

28 March 2022

**DIRECTIVE NO. 4 OF 2022 (COVID-19 – MEASURES FOR FOREIGN AIR OPERATORS)**

Pursuant to section 22(1)(a) of the Air Navigation Act 1966, the Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (also known by the designation “Director-General of Civil Aviation”), acting under power delegated to him by the Authority, considers it necessary to issue Directive No. 4/2022 as attached in the interests of protecting public health because of the global COVID-19 situation.

2 Directive No. 4/2022 takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 31 March 2022, and revokes Directive No. 10/2020. Any Directive, Circular or Letter that refers to the revoked Directive shall, as far as may be necessary for preserving its effect, be construed as referring or as including a reference to the corresponding provision in this Directive No. 4/2022.

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**AIR NAVIGATION ACT 1966  
(Section 22(1)(a))**

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**Part 1**

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Directive is Directive No. 4/2022 and takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 31 March 2022.

**Part 2**

**Measures**

2. Unless otherwise specified, this Directive applies to every holder of an operations permit (called in this Directive a foreign air operator) issued under paragraph 87A of the Air Navigation Order.
3. In the interests of protecting public health, a foreign air operator must take all practicable steps to implement the measures contained in this Directive.

Pre-flight measures

4. A foreign air operator must not deploy any crew member for flight duty on a flight to Singapore if:
  - (a) that crew member has any of the COVID-19 symptoms, when reporting for duty for a flight; or
  - (b) that crew member has a positive result from a COVID-19 test less than 7 days before reporting for duty.

In-flight measures

5. A foreign air operator must ensure that the following measures are taken on board an aircraft during a flight into or out of Singapore —

- (a) that every passenger on board wears a mask, unless he or she:
  - (i) is less than 6 years old;
  - (ii) has breathing difficulties;
  - (iii) is unconscious;
  - (iv) is unable to remove a mask without assistance;
  - (v) is eating, drinking or taking oral medication; or
  - (vi) is removing the mask under a crew member's direction;
- (b) that each crew member in the aircraft cabin wears a mask at all times, except where the use of a mask impedes the crew member's ability to discharge safety responsibilities.

#### Measures for managing unwell individual

6.-(1) A foreign air operator must, on a flight into or out of Singapore, require its cabin crew to monitor passengers in order to identify any passenger who appears to be showing any COVID-19 symptom during the flight, including taking the passenger's temperature during flight if necessary to check for fever.

(2) If a crew member or passenger becomes unwell and shows any COVID-19 symptom during a flight to Singapore, the foreign air operator must arrange for the unwell crew member or passenger to receive medical attention upon landing.

#### Post-flight measures

7.-(1) A foreign air operator must require each crew member to adhere to Singapore's prevailing safe management measures when in Singapore.

(2) A foreign air operator must not lay over its crew in Singapore unless the layover is permitted by the Director-General of Civil Aviation (called in this Directive the DGCA) for such period as he may specify.

(3) A foreign air operator who is permitted by the DGCA to layover its crew in Singapore must comply with such conditions as the DGCA may specify.

#### Aircraft cleaning and disinfection

8.-(1) Where there was an unwell person showing any COVID-19 symptoms on board the aircraft prior to its arrival in Singapore, the foreign air operator must clean and

disinfect the section of the cabin where the unwell person was seated, as soon as possible after passengers have disembarked from the aircraft.

(2) A foreign air operator must ensure that the cleaning and disinfecting agents used are known to be effective against COVID-19 and suitable for aircraft use and have been recommended by the aircraft manufacturer.

#### Measures relating to specified country or region

9. -(1) The DGCA may, in respect of a country or region having an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission specified by him, and for such period if necessary, require a foreign air operator to take measures for flights to or from that country or region, including pre-flight, in-flight or post-flight measures, measures relating to aircraft cleaning and disinfection, or layover of crew who arrive on a flight from that country or region.

(2) Any requirement imposed by the DGCA under this paragraph may be in addition to or supersede, the requirements in this Directive.

#### Reporting

10. A foreign air operator must, without delay, report to the DGCA, on becoming aware —

- (a) that it has contravened paragraph 7(2);
- (b) of any crew member who has failed to comply with any conditions applicable to that crew member specified pursuant to paragraph 7(3);
- (b) of any crew member who fails to comply with any measure applicable to that crew member as required by the DGCA under paragraph 9.

#### Definitions

11. For the purpose of this Directive —

“COVID-19” means the infectious disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019;

“COVID-19 test” means a test, of a type as specified by the DGCA, carried out on a crew member, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of COVID-19 in that crew member;

“COVID-19 symptoms” include fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, anosmia and breathlessness;

“crew” means the flight crew and cabin crew;

“face shield” means any film made from plastic or other transparent material designed or made to be worn like a visor, covering from the wearer’s forehead to below the chin area and wrapping around the sides of the wearer’s face, to provide the wearer protection against smoke, dust or liquid spatter;

“fever” means an increase in body temperature due to an illness, normally manifested by a body temperature of 37.5 degree Celsius or higher;

“mask” means any paper, plastic, or textile covering solely designed or made to be worn over the nose and mouth to provide the wearer protection against infections or air pollution, but excludes a face shield;

“wear”, in relation to any provision in this Directive requiring a mask to be worn, means to wear a mask over and covering the wearer’s nose and mouth, with the mask touching the wearer’s nose, cheeks and chin.

### **Part 3**

#### **Compliance**

12.-(1) Every foreign air operator to which this Directive applies is required by regulation 20A of the Air Navigation (91 – General Operating Rules) Regulations 2018 (“ANR-91”) to comply with this Directive.

(2) A foreign air operator who contravenes regulation 20A may be directed by the Authority under regulation 112 of ANR-91 to pay a financial penalty not exceeding the higher of:

(a) \$500,000; or

(b) 5% of the foreign air operator’s annual revenue derived from the regulated activity.

(3) The DGCA may require any foreign air operator to which this Directive applies to demonstrate compliance with the arrangements, measures and requirements set out in this Directive.

13. The DGCA considers that, due to the need for swift measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, it is not practicable to give a notice under section 22(5) of the Air Navigation Act 1966.

### **Part 4**

#### **Revocation, Savings and Transitionals**

14.-(1) The Directive No. 10/2020 is revoked.

(2) Every approval given by the DGCA under paragraph 13 of Directive No. 10/2020 before 1 April 2022 and is in force on that date (“the first-mentioned approval”) is to continue in force as if the approval were granted under paragraph 7(2) of this Directive, until a new approval is given under paragraph 7(2) of this Directive to replace the first-mentioned approval.

(3) The first-mentioned approval is subject to the applicable conditions specified by the DGCA pursuant to paragraph 7(3) of this Directive, until a new approval is given under paragraph 7(2) of this Directive to replace the first-mentioned approval.

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