

Minutes

EAGOSH Seminar in Seeheim/Germany
19./20. November 2001

Presiding: Willy Pfister, Director Corporate Safety, SR Technics, ZRH
General Chairman EAGOSH

14:00 The chairman welcomed about 30 attendees from all over Europe and the USA. Emergency exits were identified and shown, followed by an advice of housekeeping matters and selfintroduction by all participants.

14:15 Dieter Pietsch of H.D.P. Safety Services took over in order to preside the following seminar.

14:20	Machinery Directive and Standardization of GSE Juergen von Hoff, Berufsgenossenschaft fuer Fahrzeughaltungen
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Juergen explained the Machinery Directive, especially Article 8(2) of 98/37/EG and Annexes I and IV. Annex 4 deals with dangerous machinery with emphasis on lifting devices and the hazard of persons falling from a height of 3 m or more. Article 8 deals with EC Type Examinations and conformity to harmonized standards.

Aircraft Ground Support Equipment standardization by CEN and the different working groups was introduced. There are 20 specific CEN standards EN12312 parts 1 to 20 and the basic standard EN 1915 parts 1 - 4. The basic standard (parts 1 & 2) is already ratified and available on the market. Parts 3 & 4 are released by the Technical Committee for CEN enquiry. Approximately 6 of the specific standards are on the way to be published by the end of this calendar year.

15:15	Desinsection of Aircraft Dr. Christian Felten, BFG
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Dr. Felten conducted a very interesting presentation dealing with all kind of insects to be found in the aviation industry and the problem of disinsection of aircraft and its related consequences. Disinsection is presently accomplished by use of spray cans during flights to various countries especially in the Far East and Latin America. Health and legal problems were discussed indepth.

16:30	Dangerous Goods left by Passengers Dieter Pietsch, H.D.P. Safety Services
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This topic has been added to the agenda due to a world wide problem of a

legal deposit of dangerous materials which have been withdrawn from airline passengers prior to boarding an aircraft. Various recommendations have been discussed how to solve the problem and how to fairly divide the costs. There is no final answer yet.

17:30 Swap Shop Presentations and items will not be recorded !

In this session, cases have been discussed such as accidents, incidents and other safety related matters. Subject information will NOT be recorded.

18:30 Information from Affiliated Members

Affiliated members s.a. equipment manufacturers etc had the chance to introduce themselves and their occupation including their products, but this was not considered to be a sales event. It has been agreed on, that this topic will be part of all future meetings in order to ease new membership.

Day 2

Tuesday, 20.11.01

08:30 Chairman's Welcome and General Assembly

Willy Pfister welcomed new attendees and thanked the sponsors. On the General Assembly he informed about the EAGOSH structure, web site, the meeting schedule for future years (available on the home page) and other safety related organizations.

09:30 Juergen von Hoff presiding the Tuesday seminar

Jim Swartz reported about the NSC conference 2001 in Atlanta, GA. USA and also presented a draft paper to the chairman about severe weather conditions and related safety requirements. This document is the result of an ARTEX working group and Jim Stephan's (DL) work as chairman of the IATA working group on the same subject.

Joachim Klaus presented the final version of a recommending document on the safe operation of Aircraft Doors and Stairs. The paper was discussed and agreed to transfer it onto the EAGOSH home page.

Chris Moore of The Airside Training Co. Ltd presented a video, dealing with the illegal “import” (smuggling) of animal meat (bush meat) into the UK by air transport. This film dramatically identified the unbelievable amounts of raw meat originating from almost all continents being transported within passenger baggage and the related hygienic problems. Chris offered to perform a presentation with indepth information at the May 2002 seminar.

10:30

Preventive Fire Fighting from an Authority Point of View

Christian Winkler, Fire Department Directory City of Frankfurt

Christian Winkler conducted a power point presentation about the view of a fire inspector when he has to review “blue prints” for new buildings, inspect existing buildings and the specific use according to the “state’s” building codes, as well as to consult companies about fire extinguishing equipment for buildings, training requirements and emergency procedures and the related signage for emergency routes and exits. (Presentation on the EAGOSH home page).

12:00

Load and Stress for Manual Baggage and Cargo Handlers at DUS Airport

Gerhard. S. Franz BGF Hamburg

Gerhard Franz presented a risk assessment driven excellent prepared session about the stresses and the different loads on the human body when persons are handling passenger baggage at the check-in counters and baggage “make-up” rooms as well as during aircraft loading/off-loading processes. Many different types of measuring processes have been used to identify the various stresses onto the body and documentation was completed to comply with the German Arbeitsschutzgesetz (Labour of Safety Law). A mechanical aid (pneumatic driven hoist) was introduced. This system helps to reduce the muscular stresses, especially when the body must be turned to move heavy baggage onto a cart or into the aircraft or containers.

12:45

EU Project on Manual Handling at Airports

Denis Murray AerRianta and Caroline Duignan, University Galway

Denis Murray opened this session and introduced Caroline Duignan who works on the EU project together with AerRianta. Caroline presented her study, the results and the progress made within a time frame of 3 years. Subject study identifies how different age groups are handling weights and how their body parts are stressed and endangered. The scientific research

was well documented and supported by tables, facts and numbers. The study is ongoing. For more detailed information it is planned to transfer the presentation onto the EAGOSH home page during the coming days.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30

Respectfully submitted

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