



5 September 2021

AMENDMENT NO. 13 TO DIRECTIVE NO. 9 OF 2020 (COVID-19 MEASURES FOR SINGAPORE AIR OPERATORS)

Pursuant to section 4H(1)(a) of the Air Navigation Act, 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. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 13) as attached in the interests of protecting public health because of the global COVID-19 situation.

2 Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 13) takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 9 September 2021.

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

**DIRECTIVE NO. 9/2020
(COVID-19 MEASURES FOR SINGAPORE AIR OPERATORS)
(AMENDMENT NO. 13)**

Part 1

Citation and Commencement

1. This Directive is the Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 13) and comes into operation from 1559hrs GMT 9 September 2021.

Part 2

Amendments

Amendment of paragraph 5

2. Paragraph 5 of Directive No. 9/2020 (called in this Amendment No. 13 the principal Directive) is amended –

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (ba) and substituting the following sub-paragraph therefor:

“(ba) require of each relevant passenger to provide proof in the form of a test result memo (or in any other form that the Director-General of Civil Aviation may specify) that the passenger has taken a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (“PCR”) test within:

- (i) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of that flight, if the passenger had not embarked on any other aircraft as part of a journey to Singapore, before that flight³; or

- (ii) if the passenger has one or more transit stops as part of his journey to Singapore:

- (A) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of the first flight in the journey, if the total

³ To illustrate, if a passenger is departing on 10 September 2021, the test must be taken no earlier than 8 September 2021.

duration of the scheduled transit stops before the last flight in the journey is 24 hours or less; or

(B) a period of 48 hours before the scheduled day of departure of the last flight in the journey, if the total duration of the scheduled transit stops before that last flight exceeds 24 hours;”;

- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (baa) and (bb); and
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the following sub-paragraph therefor:
 - “(d) not board any relevant passenger —
 - (i) who fails to provide the proof mentioned in sub-paragraph (ba);
 - (ii) whose proof does not meet the requirements specified in paragraph 5AA(c); or
 - (iii) whose PCR test taken in accordance with paragraph (ba) has a positive result.”

Deletion and substitution of paragraph 5AA

3. Paragraph 5AA of the principal Directive is deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefor:

“5AA. For the purpose of paragraph 5(ba), unless otherwise specified by the Director-General of Civil Aviation:

- (a) “journey to Singapore” and “journey” includes a journey via Singapore to a destination beyond Singapore;
- (b) the last flight in the journey is the flight that is scheduled to arrive in Singapore, whether or not the passenger continues to a destination beyond Singapore after arriving in Singapore;
- (c) the proof of a PCR test must meet the following requirements:
 - (i) 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>;
 - (ii) is in the English language; and

(iii) states the:

(A) test result;

(B) the date that the test was taken; and

(C) the name of the passenger as stated in the passport and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number.”

Deletion of paragraph 5AB

4. Paragraph 5AB of the principal Directive is deleted.

Amendment of paragraph 5A

5. Paragraph 5A of the principal Directive is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (aa) and substituting the following sub-paragraph therefor:

“(aa) a passenger who fails to provide the proof required under paragraph 5(ba), or whose proof does not meet the requirements specified in paragraph 5AA(c), or whose PCR test taken in accordance with paragraph 5(ba) has a positive result, will not be allowed to board the aircraft; and”.

Deletion of paragraph 13B

6. Paragraph 13B of the principal Directive is deleted.

Amendment of paragraphs 14 and 14B

7. Paragraphs 14 and 14B of the principal Directive are amended by deleting the word “60” and substituting with the word “30” in each paragraph.

Amendment of paragraph 16

8. Paragraph 16 of the principal Directive is amended –

(a) by inserting the word “Definitions” as a header to the paragraph;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “mask”, the following definition:

““relevant passenger” means a passenger (including a passenger who is transferring or transiting through Singapore) who has, at any time within the last 21 days prior to boarding a flight to Singapore⁴, been

⁴ To illustrate, if the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 30 September 2021), the last 21 consecutive days refer to D-21 to D (i.e. 9 to 30 September 2021).

in, or transferred or transited through, any country or region other than:

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

but does not include:

- (a) a child below 3 years of age⁵;
 - (b) a passenger who is not required to present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test, as specified by the Director-General of Civil Aviation;”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “safe distancing”, the following definition:

““vaccinated” means vaccinated against a COVID-19 infection by a vaccination provider who is approved by or accredited with the Government, using a vaccine described in the First Schedule of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 in the way described in the second and third columns of the First Schedule of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021;”.

Deletion and substitution of paragraph 18

9. Paragraph 18 of the principal Directive is deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefor:

- “18. The Director-General of Civil Aviation may require any Singapore air operator to which this Directive applies to:
- (a) maintain a record of the result of the PCR test mentioned in paragraph 5(ba) of every relevant passenger containing such information and for a specified period as he may specify; and
 - (b) 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.”

⁵ To illustrate, the age is calculated based on calendar year. If passenger is entering or transiting/transferring through Singapore in year of 2021, those born in or after 2019, are not required to take COVID-19 PCR test prior to departure for Singapore.

Deletion of the Annex

10. The Annex to the principal Directive is deleted.

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