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### **AIR TRAVEL RELATED MEASURES FOR THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

This has reference to the Travel Advisory No. 4 of 20 July 2020 issued by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Government has been instituting various preventive measures with a goal of limiting the spread of Corona virus (COVID-19) in the country. Currently, there is a decreasing trend of admitted COVID-19 cases in the country. However, there is a likelihood of importation of cases from other countries. This has necessitated review of AIC No. 10/20 (White 138) of 18 May 2020 to accommodate additional measures related to International travel. In view of this fact, all Air operators, Travelers to/out of the United Republic of Tanzania and other aviation stakeholders are advised to observe the following:

1. Effective 18 May 2020, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has lifted the restriction of authorizations for scheduled and non-scheduled international passenger flights into and out of United Republic of Tanzania which has been in effect since 11 April 2020. This therefore means, international commercial flight operations are resumed. This is still in effect;
2. All Travelers whether foreigners or returning residents entering or leaving the United Republic of Tanzania will be subjected to enhanced screening for COVID-19 infection. There will be no 14 days mandatory quarantine. This is still in effect;
3. All Travelers whether foreigners or returning residents entering the United Republic of Tanzania will be required to present a valid **NEGATIVE COVID-19 certificate** from an approved laboratory in a departure country, tested within 72 hours before travel. Upon arrival, Travelers with signs and symptoms related to COVID-19 may undergo testing;
4. All International Travelers and service providers at Airports should observe adherence to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, wearing mask and keeping physical distancing as appropriate;
5. All Travelers are required to truthfully fill out Traveler's Surveillance Form available onboard or in any other transport means and submit to Port Health Authorities upon arrival;

6. All International arriving passengers shall dispose-of their masks after use during travel at designated waste collection containers upon arrival;
7. All arriving/departing flights must provide Advance Passenger Information so as to allow the Points of Entry Authorities to scrutinize the manifest for possible high-risk passenger identification;
8. Cargo flights will be allowed based on respective Bilateral Air Services Agreements (BASAs) between United Republic of Tanzania and other countries. This rescinds any prior arrangement contrary to BASAs;
9. The Government, upon fulfillment of applicable requirements by operators, will continue to authorize flight operations into the United Republic of Tanzania for different purposes including overflights, humanitarian aid, medical and relief, diplomatic missions and other safety-related operations;
10. Pilot in-command of a flight should prior to arrival, submit to Port Health Authority the duly filled-in flight health declaration forms (Health Part of the Aircraft General Declaration);
11. All Airports must ensure availability and effective use of sanitizers at multiple locations at their respective Terminal Buildings;
12. Aircraft will be subjected to decontamination if deemed necessary;
13. All Stakeholders should undertake all other measures in line with respective Airport Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Plans;
14. Measures to be observed for crew:
  - a) Crew members will be subjected to an enhanced screening at Airports of entry and may be isolated in accordance with applicable procedures as may be issued by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, in case they are suspected of COVID-19 infection;
  - b) In case crew are quarantined or isolated while in transit, aircraft owners/operators must make necessary arrangements to back-up their crew to ensure that goods/passengers reach their intended destination.
15. In case of any medical emergency while in the United Republic of Tanzania, please call the toll-free Health Emergency Number 199.
16. This Circular replaces earlier Circulars issued on this subject.

This Circular will be updated as the situation evolves, and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania gives more directives on this pandemic.

***Cancel AIC 10/20 (White 138)***