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Republic of Maldives

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)

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1.0 Introduction

As part of the planned activities outlined by the Government of the Maldives to ease the travel restrictions, all international airports in the Maldives were opened for international travel from 15th July 2020 with precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19, which are being reviewed from time to time.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this Circular is to advise the airlines, aircraft operators and the relevant airport authorities on the health measures taken by the Government of the Maldives relating to the entry of passengers and crew with effect from 10th September 2020.

3.0 Requirements

3.1.0 Inflight

3.1.1 The following announcement should be made inflight:-

The following are the health measures requested by the Health Protection Agency of Maldives:

“Please wear your mask during the flight and inside the terminal at your destination.

If you have developed any of the following symptoms;

- Fever,
- Cough,
- Sore throat,
- Runny nose,
- Breathing difficulty,

Please stay in your seat and inform the cabin crew.

If you develop any of these symptoms upon arrival, please inform the Immigration desk or the Border Health desk”

3.1.2 Airlines must ensure that the following measures are taken on-board an aircraft by passengers during a flight into Maldives:

(a) Every passenger on board wears a mask, unless he or she:

- (i) is less than 6 years old,
- (ii) is having a medical reason for not wearing facemasks,
- (iii) is eating, drinking or taking oral medication,
- (iv) is removing the mask under a crew member's direction

(b) Passengers must be advised to replace face masks when it becomes wet or soiled.



3.2.0 On Arrival;

3.2.1 Tourists travelling to the Maldives will be provided visa on arrival. Tourists must have a hotel reservation confirmation for the entire stay in a registered tourist facility.

3.2.2 Expatriates travelling to the Maldives shall hold a valid visa issued by Maldives Immigration.

3.2.3 Passengers entering into Maldives under Tourist, Business and Special Visas and Ship crew arriving to sign-on are required to present COVID-19 Negative PCR Test Results, with the sample taken 72hrs prior to departure counting from the first port of embarkation en-route to the Maldives. The operating airline should verify whether passengers are in possession of such COVID-19 Negative PCR Test results prior to boarding at the point of origin. The document containing the result should clearly show the name and address of the laboratory, the result and the date and time of sample taken. Possession of a PCR Negative result does not preclude the authorities subjecting such passengers to screening or any other surveillance measures at points of entry.

3.2.4 The following categories of travelers are exempted from pre-arrival PCR test requirements;

- (a) Citizens of Maldives
- (b) Holders of Employment Visas
- (c) Holders of Dependent Visas
- (d) Holders of Student Visas
- (e) Holders of Marriage Visas
- (f) Children below one year of age
- (g) Flight crew arriving on General Declaration

3.2.5 All arriving passengers should complete and submit the online Traveller Health Declaration form before arrival (but not exceeding 24 hours before arrival time). If the passenger has the COVID-19 Negative PCR Test Result document, it must be attached while completing Traveller Health Declaration form. The Traveller Health Declaration form is available from Maldives <https://www.imuga.immigration.gov.mv/>

3.2.6 All arriving passengers should report to the Immigration counter if they have fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat or breathing difficulties or report directly to the International Border Health counter.

3.2.7 Passengers except Flight crew arriving on General Declaration and Children below one year of age travelling with families of Tourists, are required to undergo mandatory home quarantine (in their place of residency or work) for 14 days, conduct test for Covid-19 and obtain a COVID-19 Negative PCR Test Result before they are released from quarantine. Health Protection Agency's Guideline for Quarantine: - "Travel related Home Quarantine procedure for those travelling from abroad returning to Male' and travelling from Male' to other islands" is available from <https://covid19.health.gov.mv/downloads/>

3.3.0 On Departure;

3.3.1 It is the responsibility of the passenger and crew to fulfil the health requirements for the country of departure. If required, passenger and crew must carry COVID-19 Negative PCR Test Results with them when arriving at the airport check-in counter.

3.4.2 All departing passengers and crew must report to the COVID-19 hotline number 1676 if they are having any of the following symptoms, within 24hrs of their departure time;

- Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, or breathing difficulties.
- They must verify with the COVID-19 hotline if they need to cancel their current booking.

3.4.3 All departing passengers must complete the online Traveller Health Declaration form for departure. The Health Declaration form for departure must be submitted before the time of departure but not exceed 24hrs before the time of departure. The online Traveller Health Declaration form is available from Maldives <https://www.imuga.immigration.gov.mv/>



4.0 Applicability

4.1 The requirements in this Circular applies to all international airlines, aircraft operators operating to and from the Maldives and relevant airport authorities in the Maldives.

5.0 Effectivity

5.1 This Circular will come into effect from 11th September 2020, and will supersede Circular AT 14/2020 – Issue 01, dated 03rd September 2020.



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