IFALPA COLLABORATES WITH ICAO
2011-2012 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDANCE FOR AIRLINES

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA) announced on 21st February that as a result of its collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the latest (2011-2012) edition of *The ICAO Emergency Response Guidance Manual* (ERG) has been published.

*The International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations.*

“Red Book,” as the ERG is known, is the industry’s standard guide for aircraft incidents involving dangerous goods, and contains general information on the factors that may need to be considered when dealing with such incidents. Guidance, in the form of checklists, is given for both flight and cabin crew, and is intended to be used in association with existing emergency procedures established in the aircraft flight manual.

Commenting on the project, Captain Carlos Limon, President of IFALPA, said, “Airlines with aircraft transporting dangerous goods must have information at all times available to the pilot-in-command in order to effectively respond to accidents and incidents involving dangerous goods. The ICAO Red Book is that document, and IFALPA’s participation encourages all airlines to be in compliance with this requirement to improve flight safety worldwide.”

The ICAO ERG includes a new pullout Aircraft Emergency Response Drill Code card in pink to make it more visible in the event of cabin smoke. In the manual, a list of dangerous goods is presented, both alphabetically and by United Nations (UN) number. The ICAO ERG is revised by the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel.

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