MALDIVES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
Republic of Maldives

AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR AT 13/2020

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

27th June 2020

1.0 **Introduction**

As part of the planned activities outlined by the Government Maldives to further ease the existing precautionary measures against the spread COVID-19 and accelerate the country's economic recovery, the Government has announced that all international airports in the Maldives will be opened for international travel from 15th July 2020.

2.0 **Purpose**

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 effective 15th July 2020.

3.0 **Requirements**

3.1.0 On Arrival;

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 All arrival passengers should complete their online Health Declaration Forms before arrival (but not exceed 24 hours before arrival time).

3.1.3 The following announcement should be made inflight:-

"The following are health measures requested by the Health Protection Agency of Maldives.
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. You are advised to wear the face mask at all times during the flights.

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

If you develop any of these symptoms after arriving in Maldives: Please call the COVID-19 HOTLINE: 1676 and inform them of your symptoms."

3.1.4 Airlines must ensure that the following measures are taken onboard an aircraft by passengers during a flight into Maldives:

(a) that 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.

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

3.2.0 On Departure;

3.2.1 It is the responsibility of the passenger and crew to fulfil the health requirements for the country of departure. Passenger must carry the required test results with them when arriving at the departure check-in counter.

3.2.2 All departure passengers and crew must report to the COVID-19 hotline: 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.

3.2.3 All departure passengers/crew must complete the online Health Declaration form for departure. The Health Declaration form for departure must be filled before the time of departure but not exceed 24hrs before the time of departure.

4.0 Applicability

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

5.0 Effectivity

5.1 This Circular will come into effect from 15th July 2020, and will supersede Air Transport Circulars - AT 02/2020 dated 02nd February 2020 and AT 12/2020 dated 23rd March 2020.

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