

**AIR NAVIGATION ACT  
(CHAPTER 6, Section 4H(1)(a))**

**DIRECTIVE NO. 12/2021 (CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS ENTERING SINGAPORE  
UNDER VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE)**

*Unofficial consolidated version incorporating Amendment 1-5*

**Part 1**

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Directive is the Directive No. 12/2021 and takes effect from 1559hrs GMT 22 August 2021.

**Part 2**

**Applicability**

2. Unless otherwise specified, this Directive applies to any air operator that operates an aircraft for the carriage of any passenger seeking to gain entry into Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane (called in this Directive a VTL passenger), and any fully vaccinated connecting passenger.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

**Part 3**

**Measures**

3. The Director-General of Civil Aviation (called in this Directive the DGCA) may, for the purpose of this Directive, specify a country (called in this Directive a VTL country) from which a VTL passenger may enter Singapore.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

4. Unless otherwise specified by the DGCA, an air operator is required to operate a flight for the carriage of any VTL passenger for entry into Singapore under the VTL (called in this Directive a VTL flight), in accordance with this Directive and any other conditions as the DGCA may specify.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

- 5.-(1) An air operator must designate a flight as a VTL flight with the approval of the DGCA.

(2) An air operator must seek approval to designate a flight as a VTL flight no later than 7 calendar days before the start of that flight, and provide information relating to the route, scheduled departure and arrival time, and seat capacity of that flight.

(3) The DGCA may approve the designation of a flight as a VTL flight subject to such conditions as he considers appropriate.

(3A) An air operator who is approved to carry connecting passengers through Changi Airport pursuant to an approval given under paragraph 3(d) of the CAAS Directive No. 11/2021 may carry passengers who are connecting through Changi Airport (called in this Directive a connecting passenger) on a VTL flight, if the connecting passenger is fully vaccinated, and in accordance with this Directive.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

(3B) The DGCA may permit an air operator to carry an unvaccinated passenger on a designated VTL flight subject to such conditions as he considers necessary or expedient to impose.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

(4) The DGCA may, if he considers necessary, and for such period if necessary, suspend, revoke or vary an approval granted under sub-paragraph (3), or any condition imposed on that approval, or the carriage of a connecting passenger on a VTL flight.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

6.-(1) Unless otherwise specified by the DGCA, an air operator of a VTL flight must, before commencement of the VTL flight—

(a) require every VTL passenger and every connecting passenger to:

- (i) provide an acceptable proof, which has been notified by the DGCA in writing as such, that the passenger has been fully vaccinated;
- (ii) provide proof, in accordance with Directive No. 9/2021 or Directive No. 10/2021, as the case may be, that the passenger has taken a pre-departure test for COVID-19;

(b) require every VTL passenger:

- (i) to make a declaration on the countries or regions that he or she has been in (including any country or region in which he or she was in transit), in the last 14 consecutive days prior to departure for Singapore<sup>1</sup>; and

*[Amendment 2 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 6 Oct 2021]*

- (ii) who is not a Singapore Citizen ("SC") or Singapore Permanent Resident ("SPR") to provide a valid Vaccinated Travel Pass.

*[Amendment 5 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 11 Nov 2021]*

(2) Unless otherwise specified by the DGCA —

(a) an air operator must not board any VTL passenger or connecting passenger on a VTL flight:

- (i) who fails to provide the proof of vaccination status mentioned in paragraph 6(1)(a)(i);
- (ii) who fails to provide the proof required under paragraph 6(1)(a)(ii), or whose pre-departure test for COVID-19 taken in accordance with paragraph 6(1)(a)(ii) has a positive result;

(b) an air operator must not board a VTL passenger mentioned in paragraph 6(1)(b) who:

- (i) has, at any time within the last 14 consecutive days prior to that VTL flight, been in or transited through a country other than:

(A) a VTL country;

(B) a country or region classified by the Singapore Ministry of Health as a Category I country or region; or

(C) Singapore; and

*[Amendment 2 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 6 Oct 2021]*

*[Amendment 5 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 11 Nov 2021]*

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<sup>1</sup> To illustrate, if the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 19 November 2021), the last 14 consecutive days refer to D-14 to D (i.e. 5 November 2021 to 19 November 2021).

- (ii) fails to provide a valid Vaccinated Travel Pass mentioned in paragraph 6(1)(b)(ii).

*[Amendment 5 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 11 Nov 2021]*

- (3) To avoid doubt, paragraphs 6(1)(b) and 6(2)(b) do not apply to a connecting passenger.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

7. An air operator of a VTL flight must notify its passengers by appropriate means, such as on its website or by displaying signs at its check-in counters, that the passengers mentioned in paragraph 6(2) will not be allowed to board a VTL flight.

~~7A. An air operator of a VTL flight must make the following in-flight announcement on board all designated VTL flights before landing in Singapore:~~

~~“This is a message for all Vaccinated Travel Lane travellers.~~

~~Passengers entering Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane will be required to undergo on-arrival and post-arrival COVID-19 tests. Failure to undergo the tests may constitute an offence under the Infectious Diseases Act.”~~

~~*[Amendment 1 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 7 Sep 2021]*~~

~~*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*~~

#### **Part 4**

#### **Miscellaneous**

8. In this Directive, unless otherwise specified:

“air operator” means the following aviation safety instrument holders:

- (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;

“connecting passenger” means a passenger who boards a VTL flight from a VTL country and who transits or transfers upon arrival at Changi Airport, without undergoing immigration clearance, in order to depart Singapore for an immediate destination beyond Singapore;

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“fully vaccinated” in relation to a passenger, means a passenger who:

(a) has received a vaccine of a type that is acceptable to the Singapore government; and

(b) has completed the full regime for that vaccine type, as specified by the DGCA;

“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;

“VTL passenger” means a passenger who seeks to gain entry into Singapore under the VTL.

*[Amendment 3 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 18 Oct 2021]*

## **Part 5**

### **Compliance**

9. Every air operator to which this Directive applies is required by regulation 9A of the Air Navigation (119 – Air Operator Certification) Regulations 2018 or regulation 20A of the Air Navigation (91 – General Operating Rules) Regulations 2018, as the case may be, to comply with this Directive.

10. An air operator who contravenes regulation 9A or regulation 20A may be directed by the Authority under regulation 37 of ANR-119 or regulation 112 of ANR-91, as the case may be, to pay a financial penalty not exceeding the higher of:

(a) \$500,000; or

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

11. To avoid doubt, every air operator to whom this Directive applies must also comply with all requirements in:

(a) Directive No. 9/2021 or Directive No. 10/2021, as the case may be; and

*[Amendment 1 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 7 Sep 2021]*

(b) Directive No. 11/2021 if the air operator intends to carry, or is carrying, connecting passengers on any VTL flight.

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12. The DGCA may require any air operator to which this Directive applies to demonstrate compliance with the arrangements, measures and requirements set out in this Directive, including submitting the record mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) when requested to do so.

*[Amendment 1 to Directive 12/2021, effective 1559 hrs GMT 7 Sep 2021]*

13. The DGCA considers that, due to the need for swift measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is not practicable to give a notice under section 4H(5) of the Air Navigation Act.

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