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

# DIRECTIVE NO. 9/2020 (COVID-19 MEASURES FOR SINGAPORE AIR OPERATORS) (AMENDMENT NO.4)

#### **Citation and Commencement**

1. This Directive is the Directive No. 9/2020 (Amendment No.4) and comes into operation on 6 April 2021.

### Deletion and substitution of paragraphs 13 and 14

**2**. Paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Directive No. 9/2020 (COVID-19 Measures for Singapore Air Operators) (called the principal Directive) are deleted and the following paragraphs substituted therefor:

# "Crew lay over measures

- 13. A Singapore air operator must implement the following arrangements, measures or requirements for its crew members who are laying over at an overseas destination —
- (a) where practicable, arrange for a dedicated route for the crew members to take, from the point of disembarkation from the aircraft, through the arrival and immigration facilities at the destination airport, to the crew transport (and vice versa when departing from that destination), that ensures safe distancing and minimises the mixing of the crew members with other persons;
- (b) arrange for transport exclusively allocated to convey the crew members between the airport and the crew accommodation, and require each crew member to adhere to safe distancing measures while being so transported;
- (c) require each crew member to wear a mask and either goggles or a face shield:
  - 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;

- (d) require each crew member to observe safe distancing at all times;
- (e) require each crew member to strictly remain within the crew member's assigned room, or in an area outside the room but within the crew accommodation as the Director-General of Civil Aviation may specify, at all times (except where necessary to obtain medical treatment for a suspected COVID-19 infection or urgent medical treatment, to follow the lawful directions of a law enforcement or an emergency service officer to evacuate the room, or due to fire, flood or earthquake affecting the crew accommodation);
- (f) 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.
- (g) take measures to minimise contact between a crew member and the local population whilst on lay over, such as making arrangements with the provider of the crew accommodation to ensure that:
  - (i) food is delivered without direct contact between the crew member 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 crew member;
  - (iii) that a simplified check-in and check-out process is provided to minimise contact with the crew accommodation personnel and quests; and
  - (iv) any other measures as the Director-General of Civil Aviation may specify are met;
- (h) establish measures to ensure that each crew member remains within the assigned room or areas within the crew accommodation as described in sub-paragraph (e).
- (i) monitor the well-being and health of the crew members regularly, and identify any crew member who becomes unwell; and
- (j) authorise and require the pilot-in-command of a flight to supervise the crew of that flight to ensure compliance with the above measures.
- 13A. Despite paragraph 13, a Singapore air operator may implement such other arrangements, measures or requirements applicable only to a vaccinated crew member with regard to that air crew member's lay over at an overseas destination as the Director-General of Civil Aviation may specify.
- 13B. For the purposes of paragraph 13A, a "vaccinated crew member" is an air crew member who has received a COVID-19 vaccine given by the Government, completed the full vaccine regimen for that vaccine and 14 days have elapsed from the date of completion of that vaccine regimen.

14. A Singapore air operator must not, for a period of at least 60 days, assign to duty for a flight, any crew member whom the Singapore air operator knows or has reason to believe has failed to comply with any arrangement, measure or requirement applicable to that crew member that the Singapore operator has implemented in accordance with paragraph 13 or 13A."

#### Amendment of paragraph 15

- 3. Paragraphs 15(d) and 15(e) of the principal Directive are deleted and the following paragraphs substituted therefor
  - "(d) any crew member who does not remain in his or her assigned room during the lay over period as required in paragraph 13(e);
  - (e) any crew member who becomes unwell during the lay over period as identified in accordance with paragraph 13(i);
  - (ea) any crew member who has failed to comply with any arrangement, measure or requirement applicable to that crew member that the Singapore operator has implemented in accordance with paragraph 13 or 13A:"

## **Deletion and substitution of paragraph 18**

- **4**. 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 demonstrate compliance with the arrangements, measures and requirements set out in this Directive."

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