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REVISE COVID-19 GUIDELINES CONCERNING INBOUND
TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN

Reference is made to our letter of even number dated November 04, 08 and 27, 2021 providing Categories of Countries List and Revised Guidelines/testing protocols concerning inbound travel to Pakistan.

2. In view of the prevalent COVID-19 situation across the globe, the policy for categorization of air travel and Cat C list(**Annex-A**) has been revised by the Competent Authority for inbound travel to Pakistan. Accordingly, following guidelines for inbound travel to Pakistan will be applicable with effect from **mid night 08 December, 2021 (0001 PST)**:

General Health/Testing Protocols for inbound travel to Pakistan:

- a) Only fully 100% vaccinated passengers coming from Cat A, B & C countries will be allowed to travel inbound Pakistan.
- b) All passengers of 06 years and above (local/foreigners) coming from any country would be required to possess a valid negative PCR report conducted within 48 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan. However, Deportees would be exempted from PCR test/report requirement.
- c) Passengers transiting through **KSA, UAE and Qatar** will randomly be subjected to Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on arrival to Pakistan to ensure prevention from Omicron variant through indirect flights.

Health/Testing Protocols Specific to Cat C Countries:

- a) There will be a complete ban on inbound travel from Cat C countries.
- b) Passengers from Cat C countries would only be allowed to travel inbound Pakistan upon obtaining **exemption certificate** from exemption committee as per procedure in vogue.
- c) All passengers of 06 years and above, travelling via direct/indirect flights from Cat C countries would be subjected to Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) on arrival to Pakistan.
- d) Passengers with negative RAT result will be allowed to proceed. However, Passengers with negative RAT result arriving from **Omicron variant**

Countries (highlighted in Cat C Annex-A) will be required to undergo **3 days mandatory quarantine** followed by PCR test to be conducted on **3rd day** by Civil Administration.

- e) Passengers with positive RAT result will be quarantined for **10 days** and RT PCR test will be conducted on **08th day of quarantine**. In case of negative result, passengers will be allowed to proceed home. However, in case of positive result, the passenger will either undergo **additional quarantine or will be shifted to hospital as per advice of health authorities**.

Health/Testing Protocols Specific to Cat B Countries:

- a) Passengers arriving from Cat B will be subjected to RAT test on random basis.
- b) Passengers with negative RAT result will be allowed to proceed.
- c) Passengers with positive RAT result will be quarantined for **10 days** and RT PCR test will be conducted on **08th day of quarantine**. In case of negative result, passengers will be allowed to proceed home. However, in case of positive result, the passenger will either undergo **additional quarantine or will be shifted to hospital as per advice of health authorities**.

Exemption/Waiver

In order to **facilitate stranded Pakistanis**, following relaxation has been approved by the Competent Authority:

- a) Pakistanis would be allowed to travel from the Cat C countries without the requirement of exemption certificate from the exemption committee till **15th December, 2021**. However, all applicable provisions as mentioned above with regards to travel from Cat C countries would remain effective.
- b) Pakistanis already travelled/travelling to Cat C countries on short term visa as well as deportees would also be permitted to travel back to Pakistan without the acquisition of exemption certificate.
- c) Pakistanis travelling from any country, who are unable to get vaccinated abroad due to any of the following reasons would be exempted from mandatory vaccination after producing valid proof to airline/immigration authorities before boarding:
 - i. Expired Visa/Emirates ID or illegal immigrants/deportees
 - ii. Pending court cases
 - iii. Medical conditions/issues
 - iv. Pregnancy
 - v. Partial vaccination from Pakistan.

3. Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, all inbound passengers to Pakistan from Cat C countries may be subjected to additional health protocols as determined by

the relevant Authorities upon arrival in Pakistan. COVID-19 SOP for international Passenger, Chartered and Private Aircraft Flights currently in vogue stand amended to the extent of this directive only with effect from **08th December, (0001 PST)**. Furthermore, Air Travel Vaccination Regime implemented vide our letter of even number dated September 30, 2021 along with any and all COVID 19 SOPs/Guidelines/Directives will also continue to take effect.


(KHURRAM SHAHZAD)
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For Director AT & ER

All Scheduled and Chartered Air Carriers
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- Director Airport Services, HQCAA, Karachi
- Director Security, HQCAA, Karachi
- Sr. Additional Director AT (NR), HQCAA, Karachi
- Deputy Secretary CAA, Aviation Division, Islamabad
- Additional Director PR, HQCAA, Karachi (with a request to disseminate the instructions contained in this directive through appropriate means).
- PSO to DG CAA, HQCAA, Karachi
- All Chief Operating Officers / Airport Managers
- Director Operations, Airports Security Force, ASF HQ, Karachi

CATEGORIZED COUNTRIES LIST CONCERNING INBOUND TRAVEL TO EFFECTIVE FROM DECEMBER 08, 2021 (0001 PST)

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS FROM ANY COUNTRY ARE REQUIRED TO POSSESS VALID NEGATIVE PCR TEST CERTIFICATION CONDUCTED WITHIN THE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN AND FULL VACCINATION CERTIFICATE.

CATEGORY B

Sr.	Country
1	Afghanistan
2	Austria
3	Azerbaijan
4	France
5	Germany
6	Mexico
7	Russia
8	Sri Lanka
9	Thailand
10	Trinidad and Tobago
11	Turkey
12	UK
13	USA

CATEGORY C

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN FROM **CATEGORY C** COUNTRIES MENTIONED BELOW IS BANNED AND ONLY ALLOWED SUBJECT TO EXEMPTION BY COMMITTEE AS PER PROCEDURE IN VOGUE

(ADDITIONAL INBOUND TRAVEL/TESTING/QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS APPLY TO ANY OF THE HIGHLIGHTED COUNTRIES ENLISTED BELOW)

Sr.	Country
1	Botswana
2	Croatia
3	Eswatini
4	Hungary
5	Ireland
6	Lesotho
7	Mozambique
8	Namibia
9	Netherlands
10	Poland
11	Slovenia
12	South Africa
13	Ukraine
14	Vietnam
15	Zimbabwe