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AMENDMENT NO. 2 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 the Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 2) at the Annex in the interests of protecting public health because of the global COVID-19 situation.

2 Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 2) takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 8 January 2021.

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

DIRECTIVE NO. 9/2020 (COVID-19 MEASURES FOR SINGAPORE AIR OPERATORS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2)

Part 1

Citation and Commencement

1. This Directive may be cited as Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No. 2) (hereinafter referred to as “Amendment No. 2”).
2. This Directive takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 8 January 2021.

Part 2

Amendments

New paragraph 5A

3. Directive No. 9/2020 (called in this Amendment No. 2 the principal Directive) is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph 5, the following paragraph:

“5A. A Singapore air operator must notify its passengers by appropriate means, such as on its website or by displaying signs at its check-in counters, of the following requirements:

- (a) a passenger who has a fever, has indicated “YES” to any of the questions set out in subparagraph 5(a) or who displays any COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to board the aircraft;
- (b) a passenger entering Singapore must comply with Singapore’s public health and immigration requirements as specified by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority on its website at safetravel.ica.gov.sg.”

Amendment of paragraph 13

4. Paragraph 13 of the principal Directive is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph 13(c) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) require each crew member to wear a mask and either goggles or a face shield:

- (i) from the point of disembarkation from the aircraft to arrival at his or her assigned room at the crew accommodation (and vice versa when departing from that destination);
- (ii) at all times when outside of his or her assigned room at the crew accommodation;”.

(b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (c), the following sub-paragraph:

“(ca) require each crew member to observe safe distancing at all times;”.

(c) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (d), the following sub-paragraphs:

“(da) prohibit every crew member from allowing any person to enter the crew member’s assigned room unless the person needs to enter the room to attend to an emergency.

(db) take measures to minimise contact by air crew with the local population whilst on layover, such as making arrangements with the provider of the crew accommodation to ensure that:

- (i) food is delivered without direct contact between the air crew and the person delivering the food;
- (ii) no housekeeping services are provided except that the room is cleaned and disinfected before the arrival of the air crew;
- (iii) a simplified check-in and check-out process is provided to minimise contact with the hotel staff or other hotel guests; and
- (iv) any other measures as the Director-General of Civil Aviation may specify are met;”.

New paragraphs 14A and 14B

5. The principal Directive is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph 14, the following paragraphs:

“COVID-19 Test Regime for air crew

14A. A Singapore air operator must require its air crew to undergo a COVID-19 test of such type and at such times as the DGCA may require, and ensure that every air crew member who is required to undergo such a test does so at the scheduled time.

- 14B. A Singapore air operator must not, for a period of at least 60 days, assign to duty on a flight, any crew member whom the Singapore air operator knows or has reason to believe has failed to comply with paragraph 14A, unless the crew member has a reasonable excuse.”.

Amendment of paragraph 15

6. Paragraph 15 of the principal Directive is amended —
- (a) by deleting the deleting the words “; and” in sub-paragraph (e);
 - (b) by deleting the full stop at the end of sub-paragraph (f) and substituting a semi-colon; and
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (f), the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(g) any crew member who fails to undergo a COVID-19 test, as required by the DGCA.”.

Amendment of paragraph 17

7. Paragraph 17 is deleted and substituted with the following paragraph:
- “17. Every Singapore air operator to which this Directive applies is required by regulation 9A of the Air Navigation (119 – Air Operator Certification) Regulations 2018 (“ANR-119”) to comply with this Directive. A Singapore air operator who contravenes regulation 9A may be directed by the Authority under regulation 37 of ANR-119 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.”.

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