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Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

B Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated 21.07.2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Review of COVID-19 Guidelines for International Flight Operations/arrivals - reg.

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), vide O.M. of even number dated 10.02.2023, had issued guidelines on the subject mentioned above for international flight operations/arrivals.

2. Now, keeping in view the declining trajectory of COVID-19 cases globally the said guidelines for international arrivals have been revised and updated. The revised guidelines are as under:-

A.1. Planning for Travel

i. All travellers should preferably be fully vaccinated as per the approved primary schedule of vaccination against COVID-19 in their Country;

A.2. During Travel

ii. In-flight announcement about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including precautionary measures to be followed (preferable use of masks and following physical distancing), shall be made in flights/travel and at all points of entry.

iii. Any passenger having symptoms of COVID-19 during travel shall be isolated as per standard protocol i.e. the said passenger should be wearing mask, isolated and segregated from other passengers in flight/travel and shifted to an isolation facility subsequently for follow-up treatment.

A.3. On arrival

iv. De-boarding should be done ensuring physical distancing.

v. Thermal screening should be done in respect of all the passengers by the health officials present at the point of entry.

vi. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated, taken to a designated medical facility as per health protocol (as above).

vii. All travellers should self-monitor their health post arrival also shall report to their nearest health facility or call National helpline number (1075)/ State Helpline Number in case they have any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.

3. This arrangement shall come into practice with immediate effect.

4. The revised Guidelines of MoH&FW dated 19th July 2023 for International Arrivals is enclosed for reference.

5. This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Encl. As above

To,
Director General, DGCA - with the request to bring the contents of this OM to the knowledge of all concerned.

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