

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka

Special Direction

(Issued under Sec. 121, Civil Aviation Act No. 14 of 2010)

Title: Quarantine and preventive measures for Travellers and Crew members arriving from overseas or in flights originated from Sri Lanka during the pandemic of COVID-19.

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Pursuant to Section 121 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, Director General of Civil Aviation shall have the power to issue, whenever he considers it necessary or appropriate to do so, such Special Directions for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provision in the Civil Aviation Act, any Regulations or Rules made thereunder including the Articles of the Convention on International Civil Aviation which are specified in the Schedule to the Civil Aviation Act.

Accordingly, I, being the Director General of Civil Aviation do hereby issue the Special Direction as mentioned in the Attachment hereto (Ref: CA-SD-AMS-2021-003-Att-01) , for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions in the aforementioned Act and Standards & Procedures described under Article 37 of the Convention, which are specified in the Attachment.

This Special Direction supersedes SLCASD- 019 (CAASL-AMS-COVID 19-SP-05) dated 20th March 2021, shall come in to force with immediate effect and remain until revoked.

Attention is also drawn to Section 103 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, which states inter alia that failure to comply with Special Direction, issued by DGCA is an offence.


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Special Direction

SD-20: Quarantine and preventive measures for Travellers and Crew members arriving from overseas or in flights originated from Sri Lanka during the pandemic of COVID-19.

1. Summary of Documents

- (i) Appendix A - General Guidance applicable to all Arrivals via Airports in Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Appendix B - Specific Procedures In Relation To Airline Crew Based In Sri Lanka and Foreign Airline Crew on a Layover in Sri Lanka.

1.1 Latest News from Ministry of Health.

- (i) Please visit the Ministry of Health website news page and download the latest documents relevant to your individual requirements as and when needed: (http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999).

2. Introduction

2.1. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disrupted the global air transport system and resulted in a crisis of the entire aviation industry. At present the crisis situation due to COVID-19 has remarkably improved and the health sector has relaxed the restrictions to the Public and the transport industry. In that aspect a revision of guidelines related to health measures has been performed. This Special Direction, 05th Edition focuses on the latest guidelines published by the Ministry of Health for the operations of the aviation industry especially the international airports facilities, Airline services and services for traffic.

2.2. The essence of this Special Direction is laid down in the latest guidelines published by the Ministry of Health namely:

- (i) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 09.06.2022
Directions of the Proper authority for the whole of Sri Lanka issued as Press Release.
- (ii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 09.06.2022
Preventive Measures for Airline Crew Members
- (iii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 17.06.2022
COVID-19 insurance coverage for Foreign Passport Holders

Note: In the event of any discrepancy between the aforementioned guidelines, this Special Directions gives priority to the latest publications issued by the Ministry of Health.

- 2.3. This guideline consists of Appendix A, B & C according to the regularity requirements for easy referral.
- 2.4. This guideline document in the form of a Special Direction is published by the CAASL to provide operational recommendations for all Stakeholders involved in the aviation industry and at the Airports. This Special Direction incorporates the above guidelines of the Ministry of Health after careful deliberation & study of compatibility with ICAO and WHO standards. All relevant Aviation Industry Stakeholders shall comply with the requirements of this document strictly until further notice.

3. Abbreviations

(i)	CAASL	–	Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
(ii)	DGCA	-	Director General of Civil Aviation
(iii)	DGHS	–	Director General of Health Services
(iv)	HDF	-	Health Declaration Form
(v)	ICAO	–	International Civil Aviation Organization
(vi)	MoH	–	Ministry of Health
(vii)	COVID-19 PCR Tests	-	COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction Test
(viii)	RAT	-	Rapid Antigen Test
(ix)	UN	-	United Nations
(x)	WHO	–	World Health Organization

APPENDIX A

Title: General Guidance – Applicable to all Arrivals via Airports in Sri Lanka.

1. Vaccination Status.

1.1 Fully Vaccinated Status in Sri Lanka

- (i) Considered as fully vaccinated, if taken two-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Sinopharm, Moderna, AstraZeneca etc) or recommended combination of vaccine (E.G. Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca) or if taken a single dose vaccines (E.g. Janssen etc.) and depart 14 Days after obtaining the vaccine.
- (ii) Persons who had obtained a single dose of two-dose vaccine prior or post COVID-19 infection during past 06 months period.

1.2 Fully Vaccinated Traveller

- (i) COVID-19 vaccination (recommended doses) completed; and,
- (ii) Departure 14 Days after completing recommended doses of vaccination for COVID-19.

2. Vaccination Certificate

- (i) Do not require to produce upon arrival to Sri Lanka
- (ii) It is strongly recommended to have the vaccination certificate with the traveller during the stay in Sri Lanka to produce to the medical personnel when and if required.

3. Testing Requirements

- (i) Pre-departure testing for COVID-19 is not required.
- (ii) If a traveller shows COVID-19 like symptoms and signs, you may subjected for PCR/RA testing by an authorized medical personnel.

4. Health Declaration Forms.

- (i) Submission of HDF is not required.

5. COVID-19 Hospitalization / Isolation.

- (i) Hospitalization Insurance Cover_- Not required
- (ii) If foreign nationals/tourists become COVID-19 positive after arriving to Sri Lanka, they should isolate for 7 days in a private hospital/hotel/place of residence. The cost of treatment/isolation should be borne by foreign nationals/tourists.

6. Public Health Measures

- (i) No specific restrictions imposed in regard to COVID-19 disease in Sri Lanka.
- (ii) It is strongly recommended to adhere to basic public health measures (wearing of face mask, social distancing and hygienic requirements etc.) if you have any flu-like symptoms, or if you are in a gathering, in a public event in a poor ventilated environment.

APPENDIX B

Title: Specific Procedures In Relation To Airline Crew Based In Sri Lanka and Foreign Airline Crew on a Layover in Sri Lanka.

Note: To Sri Lankan AOC Holders: The procedures in this Appendix B shall not supersede or over-rule the Regulations and Rules as per Implementing Standard 054 or SLCAP 4210 or the Approved Operator Flight Operations Manual.

1. All the requirements in Appendix A are applicable to all Crew Members.

2. For Sri Lankan AOC Holders.

- 2.1. It is not mandatory to wear PPEs. If necessity arises for stringent measures on PPEs to be worn by the Crew Members, the airline shall consult the Company Medical Officer of the airline and decide required PPEs according to the risk assessment;
- 2.2. It is not mandatory to wear face masks on board. However, it is recommended to wear face mask if a Crew Member is having flu-like symptoms;
- 2.3. In a Medical Emergency which needs CPR or special transport mission due to a Public Health Emergency, Crew Members shall wear full PPEs;
- 2.4. In any other medical emergency which needs close contact with the affected person, Crew Member shall wear a face mask and;
- 2.5. When handling any suspected case of Communicable Disease, Crew Member shall wear adequate PPE as per the guidelines issued by the Company Medical Officer of the airline.

3. For Foreign AOC Holders (FAOC).

- 3.1. Crew Members shall adhere to the Public Health measures imposed in Sri Lanka by the Ministry of Health at any given time;
- 3.2. For more information visit the below website.
(http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999)