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EAGOSH Recommendation No 1 Safe Operation of Aircraft Doors and Stairs



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EAGOSH Recommendation

 Airline experience shows that several accidents and incidents are caused by POOR COMMUNICATION and ambiguous SIGNALS used for giving the clearance either to use a stair or for stair removal



EAGOSH Recommendation

 To improve safety EAGOSH recommends to change the signals used for door and stair operation as published in IATA Document AHM 810 to the following clear and unique signals and procedures



EAGOSH Recommendation (1.)

Signals used for placing stairs



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Signal

Stair Operator: Knocking at the door

Action

Crewmember: Open the door

Signal

Stair Operator: Thumb up signal shown to

the flight attendant

Action

Crewmember: Stair ready for user



EXIT

EAGOSH Recommendation (2.)

Signals used for removal of stairs with doors open





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Signals used for removal of stairs with doors open

Signal

Stair Operator: Verbal communication "Clear to remove?"

Signal

Crewmember: Thumb up signal or verbal communication

"Clear to remove!"

Action

Stair Operator: Immediate removal of the stair

Crewmember: Immediate closing of the door



EAGOSH Recommendation (3.)

Signals used for removal of stairs with doors closed



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Signals used for removal of stairs with doors closed

Signal

Stair Operator: Knocking at the door

Action

Crewmember: Open the door

Signal

Stair Operator: Verbal communication "Clear to remove?"

Signal

Crewmember: Thumb up signal or verbal communication

"Clear to remove!"

Action

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EAGOSH Recommendation (5.)

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 As a matter of principle passenger jetways/stairs or servicing equipment shall be removed from the aircraft only after the responsible crew member for the cabin door has agreed - if the crew is on board- and the door has been closed.



EAGOSH Recommendation (6.)

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 If passenger jetways/stairs or service equipment are used, which do not permit closing of the door prior to the removal of the equipment, the respective doors must be secured with door safety strap and must be closed immediately after the equipment has been removed from the aircraft.

