the Northern Parking Area.

Runway and taxiways safety strips are the grass areas adjacent the runway and taxiways which at SIA is 150m each side of the runway centerline and 48 metres each side of the taxiway centerline.

For the time being until then, SCAA will continue to allow persons to wear whatever type that they have already. We reserve the right however to deny entry or to require persons to change into a proper one should we be of the opinion that what they are wearing does not adequately serve the purpose of a HVSV.

Should any entity be of the view that there should be a difference for them they are required to request from SCAA in writing by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 with full justifications.

#### 3. WEARING HVSV

As clearly stated, it is mandatory to wear HVSV on movement areas.

However for their own personal safety, airport workers particularly those on or vicinity of roads or work-in-progress areas are encouraged to also wear their HVSV.

When wearing a HVSV on movement areas, it should be closed in the front (not be left open). This will be enforced with immediately.

### 4. OTHER HIGH VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Persons wearing raincoats or overalls on the movement areas should also comply with the high visibility requirements. For example; raincoats should meet the requirements stated above. Also attached are examples of such raincoats.

#### 5. COMPANY DESIGNATIONS

Company designations and / or logos should clearly be marked on the back of the HVSV. The use of other markings such as numbers and post designation are not mandatory but are authorized.

#### 6. EXEMPTIONS

For practical reasons, the Airside Operations Section will require to provide exemptions for justifiable reasons when these become necessary. Exemptions can either be long term as for example for protocol reasons in which case it will be in writing from the office of Airport Manager (Airside Operations) and subject to conditions, or for a specific activity and issued at the given time by the Duty Airside Operations Officer. All Enforcement Officers on duty will be aware when these has been issued.

#### 7. PURCHASING ADVICE

We wish to advise companies that there are a lot of vests on the market which claim to be proper high visibility safety vests when in actual fact they are not. The use of non-retro-reflective materials as stripes are common. These will not be acceptable as per the standard above. Companies are therefore advised to verify with the Airside Operations Section if they are not sure of their order.

#### 8. PENALTIES

Failure to wear the HVSV as per Oder 73 and in contravention to this Airside Notice is an offence under the SCAA Aerodrome Orders 2010 and is punishable by a fine which for the time being is set at R100. Continuous non-compliance will result in more serious actions culminating in suspension of Airport Entry Permit.

#### 9. CONCLUSION

The requirement to wear the HVSV is necessary for the safety of all airside users and to meet our obligations as an international airport particularly the requirements for airport certification.

We request that the content of this Airside Notice is given due attention and complied with. Please ensure that this notice is brought to the attention of all airside staff. Should any further information be required, please contact the Airside Operations Section of the SCAA. We thank you for your continuing understanding and support.

Thank you

Mr. GILBERT FAURE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SEYCHELLES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

# High Visibility Safety Vest

### Front View of HVSV



**NORMAL** 



NET TYPE (Suitable for working in heat conditions)

**Rear View of HVSV** 



**PLAIN** 



WITH COMPANY NAME AND STAFF NUMBER

## RAINCOAT

Top Part



**Bottom Part** 

