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The following circular is promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action

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**AIR TRAVEL RELATED MEASURES FOR THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

This refers to the Travel Advisory No. 7 of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 issued by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on travel-related measures in the bid of fighting spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Government has been instituting various preventive measures with a goal of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Based on the global epidemiological situation and emergence of new variants of viruses which cause COVID-19, there is an increased risk of their importation into our country. As such, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has decided to elevate and enhance prevailing preventive measures especially those with regard to International Travel.

In view of this aforementioned scenario, the Government has slightly modified the Travel Advisory No. 6 of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 and come up with Travel Advisory No. 7 which takes effect from 5 May 2021 to accommodate additional measures related to international travel. This has subsequently necessitated review of AIC 13/20 (white 141) of 5 August 2020 so as to take onboard additional measures related to international air travel. In view of this fact, all air operators, travelers to/out of the United Republic of Tanzania and other aviation stakeholders are advised to observe the following:

1. Since 18 May 2020, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has lifted the restriction of authorizations for scheduled and non-scheduled international passenger flights into and out of United Republic of Tanzania. This means, international commercial flight operations are allowed unrestrictedly subject to measures related to spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. All authorities at points of entry should ensure adherence to preventive measures by travelers and staff including hand hygiene, use of alcohol-based sanitizers, physical distancing and wearing of facemasks.
3. Due to the current situation of COVID-19 epidemic in India, all flights to and from India are banned in Tanzania. This ban will be effective until further notice. The exceptions will be:
  - a) Cargo flights in which case the crew will not be allowed to disembark from the flight;

- b) Flights undertaking operations that have been approved by appropriate authorities that relate to humanitarian, diplomatic as well as medical assistance.
4. Returning Tanzanian residents who have been in India as students, or for business purposes, or for medical treatment will be subjected to procedures as outlined in Number 5, 7 and 8 below.
  5. All travelers, whether foreigners arriving from India or those who have travelled through India in the last 14 days regardless of route taken, shall be subjected to rapid test at Point of Entry followed by stringent contact tracing and 14 days mandatory quarantine at their own cost. Travelers subjected to mandatory quarantine shall choose a place from the list (available at the airports or at <https://www.moh.go.tz/en/>) designated by the Government. Returning residents arriving from India will be allowed to isolate themselves in their homes under strict surveillance system.
  6. Upon arrival at any point of entry (airport, ground crossing or Ports), all travelers or returning residents will be provided with health information cards with toll free number and advised to self-monitor for symptoms and signs. In case they develop any symptoms and signs, they will be tested and treated at designated health facilities by the Government at their own cost.
  7. All travelers are required to truthfully fill in an online Traveler's Surveillance Form available at <https://afyamsafiri.moh.go.tz> within 24 hours before arrival to Tanzania.
  8. All travelers, whether foreigners or returning residents will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test certificate upon arrival. The test should be based on Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing using sample collected within 72 hours before arrival to Tanzania.
  9. All travelers, whether foreigners or returning residents entering the United Republic of Tanzania, will be subjected to enhanced screening for COVID-19 infection including rapid test. The cost for rapid test is 25 USD per traveler.
  10. Travelers on transit in other countries more than 72 hours will be required to be re-tested by rapid test upon arrival in Tanzania.
  11. Crew members shall be required to present a valid negative COVID-19 test certificate as a condition of entry or departure. In addition, they will be screened for symptoms and signs in line with the country's protocol.
  12. While in the country, all international travelers should adhere to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, mask wearing and physical distancing as deemed appropriate.
  13. All arriving flights must provide Advance Passenger Information so as to allow the authorities at the Points of Entry to scrutinize the manifests for possible high-risk passenger identification.
  14. The Pilot in command of a flight should, prior to/on arrival, submit to health authorities at Points of entry duly filled-in flight health declaration forms (Health Part of General Declaration).
  15. All flight operators should adhere to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, mask wearing and physical distancing as appropriate.



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16. Arriving flights will be subjected to decontamination at airports where necessary.
17. All international arriving passengers shall dispose-of their masks after use during travel at designated waste collection containers upon arrival.
18. All airports must ensure availability and effective use of sanitizers at multiple locations at their respective Terminal Buildings.
19. All stakeholders should undertake all other measures in line with respective airport Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans.
20. This Circular replaces earlier Circulars issued on this subject matter.

This Circular will be updated as the situation evolves, and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania gives more directives on the pandemic.

***Cancel AIC 13/20 (White 141)***

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