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Accommodation in Sri Lanka for Airline Crew Members

My letter No. DQ/06/2020 dated 2021/10/12 on Accommodation in Sri Lanka for Airline Crew Members is hereby cancelled.

Below measures shall be adopted by the airline and aircraft operators, crew members, local airline representatives and the hotel management.

1. At all times, airline / aircraft operators and crew members shall comply with health regulations, guidelines and policies in Sri Lanka.
2. When applying for the approval for landing, details of the selected hotel shall be submitted to CAASL (flightpermission@caa.lk) and copied to dater@caa.lk and scaimed@caa.lk by airline/ aircraft operators. Any changes to the selected hotel shall be informed immediately to CAASL.
3. All airline crew members arriving in Sri Lanka should mandatorily carry a negative COVID-19 PCR test report in English language done within 72 hours prior to embarkation.
If the crew member has a history of COVID-19 infection during last three months, instead of a PCR test, they could arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation. They should carry a diagnosis card or verifiable evidence or positive PCR report or positive Rapid Antigen Test report as a proof of past history of illness (in English). shall arrive with a Pre departure COVID-19 report as mentioned below.
4. Airline crew members who are fully vaccinated and departs from abroad after two weeks of vaccination with a negative pre departure negative COVID-19 test report as mentioned in No. 3 will not be subjected to Day One (On arrival) PCR testing and shall stay in a hotel selected by the airline.
5. Airline crew members with a history of COVID-19 within past six months and if arriving only with a single dose of recommended vaccine taken two weeks after the recovery (as mentioned in existing health protocols for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka), will not be subjected to Day One PCR testing. They have to verify past history of disease and vaccination status with relevant documents (in English).
6. Airline crew members who are not fully vaccinated or not fulfilled the criteria mentioned in No. 5 above shall be allowed to stay in the same hotel with their accompanying fully vaccinated crew members and they shall be quarantined in the hotel room until their departure. They are allowed to

travel back during the quarantine period and should directly return to the airport without any stopovers.

7. If the whole crew is not fully vaccinated, airlines shall be allowed to accommodate their crew members in a hotel selected by the airline and all crew members shall be quarantined in their hotel rooms until their departure. They are allowed to travel back during the quarantine period and should directly return to the airport without any stopovers.
8. All crew members who are not fully vaccinated or not fulfilled the criteria mentioned in No. 5 above have to be subjected to Day One (On arrival) PCR testing only if they are laying over in Sri Lanka for 72 hours or more.
9. The airline/ aircraft operators and the hotel management are responsible for the transportation of crew members from the airport to the hotel and back to the airport adhering to health regulations and guidelines in Sri Lanka.
10. Crew members shall wear a mask at the airport, throughout the travel to and from the hotel, outside the hotel room or in case of an emergency, if in contact with outsiders during their stay at the hotel room as per the health protocols.
11. If crew members develop fever or any other symptom of COVID-19, they shall inform the hotel management, where the hotel management shall in turn inform the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH).
12. The airline / aircraft operators shall liaise with a Health Ministry approved private sector laboratory to conduct the PCR testing of foreign airline crew as per the existing health protocols.



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