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SUB: OPERATION OF AIR BUBBLE FLIGHT BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA.

1. Resumption of Air Bubble Flights:

Following the government directives and considering the urgency of the travelling of citizens of the two neighbor countries, the operation of Air Bubble Flight will **resume from 5 September 2021** and unless otherwise instructed for any unforeseen reason, the operation will continue as per the schedule approved by the aeronautical authorities of Bangladesh and India.

2. Frequency of operation:

As per the agreed numbers between the aeronautical authorities of Bangladesh and India.

3. Point of origin and point of destination of the flights:

Points described in the Air Services Agreement between the two countries.

4. Passengers to be carried:

All passengers, except the passengers holding tourist's visas, **can be carried as point to point passengers**. However, visa procedure or exit/entry category(s) of passengers may be amended from time to time reviewing the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country concerned and will apply from the time specified to be effective.

5. Health protocols and quarantine for the passenger's entry and exit:

(i) Passengers travelling from Bangladesh to India shall be mandatorily subjected to self-paid confirmatory molecular tests on arrival at the Indian airports concerned (port of entry). Part-B of the guidelines issued on 17.02.2021 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Government of India (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals17022021.pdf>) would be applicable to such passengers, as amended from time to time;

(ii) For the passenger's entry and exit into/from Bangladesh, the latest Air Transportation Circular issued (<http://caab.gov.bd/circul/21-3375.pdf>) by the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB), as may be amended from time to time, shall be followed;

(iii) Irrespective of the COVID-19 vaccination, all **incoming/outgoing** passengers, except the children below 10 years old, shall mandatorily possess **RT PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate** from the Government authorized laboratories. Unless there is a special requirement by the origin/destination country or the Airlines, RT PCR test shall be done **within 72 hours** of the intended travel; and

(iv) Health screening procedure(s) for both **incoming/outgoing** passengers and quarantine (institutional, home, short time, long time etc.) formalities of the incoming passengers in both the countries shall be as per the latest directives/decision published by the competent government authorities of both the countries.

6. Responsibility of the Airlines to the passengers:

Airline concerned and their travel agents shall keep themselves updated and keep passengers well informed about the updated travel restrictions, formalities and health procedures to be followed at departure/arrival ports and assist the passengers accordingly.

7. Health procedure at the Airport, passengers in-flight and for the Aircraft:

Standard disinfection, sanitization and social distancing procedures for passenger, crew, equipment and aircraft (inflight or on ground) etc. shall strictly to be maintained/ followed as per the latest circular(s) of CAAB and the competent authority of India.

8. Capacity restriction for flights:

In both Incoming and outgoing flights, **no more than 90% passengers of the total seating capacity shall be carried** in each flight. The vacant seats shall include at least the last row of the economy class and one seat of business class (if available) for any suspected COVID- 19 positive passenger(s).

9. This circular is applicable for Air Bubble Flight operation between Bangladesh and India only and come into effect immediately.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for requirement of RT-PCR test report with QR code for international travel from India reg.

Currently, the outbound passengers traveling from India to a number of international destinations are being allowed to board flights only if they carry a negative RT-PCR test report as per guidelines/requirements of the destination country.

2. To ensure minimum physical contact and smooth movement of passengers in the present pandemic situation, without compromising on the verification of the necessary details, the airline operators are advised to accept only those passengers who are carrying a negative RT-PCR test report **with QR code** for boarding international flights departing from India after 0001 hours on 22nd May 2021. This is applicable only to those passengers who are required to carry negative RT-PCR test report as per the guidelines/requirements issued by the destination countries.
3. Airlines should bring this to the knowledge of passengers well in advance / while booking the tickets to avoid any last minute hassles.
4. All airlines operating on international sectors from India are advised to make necessary arrangements for the same. All airport operators concerned are requested to provide necessary support, if required.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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To,

1. DG, DGCA – with a request to disseminate these guidelines to all airlines operating on international sectors from India.
2. Chairman, AAI – with a request to disseminate these guidelines to all Airports having international operations including private JV Airports.

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