

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 CA 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 CA 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## 1. Summary of Documents

- (i) Appendix A - General Requirements applicable to all Arrivals via Airports in Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Appendix B - Sri Lanka Airport Arrival & Release Procedures.
- (iii) Appendix C - 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](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, 05<sup>th</sup> 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 18.04.2022  
Preventive Measures for Persons arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.
  - (ii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 09.06.2022  
Directions of the Proper authority for the whole of Sri Lanka issued as Press Release.
  - (iii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 09.06.2022  
Preventive Measures for Airline Crew Members
  - (iv) 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)	<b>CAASL</b>	–	Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
(ii)	<b>DGCA</b>	-	Director General of Civil Aviation
(iii)	<b>DGHS</b>	–	Director General of Health Services
(iv)	<b>HDF</b>	-	Health Declaration Form
(v)	<b>ICAO</b>	–	International Civil Aviation Organization
(vi)	<b>MoH</b>	–	Ministry of Health
(vii)	<b>COVID-19 PCR Tests</b>	-	COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction Test
(viii)	<b>RAT</b>	-	Rapid Antigen Test
(ix)	<b>UN</b>	-	United Nations
(x)	<b>WHO</b>	–	World Health Organization

## APPENDIX A

### **Title: General Requirements – Applicable to all Arrivals via Airports in Sri Lanka.**

#### **1. Vaccination Status.**

##### 1.1 Fully Vaccinated Status

- a) 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.
- b) 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

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

##### 1.3 Travellers who have had COVID-19 will be considered under 1.2 of this appendix if;

- a) At least one dose of the vaccination and subsequent COVID-19 infection; or,
- b) Obtained at least one dose of the vaccination after being infected with COVID-19;
- c) Only travel after completion of 07 Days from the date of positive COVID-19 PCR/RAT test
- d) Diagnosis card or verifiable evidence of previous COVID-19 infection in English;

##### 1.4 Travellers shall produce proof of Vaccination in English upon arrival into Sri Lanka.

#### **2. Health Declaration Forms.**

- a) Submission of HDF is not required.

#### **3. COVID-19 Hospitalization - Insurance Cover.**

- a) Not required

#### **4. Other Requirements**

- 4.1 All persons with past COVID-19 infection shall depart 07 Days after infection and produce relevant medical reports in English;
- 4.2 Pre-departure negative COVID-19 test (72Hrs PCR test / 48Hrs RAT) report shall be in English. Self-swabs are not allowed;
- 4.3 No Isolation is needed for those whose CT Value is > 30 in PCR tests done in Day 01 / Day 07 after arriving in Sri Lanka;
- 4.4 The operating airline shall comply with all requirements stipulated in this Special Direction.

## Appendix B

### Title: Sri Lanka Airport Arrival & Release Procedures

#### 1. Fully Vaccinated Travellers if Departs after 14 Days of Vaccination.

- 1.1 Travellers do not require a Negative COVID-19 PCR test report or; Negative COVID-19 RAT report;
- 1.2 Do not require arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test;
- 1.3 Do not require Quarantine on arrival into Sri Lanka;

*Note: if taken a two dose vaccine (Pfizer/ Sinopharm/ Moderna/ AstraZeneca etc.) or recommended combination of vaccines (Pfizer/ Moderna/ AstraZeneca) or if taken single dose vaccine (Janssen).*

#### 2. Unvaccinated/ Partially Vaccinated Travellers.

- 2.1 Requires pre-departure PCR test / RAT for COVID-19 (72Hrs PCR/ 48Hrs RAT).
- 2.2 Do not requires on arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test;
- 2.3 No Quarantine

#### 3. Travellers who have been infected with COVID-19 between 07 Days to 06 Months (If departs after 14 Days of Vaccination).

- 3.1 Travellers shall arrive after obtaining a single dose of recommended Vaccinations;
- 3.2 Travellers shall produce proof of Vaccination on arrival;
- 3.3 Do not require Pre-Departure COVID-19 PCR/RAT report;
- 3.4 Do not require on Arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test or RAT;
- 3.5 Do not require Quarantine on Arrival into Sri Lanka;

#### 4. Travellers who have been infected with COVID-19 More than 06 Months before the date of Departure.

- 4.1 Travellers shall arrive after obtaining a single dose of recommended Vaccinations;
- 4.2 Travellers shall produce;
  - a) Require Pre-Departure COVID-19 PCR test / RAT (72Hrs PCR test / 48Hrs RAT);
  - b) Do not require on-arrival Day 01 PCR test / RAT
  - c) Proof of Vaccination;
  - d) No Quarantine

**5. Fully Vaccinated Children between 12 to 18 Years.**

- 5.1 Considered as “Fully Vaccinated” if taken at least single dose of Pfizer/ Moderna vaccine and 14 Days completed after vaccination.
- 5.2 Do not require pre-departure or on-arrival Day 01 PCR test/RAT for COVID-19.
- 5.3 No Quarantine

**6. Unvaccinated Children below 12 Years.**

- 6.1 Do not require Pre-Departure COVID-19 test (PCR/RAT)
- 6.2 Do not require to undergo on Arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test;
- 6.3 No quarantine

**7. Children below 18 Years with one dose of a recognized vaccine (Pfizer/ Moderna or any other recognized vaccine) if departs after 14 Days of Vaccination.**

- 7.1 Do not require Pre-Departure COVID-19 test (PCR/RAT)
- 7.2 Do not require to undergo on Arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test;
- 7.3 No quarantine

**8. Unvaccinated/ Partially vaccinated persons of 12 Years and above.**

- 8.1 Require Pre-Departure COVID-19 PCR test / RAT (72Hrs PCR test / 48Hrs RAT);
- 8.2 Do not require to undergo on Arrival Day 01 COVID-19 PCR test;
- 8.3 No quarantine

## APPENDIX C

### **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 C 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 & Section 01 to 04 of Appendix B 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 preferable that Crew Members having respiratory symptoms wear face masks;
  - 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.
  - 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.