THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

TRAVEL ADVISORY NO.5 OF 05th August, 2020

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has been instituting various preventive measures with a goal to limit the spread of corona virus in the country. After reviewing the current situation of COVID-19 infection in the country, we have observed a decreasing trend of admitted COVID-19 cases as evidenced by the closure of COVID-19 Isolation/Treatment Centres. Furthermore, despite opening of public/private schools and resumption of sports activities, the situation has remained safe. However, there is a likelihood of importation of cases from other countries.

In view of this, the Government has slightly modified the Travel Advisory No. 4 of 20th July, 2020 and come-up with version No 5, effective from 05th August, 2020 to accommodate additional measures related to international travel as follows:

1. All travelers whether foreigners or returning residents entering or leaving the United Republic of Tanzania will be subjected to enhanced screening for COVID-19 infection. There will be no 14 days mandatory quarantine upon arrival;

2. All travelers whether foreigners or returning residents whose countries or airlines require them to get tested for COVID-19 and turn negative, as a condition for traveling, will be required to present a certificate upon arrival. Travelers from other countries with symptoms and signs related to COVID-19 infection, will undergo enhanced screening and may be tested for RT-PCR;

3. Crew members shall not be subjected to present a negative test COVID-19 certificate as a condition of entry or departure. However, they will be screened for symptoms and signs in line with the country’s protocol;

4. While in the country, all international travelers should observe adherence to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, wearing masks and keeping physical distancing as deemed appropriate;

5. All travelers are required to truthfully fill out Traveler’s Surveillance Form available onboard or in any other transport means and submit to Port Health Authorities upon arrival;
6. All arriving/departing conveyances must provide Advance Passenger Information so as to allow the Points of Entry Authorities to scrutinize the manifest for possible high-risk passenger identification;

7. Pilot/Captain/Driver in command of conveyance should prior to arrival submit to Port Health Authority the dully filled conveyance health declaration forms (Health Part of General Declaration, Maritime Health Declaration and Ground Transport/Vehicles Health Declaration Form);

8. All Conveyance operators should observe adherence to Infection Prevention and Control measures such as hand hygiene, wearing masks and keeping physical distancing as appropriate;

9. Conveyances will be subjected to decontamination if deemed necessary.

Additional Measures relating to truck/vehicle carrying Goods and Services:

i. Have only 2-3 crew Members per vehicle to facilitate smooth border crossing in the region;

ii. Crew members have to declare their final destinations at the Points of Entry (PoE), and during their journey are allowed to only stop at Government designated locations;

iii. Truck will be decontaminated before it is allowed to continue to its final destination if driver or crew members are suspected to have COVID-19 or tested COVID-19 positive;

iv. Driver or crew members will be subjected to enhanced screening at Points of Entry and may be quarantined or isolated at designated facilities in case they are suspected of COVID-19 infection;

v. In case crews are quarantined/Isolated while in transit, truck owners / operators must make necessary arrangements to back-up their crew to ensure that goods are delivered to the intended destination;

vi. All drivers or crew members with negative COVID-19 may randomly be selected for re-testing upon arrival for quality assurance.

• In case of any medical emergency while in the United Republic of Tanzania, please call the Health Emergency Number: 199.

NB: The Travel Advisory will be reviewed from time to time as the need arises.

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