PASSENGER SAFETY BRIEFING CARDS: CONTENTS

The passenger safety-briefing card should be designed and located so that the seated passenger will be able to see and have access to the card when it is placed in its normal location aboard the aircraft. The method used to depict equipment and actions can be pictures of people, diagrams, drawings, words, or combinations of these. The use of international symbols is encouraged. All depictions should be easy to understand and not complex.

Passenger safety briefing cards should contain only information that is essential to safety. Information on the safety briefing cards should include:

a. Passenger compliance with safety information including signs, placards, and the instructions of crewmembers.

b. **Smoking:** The cards should inform passengers that smoking is prohibited.

c. **Seatbelts:** The cards should have instructions for fastening, tightening, and unfastening seatbelts.

d. **Seat backs:** The cards should contain information that seat backs must be in the upright position for takeoff and landing.

e. **Exit locations and exit operations:** The cards should give the location of every available exit in the cabin and must contain diagrams depicting the opening of each exit type, and any manual operations necessary to successfully complete an evacuation such as manual inflation of the evacuation slide or the recommended placement of the hatch on the seat or outside the aircraft.

f. The cards should inform passengers not to put carry-on baggage under the seats at the emergency exits.

g. **Evacuation slide use:** If the aircraft is equipped, the cards should contain instructions for passengers to jump outward in the seated position with legs extended, and not to sit (e.g., at the door sill) when entering the evacuation slide.

h. **Over-wing exit use:** If the aircraft has over-wing exits, the cards should contain instructions illustrating the proper method of aggressing through an over-wing exit.

i. **Brace position:** The cards should contain information about protective brace positions to be assumed by passengers, including children, in all seat orientations (i.e., forward-, aft-, and side-facing) and all seat spacing for that aircraft.

j. **Oxygen masks:** The cards should contain instructions on the location, donning, and means for adjusting oxygen masks, any further actions needed to start the flow of oxygen and instructions to passengers to don their own oxygen mask before assisting children with their masks.

k. **Fire extinguishers:** The cards should depict the location of each available fire extinguisher, show how to remove it from the holder, and give a description of its proper operation.

l. **Survival equipment:** The cards should provide information about the location of survival equipment.

m. **Individual flotation devices:** The cards should depict the stowage location and contain instructions concerning usage as appropriate.

n. **Extended over-water operations:** When a life raft is required in extended over-water operations, the cards should depict life raft and slide/raft stowage, launching, and securing locations. The cards also should contain instructions concerning the preparation for use inflation methods, and means for securing rafts to the aircraft.

o. **Supplemental information:** The cards may contain supplemental instructions. For example, for takeoff and landing, carry-on baggage and tray tables must be properly stowed and seat backs must be placed in their fully up right position.

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