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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 20th April 2021.

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 (HPA) 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 the 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.



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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 All passengers travelling to the Maldives are required to hold a negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for COVID-19 or a Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate showing the completion of the required doses of a vaccine type authorized for Covid-19 by the competent authorities of the respective countries.
- 3.2.4 For passengers holding Covid-19 Vaccination Certificates, the Operating Airlines must ensure that:
- Vaccination Certificate is for a vaccine that has been approved by the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (EUL) or the Maldives Food and Drug Authority, or any other competent authority of the respective countries,
 - The passenger has completed the second dose or prescribed dose(s) of the Vaccine, and at least 14 (fourteen) days have passed after the second dose or the completion of prescribed dose(s),
 - The Vaccine Certificate contains:
 - Full Name and Date of birth of the Passenger
 - Name of the Vaccine (brand name)
 - Dates of receiving both the doses or prescribed doses(s)
 - Name of Institution/Organization that administered the vaccine
- 3.2.5 Children below one year old are exempt from the requirements described in paragraph 3.2.3 above
- 3.2.6 The following categories of passengers must hold a negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR Test) for COVID-19 prior to entry into the Maldives.
- Expatriates arriving to the Maldives to work at:
 - Health Facilities
 - Day care Centres
 - Schools
 - Residential care services
 - Airline/aircraft crew entering without the required Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate and whose transit stay in the Maldives:
 - Is arranged in an accommodation other than a designated transit facility and/or;
 - duration of stay will exceed seven days
 - Crew of ships who arrive by air to sign onto a ship, entering without the required Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate
- 3.2.7 The PCR Test document containing the test result should state:
- Name of the passenger (name as in passport)
 - Name and address of the testing laboratory
 - Type of test stated as PCR Test
 - Date of sampling
 - Result
- 3.2.8 Passengers travelling with PCR Test document must have the PCR Test be taken not more than 96 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure from the first port of embarkation en-route to the Maldives.
- If the passenger makes a transit during the journey, the initial PCR Test will be valid if the transit does not exceed 24 hours.
- If the passenger makes a transit exceeding 24 hours, the passenger must take a repeat PCR test within 96 hours prior to embarkation at the port of transit.
- 3.2.9 The Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate and PCR Test result may be presented in paper or electronic form during airline check-in and if required at arrival.

- 3.2.10 All arriving passengers and airline crew should complete and submit the online Traveller Health Declaration form available from Maldives Immigration website portal <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/> within 24 hours prior to their departure to the Maldives. Passengers are required to present Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate or PCR Test results on arrival and should attach the copy of the applicable documents when completing the online Traveller Health Declaration form.
- 3.2.11 All arriving passengers and airline crew 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.
- 3.2.12 Passengers arriving Maldives without the required Vaccination Certificate but with a COVID-19 negative PCR Test results are required to undergo mandatory home quarantine for 10 (ten) days in their place of residency or work. Such passengers must obtain a COVID-19 negative PCR Test result before they are released from home quarantine.
- Airlines Crew and Ship's crew specified in paragraph 3.2.6 (b) and (c), and Tourists are exempt from home quarantine requirement.
- Further information on mandatory home quarantine requirements are provided in the Ministry of Health website https://covid19.health.gov.mv/downloads_dv/?c=0.
- 3.2.13 Maldivian citizens and Work Visa holders travelling to the Maldives without the required Vaccination Certificate must undergo mandatory home quarantine for 10 (ten) days in their place of residency or work.
- 3.2.14 The operating airline shall assist and cooperate with the International Border Health Officials in carrying out contact tracing and aircraft disinfection when required, in accordance with the applicable HPA's regulations and guidelines.
- 3.2.15 It is the responsibility of the Operating Airline to ensure that their passengers are in compliance with the entry requirements prior to boarding. The operating airline shall also ensure that those passengers presenting their Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate and PCR Test results complies with the requirements stated in this Circular.
- 3.2.16 HPA will hold the operating airline and passengers liable for violations of its guidelines, and may take appropriate legal and administrative actions corresponding to the extent of such violations.
- 3.3.0 On Departure
- 3.3.1 It is the responsibility of the passenger and airline crew to fulfil the health requirements for the country of departure. If required, passenger and crew must carry COVID-19 negative PCR Test results or Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate with them when arriving at the airport check-in counter.
- 3.3.2 All departing passengers and airline 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
- 3.3.3 All departing passengers and airline crew 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 should not exceed 24hrs before the time of departure. The online Traveller Health Declaration form is available from Maldives Immigration website portal <https://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, passengers arriving to and departing from Maldives by air and relevant airport authorities in the Maldives.

5.0 Effectivity

- 5.1 This Circular will come into effect from 20th April 2021, and will supersede Circular AT 14/2020 – Issue 07 dated 28th January 2021.



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