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CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS ENTERING SINGAPORE UNDER VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE ON NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

The Director-General of Civil Aviation (“DGCA”) has allowed passengers seeking entry into Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane (“VTL”) to be carried on non-scheduled flights, which can be operated by an air operator as defined in the CAAS Directive No. 12/2021 (“Directive”)¹, or the owner/operator of private aircraft.

2 To operate a non-scheduled flight for the carriage of passengers seeking entry into Singapore under the VTL arrangement (“VTL passengers”), an air operator or private aircraft owner/operator must obtain prior approval from CAAS. The approval must be sought no later than 7 calendar days before the start of that flight, and if approved, applicants will be informed at least 2 calendar days before the start of that flight.

3 An air operator, or the owner/operator of a private aircraft, carrying VTL passengers on a non-scheduled flight must, before commencement of the flight:

- (a) require every VTL passenger:
 - (i) to provide an acceptable proof that the passenger has been fully vaccinated, unless he or she is 12 years of age or below²;
 - (ii) to provide proof in the form of a test result memo (or any other form that CAAS may specify) of having taken a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction test (also referred to as a pre-departure PCR test) within:

¹ Under the Directive, an “air operator” means:

(a) a holder of an air operator certificate granted under Regulation 6 of the Air Navigation (119 – Air Operator Certification) Regulations 2018; and

(b) a holder of an operations permit issued under paragraph 87A of the Air Navigation Order;

² The age is calculated based on calendar year. To illustrate, if the passenger is entering Singapore in the year of 2021, those born in or after 2009 are considered 12 years of age or below.

- (A) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of the flight, if the passenger had not embarked on any other aircraft as part of a journey to Singapore before that flight; or
 - (B) if the passenger has one or more transit stops before the flight as part of his journey to Singapore:
 - (I) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of the flight, if the total duration of the scheduled transit stops before the flight exceeds 24 hours; or
 - (II) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of the first flight in the journey, if the total duration of the scheduled transit stops before the flight is 24 hours or less;
 - (iii) to make a declaration on the countries or regions that he or she has been in, in the last 14 consecutive days prior to departure for Singapore³; and
- (b) require every VTL passenger who is not a Singapore Citizen (“SC”) or Singapore Permanent Resident (“SPR”):
- (i) to provide a valid Vaccinated Travel Pass; and
 - (ii) unless the passenger is a Long-Term Pass Holder, to provide proof that he or she has downloaded on his or her mobile communication device the TraceTogether application with mobile number and profile registered.⁴

4 An air operator, or the owner/operator of a private aircraft, carrying VTL passengers on a non-scheduled flight must not:

- (a) board any VTL passenger:
 - (i) who fails to provide the proof of vaccination status mentioned in paragraph 3(a)(i);

³ To illustrate, if the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 19 October 2021), the last 14 consecutive days refer to D-14 to D (i.e. 5 October 2021 to 19 October 2021).

⁴ A passenger who is unable to use a mobile device due to a certified disability or special need, can be issued with a TraceTogether token in lieu of a mobile device with the TraceTogether application.

- (ii) who fails to provide the proof of a pre-departure PCR test mentioned in paragraph 3(a)(ii), unless the passenger is 2 years of age or below⁵;
 - (iii) whose pre-departure PCR test taken in accordance with paragraph 3(a)(ii) has a positive result;
 - (iv) regardless of the result of the pre-departure PCR test result, whose proof of a pre-departure PCR test mentioned in paragraph 3(a)(ii) does not meet the requirements specified in paragraph 5;
 - (v) who has, at any time within the last 14 consecutive days prior to that flight, been in or transited through a country that is not a country specified by the DGCA as a country from which a VTL passenger may enter Singapore (“VTL country”) or Singapore.
- (b) board a VTL passenger mentioned in paragraph 3(b):
- (i) who fails to provide a valid Vaccinated Travel Pass mentioned in paragraph 3(b)(i); or
 - (ii) who fails to download the TraceTogether application on his or her mobile communication device as described in paragraph 3(b)(ii), unless the passenger is a Long-Term Pass Holder.
- (c) board a passenger other than a VTL passenger on the same flight.

5 The proof of a test result memo mentioned in paragraph 3(a)(ii) must meet the following requirements:

- (a) is issued by an internationally accredited or recognised laboratory, clinic or medical facility specified on the Internet website of the Singapore Ministry of Health at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/accreditation-bodies-for-covid-19-testing>;
- (b) is in the English language; and
- (c) states the following:
 - (i) a negative test result;

⁵ To illustrate, the age is calculated based on calendar year. If passenger is entering Singapore in year of 2021, those born on or after 2019 are considered 2 years of age or below.

- (ii) the date and time that the test was taken; and
- (iii) the name of the passenger as stated in the passenger's passport and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number; and
- (iv) the name of the testing institution conducting the COVID-19 PCR test.

6 An air operator of a non-scheduled flight carrying VTL passengers must notify its passengers by appropriate means, that the passengers mentioned in paragraph 4 will not be allowed to board the flight.

Compliance with Border Measures

7 Air operators must ensure full compliance with the border measures in force, including screening of passengers' recent travel history and the necessary approval letters where applicable, at the point of departure for all flights to Singapore. For more information on Singapore's entry requirements, please refer to the SafeTravel website at <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>.

8 Existing Not-To-Land (NTL) policies and procedures will apply for passengers, who are denied entry into Singapore if they do not meet Singapore's prevailing entry requirements or who are not allowed to transfer/transit through Singapore.

9 Other related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found at <https://www.safetravel.ica.gov.sg/vtl/faq>.

Miscellaneous

10 In this Circular, unless otherwise specified:

"fully vaccinated" in relation to a passenger, means a passenger who has received a vaccine of a type that is acceptable to the Singapore government and completed the full regime for that vaccine type as indicated on the SafeTravel website at <https://www.safetravel.ica.gov.sg/health/vtsg>.; and

"Vaccinated Travel Lane" or "VTL" means the scheme known as the Vaccinated Travel Lane established by the Singapore Government to allow a fully vaccinated passenger to enter Singapore from a VTL country on a VTL flight subject to conditions, including those relating to self-isolation on arrival and testing for COVID-19.

Application Process

11 Applications to operate a non-scheduled flight to carry VTL passengers can be submitted at the following link:

<https://go.gov.sg/nsvtl1>

Useful links

12 Applications for the Vaccinated Travel Pass can be made at the following link:

<https://go.gov.sg/vtl-portal>

13 Booking of the on-arrival PCR swab tests can be done at the following link:

<https://safetravel.changiairport.com>

Enquires & Clarifications

14 Enquiries and clarification pertaining to this circular can be sent to CAAS at caas_nsvtl@caas.gov.sg.

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Annex

Annex A: Sample pre-flight checklist

Sample Pre-Flight Checklist

S/No	Items to check	Indicate Yes/No. If any of the items are “no”, please follow-up to comply with the corresponding requirement.
1	The flight is originating from a VTL country to Singapore.	
2	The flight is a direct flight from the VTL country to Singapore, with no transit in between.	
3	The flight only carries Singaporeans / PRs, and/or foreigners who have a valid VTP.	
4	All the passengers have provided documentary evidence of being vaccinated. <i>(except for those 12 years of age and below)</i>	
5	All the passengers have provided documentary evidence of having taken a PCR test and obtained a negative result within 48 hours of the scheduled day of departure of the flight. <i>(except for those 2 years of age and below)</i>	
6	All the passengers remained in any of the VTL countries of Singapore for a consecutive period of 14 days before departure.	
7	All foreign passengers have downloaded the TraceTogether application with mobile number and profile registered, or made arrangements to collect a TraceTogether token on arrival.	
8	CAAS approval been obtained to carry out this non-scheduled flight to carry VTL passengers.	
9	CAG and ICA have been informed of this flight.	