

30 March 2022

DIRECTIVE NO. 5 OF 2022 (COVID-19 – CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS ENTERING SINGAPORE)

Pursuant to section 22(1)(*a*) of the Air Navigation Act 1966, the Director-General of Civil Aviation, acting under power delegated to him by the Authority, considers it necessary to issue Directive No. 5/2022 at the **Annex** in the interests of protecting public health because of the global COVID-19 situation.

2 Directive No. 5/2022 takes effect from 1559 hrs GMT 31 March 2022.

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AIR NAVIGATION ACT 1966 (Section 22H(1)(*a*))

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Part 1

Citation and Commencement

1. This Directive is the Directive No. 5/2022 and takes effect from 1559hrs GMT 31 March 2022.

Part 2

Applicability

- 2.-(1) Unless otherwise specified, this Directive applies to an air operator who is the holder of the following aviation safety instrument:
 - (a) an air operator certificate granted under regulation 6 of the Air Navigation (119 Air Operator Certification) Regulations 2018 ("ANR-119"); or
 - (b) an operations permit issued under paragraph 87A of the Air Navigation Order.

(2) In the interests of protecting public health, an air operator to which this Directive applies must take all practicable steps to implement the measures contained in this Directive.

(3) To avoid doubt, this Directive does not apply to the carriage of a passenger, by an air operator mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), who is connecting through Singapore.

Part 3

Measures

3.-(1) The Director-General of Civil Aviation (called in this Directive the DGCA) may, for the purpose of this Directive, with respect to a country or region as he may specify, and for such period as necessary:

- (a) require an air operator not to board on its aircraft for a flight into Singapore any passenger who has, at any time within the last 7 consecutive days prior to that flight, been in or transited through that country or region; or
- (b) apply a quota on the number of passengers that may be carried by the air operator on the operator's aircraft from that country or region to enter Singapore.

(2) The DGCA may require an air operator to submit information on its operations to a country or region specified under this paragraph, including its flight schedule, seat capacity, booked loads, actual loads, and such other information as he considers necessary, for the period when a quota is applied under sub-paragraph (1)(b).

(3) If the DGCA specifies, pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), a quota to be applied on the number of passengers that may be carried by air operators from a country or region specified by the DGCA into Singapore, air operators must implement that quota within 48 hours upon notification by CAAS.

Pre-boarding requirements

4.-(1) An air operator must, before operating a flight for the carriage of passengers entering Singapore, require such passengers as the DGCA may specify, to provide proof, of a type and in such form as specified by the DGCA:

- (a) that the passenger is fully vaccinated;
- (b) that the passenger has been granted approval to enter Singapore, or exemption from vaccination;
- (c) of having taken a pre-departure test for COVID-19;
- (d) of having recently recovered from COVID-19, of a type and in such form as specified by the DGCA, in lieu of proof of having taken a pre-departure test for COVID-19 mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(c).

(2) An air operator must not board any passenger who fails to provide a proof when required to do so in accordance with sub-paragraph (1).

5. Every air operator to which this Directive applies must bring to the attention of its passengers by appropriate means, such as on its website or by displaying signs at its check-in counters, the following information –

- (a) the requirements stipulated in this Directive for boarding its aircraft for a flight to Singapore; and
- (a) that 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 <u>https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg</u>.

Part 4

Miscellaneous

6. In this Directive, unless otherwise specified, "COVID-19" means the infectious disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019.

Part 5

Compliance

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

(2) An air operator who contravenes regulation 9A of ANR-119 or regulation 20A of ANR-91 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 air operator's annual revenue derived from the regulated activity.

(3) To avoid doubt, every air operator to which this Directive applies must also comply with all requirements in –

(a) Directive No. 3/2022 or Directive No. 4/2022, as the case may be;

- (b) Directive No. 2/2022 if the air operator intends to carry, or is carrying, connecting passengers.
- (4) The DGCA may require any air operator to which this Directive applies:
 - (a) to maintain a record, relating to every passenger, containing such information and for such period as he may specify:
 - (i) of the type, date and result of the pre-departure test for COVID-19 mentioned in paragraph 4(1)(c);
 - (ii) of the type and date of a proof of recovery mentioned in paragraph 4(1)(d);
 - (b) to demonstrate compliance with the arrangements, measures and requirements set out in this Directive, including submitting the record mentioned in sub-paragraph (4)(a) when requested to do so.

8. 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 22(5) of the Air Navigation Act.

Part 6

Revocation

9.-(1) Directive No. 1/2022 and Directive No. 12/2021 are revoked with effect from 1559hrs GMT 31 March 2022.

(2) Any Directive, Circular or Letter that refers to the revoked Directive No. 1/2022 or Directive No. 12/2021, as the case may be, shall, as far as may be necessary for preserving its effect, be construed as referring or as including a reference to the corresponding provision in Directive No. 1/2022 or Directive No. 12/2021, as the case may be.

Issued on 30 March 2022.

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