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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 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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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. The Government of Sri Lanka together with the Ministry of Health, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant aviation stakeholders have joined forces to plan a restart and recovery of operations. In that aspect a revision of guidelines related to health measures has been performed. This Special Direction focuses on the latest guidelines published by the Ministry of Health to resume 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 10.07.2021
Preventive Measures for Airline Crew Members.

- (ii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 28.09.2021
Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.
- (iii) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 03.10.2021
Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.

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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 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) **ICAO** – International Civil Aviation Organization
- (v) **MoH** – Ministry of Health
- (vi) **PCR Tests** - COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction Test
- (vii) **RAT Test** - Rapid Antigen Test
- (viii) **UN** - United Nations
- (ix) **WHO** – World Health Organization

APPENDIX 01

Title: General Measures and Procedures for All Travellers Flying Into Sri Lanka and Criteria of Traveller Categorization & Vaccination Criteria.

1. Approval Process for Traveller to Enter Sri Lanka

(i) ***Sri Lankan Citizens/Sri Lankan Seafarers/Dual Citizens using a Sri Lankan Passport & Foreign Passports/Foreign Nationals (including valid resident visa holders):***

- (a) Do not require prior approval to enter Sri Lanka;
- (b) Travellers to liaise directly with their respective Airlines.
- (c) Foreign Nationals who's Resident Visa is no longer valid, shall obtain a landing permit or Entry Visa from the Department of Immigration & Emigration of Sri Lanka prior to their Arrival into Sri Lanka.
- (d) If the Traveller requires Quarantine facilities, the traveller may request for a Quarantine Hotel/ Government Quarantine Centre upon arrival; or,
- (e) Book a Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel via Sri Lanka Tourism (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>). This is an Electronic Travel Approval (ETA) using the protocol as stipulated in the website.

(ii) ***Tourists***

- (a) The Traveller shall adhere to the Operational guidelines of Sri Lanka Tourism & the provisions set out by the Ministry of Health in Guideline DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 28th September 2021;

(iii) ***Business Travellers - Foreign Passport Holder*** (Any foreign passport holder) wishing to enter Sri Lanka for purposes of business (Projects/Meetings/Discussions etc..) by invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka or any Private Organisation shall:

- (a) Have the invitation with specific details in a letter of invitation from the Sri Lanka host/counterpart; and
- (b) If the Traveller requires Quarantine facilities, the traveller may request for a Government Managed Quarantine Hotel upon arrival; or a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel.

2. Documentation regarding Persons who have taken a COVID-19 Vaccination (All Criteria must be fulfilled for Acceptability of Proof and must be in possession).

- (i) Original Certificate of Vaccination (or document of proof).
- (ii) Documents must be in English or a certified copy in English for any information on the original which is not indicated in English.

- (iii) Documents must have name of the vaccine & dates of vaccination.
- (iv) Other verifiable evidence of vaccinations, including electronic verification.

Note: These documents will have to be produced to the Health Officers at the Airport of Entry into Sri Lanka.

3. Sri Lankan Standard of a Fully Vaccinated Traveller.

(If any of the following are not fulfilled, the Traveller is considered as Not Vaccinated)

- (i) All recommended doses of a COVID19 Vaccination have been taken.
- (ii) 14 days have lapsed from the date of the last/final vaccination dose till the date of departure inbound to Sri Lanka.

Note 01: If the traveller departs inbound to Sri Lanka with less than 14 days from the final dose of the vaccine, and the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine. Please refer relevant appendices.

Note 02: If the doses taken are incomplete, or the traveller is departing inbound to Sri Lanka with less than 14 days from the final vaccination dosage, the traveller is considered NOT Vaccinated.

4. Pre-Departure Negative COVID19 Test Report to be done by Travellers into Sri Lanka (Boarding will not be allowed unless complied with).

- (i) Applicable to all travellers into Sri Lanka of 02 years and above in age; and,
- (ii) The PCR Test Result (Negative) shall be in English or a Certified Translation of the Document/Test Report with the Original.
- (iii) **All Travellers** shall have a PCR Test done **within 72hrs prior to departure**.
- (iv) Travellers with a history of Covid-19 infection with a verifiable Report (diagnosis card or verifiable evidence or positive PCR/Rapid Antigen Test) during the past 03 months may submit a negative COVID-19 **Rapid Antigen Test Report (in English) done within 48 hrs** prior to their departure flight.

5. Documentation Procedures upon Arrival into Sri Lanka (For each individual Traveller)

- (i) Duly completed Health Declaration Form (Available at Check-In Counters and On Board Aircraft) to be handed over to Health Officer at Airport;
- (ii) Separate Health Declaration Forms for each child accompanying the Traveller;
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination (Certificate/Card/Other Valid Proof);
- (iv) PCR negative test results done within 72 hours of departure (Foreign Passports and Sri Lankan Passports);
- (v) Proof of Previous Infection with COVID-19 (where applicable);
- (vi) Rapid Antigen test results done within 48hrs of departure (if applicable);

Note: Travellers must be given a "Discharge Document" prior to leaving Quarantine.

6. Day 01 PCR Tests (On Arrival into Sri Lanka)

- (i) Please refer to the attached Appendices for the PCR requirements as per Travelling category and Vaccination status.

7. Transport To & From Quarantine

- (i) All Travellers will be transported by Government Authorities or the relevant Hotel Management from the Airport to the place of Quarantine. (Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/Government Quarantine Centre).
- (ii) If Transferring from Quarantine to Home/Residence for Home Quarantine or Hotel Transfer (Fully Vaccinated Foreign Passport Holders), Travellers must adhere to Ministry of Health Guidelines in force and shall not use any public transportation (Bus Service, Trains etc...)
- (iii) After Discharge/Free from Quarantine, Travellers will be free to organise their own Transport Arrangements.

Note: Travellers must be given a “Discharge Document” prior to leaving Quarantine.

8. Procedures in Relation to Tourists Travelling via Sri Lanka Tourism

- (i) Please visit (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>) for more details on Tourist Travel Options.
- (ii) Tourists arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism are allowed to move between Safe & Secure Certified Level 01 hotels in a Bio-Secure Travel Bubble and are allowed to visit approved cultural and heritage sites.

Note: Travellers must be given a “Discharge Document” prior to leaving Quarantine.

9. Procedures In Relation to Travellers under the age of 18 Years (Minors and Young Passengers)

- (i) Please refer to applicable procedures as per Travel categories in relevant Appendices

10. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) For the latest list please refer to webpage (<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

11. Quarantine Period for Travellers Entering Sri Lanka.

- (i) The Quarantine Period for all Non-Vaccinated travellers entering Sri Lanka shall be a total of Fourteen (14) Days at a Quarantine Centre/ Quarantine Hotel/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel depending on Travel category (See Appendices below);

- (ii) For Diplomats and Foreign National Resident Coordinator of the United Nations/ Heads of UN Specialized agencies and International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka and having recognized Diplomatic status (See Appendix 06).
- (iii) For Travellers from High Risk/Travel Restricted countries please refer to the Ministry of Health website news pages and download the latest documents relevant to individual requirements as and when needed
(http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999)

Note: Travellers must be given a “Discharge Document” prior to leaving Quarantine.

APPENDIX 02

Title: Travellers Who Are Fully Vaccinated.

1. Applicability:

- (i) For all Fully Vaccinated Travellers (above 18 years of age) who arrive in Sri Lanka (All recommended doses of vaccination have been taken and 14 days have passed since the last dose of the vaccination till the date of Arrival in Sri Lanka) shall be released from the Airport without a Day 01/Arrival PCR test and no further Quarantine requirements.
- (ii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. Unvaccinated Children (below 18 years of age):

2.1 Children of Tourists or Foreign National Parents:

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) If the Day 01/ Arrival PCR Test is Negative, shall be released with their parents without further Quarantine.

2.2 Children of Sri Lankan / Dual Citizens/ Resident Visa holder parents

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) If the Day 01/ Arrival PCR Test is Negative, shall be released with their parents without further Quarantine.

APPENDIX 03

Title: Travellers Not Vaccinated/Who Have Not Received The Recommended Doses of The Vaccination.

1. Applicability:

- (i) Applicable to all Travellers who are not Fully vaccinated or who have not received the recommended doses of the vaccination prior to entering Sri Lanka. Such travellers are deemed as Unvaccinated.
- (ii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. Tourists & Foreign Nationals:

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) Quarantine for 14 days at:
 - (a) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (b) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (iii) If the Day 12 PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test is Negative, shall be released from Quarantine on Day 14.

3. Sri Lankan/ Dual Citizens/ Resident Visa Holders

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan Citizens & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (c) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) Quarantine for 14 days at:
 - (a) Home; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (iii) If the Day 12 PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test is Negative, shall be released from Quarantine on Day 14.

APPENDIX 04

Title: Travellers Arriving In Sri Lanka Less Than 14 Days of Completion of Recommended Doses of Vaccination.

1. Applicability:

- (i) Applicable to all Travellers who have not completed 14 Days after the final dose of Vaccination.
- (ii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. Tourists/Foreign Nationals:

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a **PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival** from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) Quarantine until completion of 14 Days of the final dose of vaccination at:
 - (a) a Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (b) a Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (iii) If the PCR/ Rapid Antigen Test is Negative on completion of 14 days of the final dose of vaccination, shall be released from Quarantine.

3. Sri Lankans/Dual Citizens/ Resident Visa Holders:

- (i) Travellers (Age 12 & above) to obtain a PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival from:
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan Citizens & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (c) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) Quarantine until completion of 14 Days of the final dose of vaccination at:
 - (a) Home; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or
 - (c) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (iii) If the PCR/ Rapid Antigen Test is Negative on completion of 14 days of the final dose of vaccination, shall be released from Quarantine.

APPENDIX 5

Title: Travellers Arriving In Sri Lanka With A History of COVID-19 Disease Within The Preceding 03 Months and With A Single Dose of The Vaccine Taken 14 Days After The Recovery and Their Unvaccinated Children Below The Age of 18 Years.

1. Applicability:

- (i) Applicable to all travellers arriving in sri lanka with a history of covid-19 disease within the preceding 03 months, with a single dose of the vaccine and completed 14 days after the vaccination.
- (ii) Their unvaccinated children below the age of 18 years
- (iii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. All Travellers entering Sri Lanka Who had COVID-19 disease within the preceding 03 months, been given only a single dose of a vaccine and completed 14 days after the vaccination, Shall be released from the Airport without Quarantine.

2.1 Unvaccinated Children below 18 years with above mentioned parents:

Unvaccinated Children (below 18 years) travelling with parents who have met the criteria above shall be released from Quarantine subject to:

A. Children (Ages 12 to 18) of Parents Tourists/Foreign National Parents:

- (i) Shall obtain Day 01/Arrival PCR Test conducted at;
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (c) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) If Day 01/Arrival PCR test is negative, shall be released from Quarantine on Day 14.

B. Children (Ages 12 to 18) of Parents who are Sri Lankan/Dual Citizens/Resident Visa Holder:

- (i) Shall obtain a Day 01/Arrival PCR Test conducted at;
 - (a) The Ministry of Health Approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) A Quarantine Centre (Sri Lankan Citizens & Dual Citizens); or,
 - (c) A Quarantine Hotel;
 - (d) A Safe & Secure Level 1 Hotel;
- (ii) If Day 01/Arrival PCR test is negative, shall be released from Quarantine on Day 14.

APPENDIX 06

Title: Isolation Options for All Travellers Who Are Tested Positive for COVID-19.

1. Applicability

- (i) For All Travellers who are tested Positive for COVID-19.
- (ii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. Isolation for Sri Lankan & Dual Citizens

- (i) Home
- (ii) Intermediate Care Centre
- (iii) Designated Hospitals

3. Isolation for Resident Visa Holders

- (i) Home
- (ii) Designated Intermediate Care Centre managed by Private Hospitals
- (iii) Designated Private Hospitals

4. Isolation for Foreign National Staff (with accompanying family members) of UN Organizations/ UN Specialized Agencies/ International Organizations in Sri Lanka

- (i) Approved Residence
- (ii) Designated Intermediate Care Centre managed by Private Hospitals
- (iii) Designated Private Hospitals

5. Isolation of Foreign Nationals & Tourists

- (i) Designated Intermediate Care Centre managed by Private Hospitals
- (ii) Designated Private Hospitals

APPENDIX 07

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 07 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.

PART A – Applicable to Sri Lankan AOC Holders & Foreign Airlines Operating into Sri Lanka.

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew)

- (i) All Crew who have been vaccinated must carry Original Vaccination Certificate/Card in English. If the Certificate/Card is not in English, a certified English translation must be in possession;
- (ii) Crew Members if in Quarantine are to adhere to the public health measures of the Ministry of Health protocols in force at the time;
- (iii) If a crew member is positive for COVID19 or displays symptoms of COVID19, Airline Authorities/ Airline Doctor should take measures to admit the crew member to an Intermediate Care Centre operated by a Private Hospital as per Ministry of Health instructions. This is to be informed to the Epidemiology Unit via emails chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com
- (iv) Airlines to take measures to monitor and supervise the adherence of crew with regards to COVID19 preventive measures;
- (v) Airline crew who has been in immediate close contact with a COVID19 patient shall not be enrolled for duty;
- (vi) Airline Crew must submit a completed Health Declaration Form upon Arrival to the Health Counters at the Airport.

PART B – Applicable only to Sri Lankan AOC Holders

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew).

- (i) Please Refer Part A of this **Appendix 07** (above);
- (ii) Any staff on duty not being a part of the Tech Crew or Cabin Crew who passenger in the Cabin on an *ad hoc* basis, shall obtain permission from the Company Medical Officer with regards to the health measures;

2. Local Airlines to Inform Sri Lanka Epidemiology Unit of Crew Details.

The following details are to be sent on the day of crew Arriving to Sri Lanka to chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com of all pilots and cabin crew members who are sent on Lay-Over flights originating from Sri Lanka, if undergoing mandatory quarantine for seven days;

- (i) Name
- (ii) Designation
- (iii) Home Address
- (iv) Contact Telephone Number
- (v) Date of Arrival
- (vi) Arriving Flight Number
- (vii) Country of Departure (where the crew had the layover)
- (viii) COVID19 Vaccination Dates
- (ix) Name of COVID19 Vaccination

3. Crew who are Fully Vaccinated (Final Dose of Vaccine + 14 days):

- (i) The Airline must verify the certificate or proof of vaccination of the Crew Member;
- (ii) A Day 01 PCR test for the Crew Member on arrival is not required and will be release without Home quarantine;
- (iii) If due to any suspicious symptoms and signs of COVID-19 disease, a **Day 01 PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test** Shall be conducted, the crew member shall remain in home quarantine until a negative result is obtained;
- (iv) A Day 01/Arrival PCR Test is required even for fully vaccinated crew if returning from a layover.

4. Crew who are Not Vaccinated/Partially Vaccinated/Not completed 14 days Post Vaccination:

- (i) Shall undergo **Day 01 /Arrival** PCR test for the Crew Member;
- (ii) After the Day 01 PCR test is conducted, the crew member shall remain in Home Quarantine until a negative result is obtained.
- (iii) Crew members shall obtain a PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12.

Note 01: Pilots & Cabin Crew cannot be enrolled for duty until a negative PCR Test result is obtained.

Note 02: Due to operational constrains, the duration between PCR Tests can be decided/ extended by and duly recorded by the Company Medical Officer. However, the gap between any 02 PCR Tests shall not exceed 14 days.

5. Crew Members on Passenger/Ferry/Cargo flights originating out of Sri Lanka

- (i) See General Measures & Procedures above in Part A of this Appendix 07;
- (ii) A Day 01/Arrival PCR test for the Crew Member on arrival is not required (**Ferry & Cargo**).
- (iii) Crew members on turn-around **Non-Passenger flights (Ferry or Cargo)** will not be subject to Quarantine after returning to Sri Lanka.

6. Turn-Around Flights with Passengers originating out of Sri Lanka.

- (i) Pilots & Cabin Crew on a Passenger flight – No PCR Test on return to Sri Lanka
- (ii) For fully vaccinated Pilots and/or Cabin Crew refer Section 03 of Part B of this Appendix 07.
- (iii) Pilots & Fully Vaccinated Cabin Crew shall not be home quarantined after arrival to Sri Lanka.

7. Layover flights with Passengers/Ferry/Cargo originating out of Sri Lanka

- (i) All Crew members on a Layover Flight shall adhere to the COVID-19 Regulations in force in that State (Layover Destination) which are applicable to Airline Crew;
- (ii) Dedicated vehicle only for crew at layover station for transport to and from airport;
- (iii) If the layover is **more than 48hrs**:
 - (a) Airline shall arrange for PCR Tests on Day 01/Arrival; and
 - (b) Crew Members who are Fully Vaccinated will be released if the Day 01/ Arrival PCR Test is Negative without Home quarantine;
 - (c) Crew Members who are Unvaccinated/ Partially vaccinated/ Not completed 14 Days Post Vaccination shall be Home Quarantined for 07 days.

Note: Crew Members who have undergone a PCR Test shall not be rostered for flights until the negative PCR Test result is obtained.

- (iv) If the layover is **less than 48hrs**:
 - (a) Airline shall arrange for PCR Test on Day 01/Arrival; and
 - (b) Fully Vaccinated Crew Members shall be released from Home Quarantine, if the Day 01/Arrival PCR Test is Negative.
 - (c) Crew Members who are Unvaccinated/ Partially vaccinated/ Not completed 14 Days Post Vaccination shall be Home Quarantined for 07 Days.

Note: Crew Members who have undergone a PCR Test shall not be rostered for flights until the negative PCR Test result is obtained.

- (v) All Crew Members shall undergo a PCR Test immediately if symptoms are displayed.

PART C – Applicable to Foreign Airlines Operating into Sri Lanka.

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew)

- (i) Please Refer to Part A to this Appendix 07 (See above)

2. Foreign Airline Crew (Operating into Sri Lanka with a Foreign Carrier)

Foreign airline crew members shall adhere to the following guidelines in addition to General Measures.

- (i) It is mandatory for the Foreign Airline Crew Members arriving into Sri Lanka to carry a Negative COVID-19 test result in English language done within 72 hours prior to departure.
- (ii) All Crew Members shall accommodate/undergo Quarantine (whenever necessary) in an approved Hotel for Airline Crew Members.
- (iii) If crew layover for less than 72hrs, and the Unvaccinated Crew are confined to the Hotel Premises, the crew then do not require a PCR Test on arrival (Day 01)
- (iv) If layover is 72 hours or more in Sri Lanka, on arrival (Day One) PCR test shall be done and the Unvaccinated Crew Members shall be quarantined at the Hotel until they depart from Sri Lanka.
- (v) After sample collection, for any operational reason the crew member can be released for a return flight without the result of the test.

3. Foreign Airline Crew who have been Fully Vaccinated (Final dose of Vaccine + 14 Days).

- (i) It is mandatory for the foreign airline crew members arriving into Sri Lanka to carry a negative COVID-19 test result in English language done within 72 hours prior to departure;
- (i) If the above mentioned Test is Negative they will be released **without Day 01/ Arrival PCR Test and quarantine.**
- (ii) If the Crew Member is staying for longer than 7 days, a PCR test is to be conducted on Day 07.

4. If Foreign Crew Member becomes COVID19 positive.

- (i) If the Airline Undertakes to take the positive crew member back to the Airlines Home Base whilst adhering to COVID19 Preventive measures, the positive Crew Member can be released directly for the return flight by adhering to appropriate preventive measures.
- (ii) If the Airline does not have any such undertaking, the positive crew member will be admitted to an Intermediate Care Centre operated by a Ministry of Health approved hospital after being informed by the Hotel Doctor or the Airline Station Staff.

- (iii) If the Crew member has already departed for the return flight, no action will be taken, the Airline will be informed, and the Crew member may proceed with the return flight adhering to appropriate preventive measures.

APPENDIX 08

Title: Specific Procedures In Relation To Seafarers & Sea Marshals Entering Sri Lanka via an Airport.

1. Applicability

- (i) For Seafarers & Sea Marshals Entering Sri Lanka via an Airport.
- (ii) For general provisions please refer Appendix 01 of this Special Direction

2. Foreign National Seafarers or Maritime Security Officers (Sea Marshals) arriving via Airports who are NOT fully vaccinated:

- (i) Foreign National Seafarers/Marshals shall obtain approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enter Sri Lanka (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) Shall have a PCR Test done **within 72hrs prior to departure**
- (iii) Foreign National Seafarers/Marshals with a history of COVID-19 disease within the preceding 03 months may arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test done within 48hrs prior to departure.
- (iv) Unvaccinated/ partially Vaccinated Seafarers/Sea Marshals shall be quarantined in Isolation Centres designated for Seafarers.

3. Sri Lankan Seafarers or Maritime Security Officers (Sea Marshals) arriving via Airports who are Unvaccinated/ Partially Completed Vaccination/ Arriving less than 14 Days after recommended doses of vaccination:

- (i) Sri Lankan Seafarers/Sea Marshals who are mentioned above shall obtain a **Day 01/Arrival** PCR test at:
 - (a) Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) Government Quarantine Centre; or,
 - (c) Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (d) Safe & Secure Certified Level 01 Hotel
- (ii) If the Day 01/Arrival PCR Test is negative, the Seafarer/Sea Marshals may undergo home quarantine if facilities are available
- (iii) Shall perform exit PCR Test/Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 and will be released on Day 14 from quarantine if Test results are negative.

4. Sri Lankan & Foreign National Seafarers or Maritime Security Officers (Sea Marshals) arriving via Airports who are Fully Vaccinated:

- (ii) Shall have a PCR Test done **within 72hrs prior to departure**
- (iii) Seafarers/Marshals with a history of COVID-19 disease within the preceding 03 months may arrive with a negative COVID-19 RAT test done within 48hrs prior to departure.
- (iv) If the above mentioned Tests are Negative, they will be released **without quarantine**.

- (v) Sri Lankan Seafarers/Sea Marshals who are exempted from Pre-Departure COVID-19 PCR Test by DGHS Letter No. DQ/06/2020 dated 8th March 2021, shall obtain a **Day 01/Arrival PCR** test at:
 - (a) Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA Katunayake; or,
 - (b) Government Quarantine Centre; or,
 - (c) Quarantine Hotel; or,
 - (d) Safe & Secure Certified Level 01 Hotel
- (vi) If the Day 01/Arrival PCR Test report is negative they will released without quarantine.