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Title: Quarantine and preventive measures for Travellers and Crew members arriving from overseas or in flights originated from Sri Lanka during the pandemic of COVID-19.

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Pursuant to Section 121 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, Director General of Civil Aviation shall have the power to issue, whenever he considers it necessary or appropriate to do so, such Special Directions for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provision in the CA Act, any Regulations or Rules made thereunder including the Articles of the Convention on International Civil Aviation which are specified in the Schedule to the CA Act.

Accordingly, I, being the Director General of Civil Aviation do hereby issue the Special Direction as mentioned in the Attachment hereto (**Ref: CA-SD-AMS-2021-003-Att-01**), for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions in the aforementioned Act and Standards & Procedures described under Article 37 of the Convention, which are specified in the Attachment.

This Special Direction supersedes SLCASD- 019 (CAASL-AMS-COVID 19-SP-05) dated 20th March 2021, shall come in to force with immediate effect and remain until revoked.

Attention is also drawn to Section 103 of the Civil Aviation Act No.14 of 2010, which states *inter alia* that failure to comply with Special Direction, issued by DGCA is an offence.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disrupted the global air transport system and resulted in a crisis of the entire aviation industry. The Government of Sri Lanka together with the Ministry of Health, the Civil Aviation Authority and other relevant aviation stakeholders have joined forces to plan a restart and recovery of operations. In that aspect a revision of guidelines related to health measures has been performed. This Special Direction focuses on the latest guidelines published by the Ministry of Health to resume operations of the aviation industry especially the international airports facilities, Airline services and services for traffic.
- 1.2. The essence of this Special Direction is laid down in the latest guidelines published by the Ministry of Health namely:
- (i) DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 06.04.2021
Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.
 - (ii) DQ/06/2020 dated 06.04.2021
Preventive measures for Airline Crew Members.
- 1.3. This guideline consists of Appendix A, B, C, D, E, F & G according to the regularity requirements for easy referral.
- 1.4. This guideline document in the form of a Special Direction is published by the CAASL to provide operational recommendations for all Stakeholders involved in the aviation industry and at the Airports. This Special Direction incorporates the above guidelines of the Ministry of Health after careful deliberation & study of compatibility with ICAO and WHO standards. All relevant Aviation Industry Stakeholders shall comply with the requirements of this document strictly until further notice.

2. Abbreviations

- (i) **ICAO** – International Civil Aviation Organization
- (ii) **WHO** – World Health Organization
- (iii) **CAASL** – Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka
- (iv) **DGHS** – Director General of Health Services
- (v) **MoH** – Ministry of Health
- (vi) **MOH** – Medical Officer of Health

Appendix A

Title: General Measures and Procedures for All Travellers flying into Sri Lanka and Criteria of Traveller Categorization & Vaccination Criteria.

1. Approval Process to Enter Sri Lanka

- (i) **(Resident) Sri Lankan Passport Holder** subjected to hotel quarantine (Sri Lankan Citizen/Dual Citizen travelling on Sri Lankan Passports/Seafarer) who has booked a Quarantine Hotel requires no approval to enter Sri Lanka.
(Please refer to Appendix B of this Special Direction)

- (ii) **(Resident) Sri Lankan Passport Holder** subjected to Government Sponsored quarantine (Sri Lankan Citizen/Dual Citizen/Seafarer) who has not booked a Quarantine Hotel and intends to stay in Government Sponsored Quarantine Centres shall require an approval to enter Sri Lanka from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
(Please refer to Appendix B of this Special Direction)

- (iii) **(Resident) Foreign Passport Holder** (Dual Citizen/Spouse of Sri Lanka Citizen who is a Foreigner/Unmarried Foreign Child of Sri Lankan Parent(s)/Foreign National with valid resident visa) not entering Sri Lanka as a Tourist, shall require an approval to enter Sri Lanka from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
(Please refer to Appendix C of this Special Direction)

- (iv) **(Tourist) Sri Lankan Passport Holder** (Sri Lankan Citizen/Dual Citizen) who wish to enter Sri Lanka as a Tourist, shall require an approval to enter Sri Lanka only from the Sri Lanka Tourism via (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>)
(Please refer to Appendix D of this Special Direction)

- (v) **(Tourist) Foreign Passport Holder** (Dual Citizen/Foreigner with valid resident visa) wishing to enter Sri Lanka as a Tourist, shall require an approval to enter Sri Lanka only from the Sri Lanka Tourism via (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>)
(Please refer to Appendix D of this Special Direction)

- (vi) **(Business) Foreign Passport Holder** (Any foreign passport holder) wishing to enter Sri Lanka for purposes of business (Projects/Meetings/Discussions etc..) by invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka or any Private Organisation shall require an approval to enter Sri Lanka from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) with specific details in a letter of invitation from the Sri Lanka host/counterpart.
(Please refer to Appendix G of this Special Direction)

2. Documentation regarding Persons who have taken a COVID-19 Vaccination (All Criteria must be fulfilled for Acceptability of Proof)

- (i) Original Certificate of Vaccination (or document of proof)
- (ii) Documents must be in English or a certified copy in English for any information on the original which is not indicated in English.
- (iii) Documents must have name of the vaccine & dates of vaccination

These documents will have to be produced to the Health Officers at the Airport of Entry into Sri Lanka

3. Sri Lankan Standard of a Fully Vaccinated Traveller and criteria for Non-Vaccination (If any of the following are not fulfilled, the Traveller is considered as Not Vaccinated)

- (i) All recommended doses of a COVID19 Vaccination have been taken.
- (ii) 14 days have lapsed from the date of the last/final vaccination dose till the date of departure inbound to Sri Lanka.
- (iii) If the traveller departs inbound to Sri Lanka with less than 14 days from the final dose of the vaccine, and the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine:- the traveller can be released from Quarantine after a negative PCR test result

If the doses taken are incomplete, or the traveller is departing inbound to Sri Lanka with less than 14 days from the final vaccination dosage, the traveller is considered NOT Vaccinated.

4. Pre-Departure Negative COVID19 Test Report to be done by All Travellers into Sri Lanka (Boarding will not be allowed unless complied with)

- (i) The PCR Test Result (Negative) must be in English or a Certified Translation of the Document/Test Report with the Original.
- (ii) **Sri Lankan Passport Holder (Resident or Tourist)** must either have;
 - (a) PCR Test done within 96hrs prior to departure flight, or
 - (b) Rapid Antigen Test done within 48hrs prior to departure flight
- (iii) **Foreign Passport Holder (Resident or Tourist)** must have a Negative COVID19 PCR Test Report within 96hrs prior to their departure flight

5. Documentation Procedures upon Arrival into Sri Lanka

- (i) Duly completed Health Declaration Form (Available at Check-In Counters and On Board Aircraft) to be handed over to Health Officer at Airport
- (ii) Proof of Vaccination (Certificate/Card/Other Valid Proof)
- (iii) PCR negative test results done within 96 hours of departure (Foreign Passports and Sri Lankan Passports) or,
- (iv) (For Sri Lankan Passports Only) Rapid antigen negative test results done within 48 hours of departure (if PCR Test not done).

6. Day 01 (On Arrival into Sri Lanka) & Other PCR Test Process

- (i) All Adult Travellers shall undergo a COVID19 PCR Test within 24hrs of their Arrival into Sri Lanka
- (ii) Children between the Ages of 12 to 18 shall undergo a COVID19 PCR Test within 24hrs of their Arrival into Sri Lanka
- (iii) Children below the Age of 12 will undergo a COVID19 PCR Test only if an accompanying traveller (parent, sibling or family member) is tested as positive for Covid19.
- (iv) Further PCR Tests will be done according to the different criteria met by the Traveller. See Section 1 of this Appendix (above).
- (v) Any time a Traveller displaying symptoms of COVID19 will undergo an immediate PCR Test at the time of symptom detection.

7. Transport To & From Quarantine

- (i) All Travellers will be transported by Government Authorities or the relevant Hotel Management from the Airport to the place of Quarantine. (Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe& Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/Government Quarantine Centre).
- (ii) If Transferring from Quarantine to Home/Residence for Home Quarantine or Hotel Transfer (Fully Vaccinated Foreign Passport Holders), Travellers must adhere to Ministry of Health Guidelines in force and shall not use any public transportation (Bus Service, Trains etc...)
- (iii) After Discharge/Free from Quarantine, Travellers will be free to organise their own Transport Arrangements.
- (iv) All Travellers will be briefed on any Ministry of Health Guidelines prior to their departure from any Quarantine Hotel/Centre

8. Procedures in Relation to Tourists Travelling via Sri Lanka Tourism

- (i) Please refer to Appendix D of this Special Direction
- (ii) Please visit (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>) for more details on Tourist Travel Options

9. Procedures In Relation to Travelling Children under 18 years

- (i) Please refer to Appendix E of this Special Direction

10. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe& Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) For the latest list please refer to webpage (<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

Appendix B

Title: Specific Procedures in Relation to Residents of Sri Lanka who are Sri Lankan Passport Holders who have been Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Travellers)

- (i) Please Refer to Appendix A of this Special Direction

2. Applicability

- (i) All Sri Lankan Citizens travelling on a Sri Lanka Passport
- (ii) All Dual Citizens travelling on a Sri Lankan Passport
- (iii) Sri Lankan Seafarers

Not Applicable to:

- (i) Foreign Spouse of Sri Lankan Citizens (See Appendix C of this Special Direction)
- (ii) Unmarried Children with Foreign Citizenship who have Sri Lankan Parent(s) (See Appendix C of this Special Direction)

Not Applicable to Tourists/those entering via Sri Lanka Tourism (See Appendix D of this Special Direction)

3. Process for Resident Sri Lankan Passport Holder who has been Fully Vaccinated (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) No Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Civil Aviation Authority to Enter Sri Lanka
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure or Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) Release from Quarantine after Negative Result from Day 01 PCR Test

4. Process for Resident Sri Lankan Passport Holder who has been Fully Vaccinated (Government Sponsored Quarantine Centre)

- (i) Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure or Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) Release from Government Quarantine after Negative Result from Day 01 PCR Test

5. Process for Resident Sri Lankan Passport Holder who has not been Vaccinated/Not completed 14 days since Vaccination when departing inbound to Sri Lanka (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) No Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Civil Aviation Authority to Enter Sri Lanka
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure or Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Proof of Vaccination if Available (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) PCR Test on Day 07
- (vii) Released from Quarantine Hotel to travel direct to Home Quarantine for the remainder of the quarantine period (Day 14) if negative result from PCR Test on Day 07.
- (viii) If the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine:- the traveller can be released from Quarantine after a negative PCR test result taken after Day 14 from the time of the final vaccine dose.

6. Process for Resident Sri Lankan Passport Holder who has not been Vaccinated/Not completed 14 days since Vaccination when departing inbound to Sri Lanka (Government Sponsored Quarantine Centre)

- (i) Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure or Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Proof of Vaccination if Available (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) PCR Test after Day 10
- (vii) Released from Quarantine Hotel to travel direct to Home Quarantine for the remainder of the quarantine period (Day 14) if negative result from PCR Test on Day 10
- (viii) If the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine:- the traveller can be released from Quarantine after a negative PCR test result taken after Day 14 from the time of the final vaccine dose.

7. Process for Sri Lankan Passport Holder who are travelling as Tourists.

- (i) Please See Appendix D of this Special Direction

8. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe& Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) For the latest list please refer to webpage
(<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

9. Procedures in Relations to Travelling Children under 18 years

- (i) Please refer to Appendix E of this Special Direction

Appendix C

Title: Specific Procedures in Relation to Foreign Passport Holders (who are Residents of Sri Lanka) who have been Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Travellers)

- (i) Please Refer to Appendix A of this Special Direction

2. Applicability

- (i) All Traveller travelling on a Foreign Passport who have a Residence Visa in Sri Lanka
- (ii) All Dual Citizens travelling on a Foreign Passport
- (iii) Foreign Spouse of Sri Lankan Citizens
- (iv) Unmarried Children with Foreign Citizenship who have Sri Lankan Parent(s)

Not Applicable to Tourists/those entering via Sri Lanka Tourism (See Appendix D of this Special Direction)

3. Process for Resident Foreign Passport Holder who has been Fully Vaccinated (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) Release from Quarantine after Negative Result from Day 01 PCR Test

4. Process for Resident Foreign Passport Holder who has been Fully Vaccinated (Government Sponsored Quarantine Centre)

- (i) Government Sponsored Quarantine is only for Sri Lankan Passport Holders

5. Process for Resident Foreign Passport Holder who has Not been Vaccinated/Not completed 14 days since Vaccination when departing inbound to Sri Lanka (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to
- (iii) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Proof of Vaccination if Available (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) PCR Test on Day 07
- (vii) Released from Quarantine Hotel to travel direct to Home Quarantine for the remainder of the quarantine period (Day 14) if negative result from PCR Test on Day 07. Home Quarantine must be conducted at a residence/home and the address cannot be changed until the expiration of Day 14 from arrival into Sri Lanka.

- (viii) If the traveller does not have registered address at the time of entry into Sri Lanka, a PCR test will be done after Day 11 and will be released on Day 14 if the test result is negative.
- (ix) If the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine:- the traveller can be released from Quarantine after a negative PCR test result taken after Day 14 from the time of the final vaccine dose.

6. Process for Foreign Passport Holder who is travelling as Tourists.

- (i) Please See Appendix D of this Special Direction

7. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe& Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) For the latest list please refer to webpage
(<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

8. Procedures in Relations to Travelling Children under 18 years

- (i) Please refer to Appendix E of this Special Direction

Appendix D

Title: Specific Procedures in Relation to those travelling as Tourists who are Sri Lankan Passport Holders or Foreign Passport Holders who have been Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Travellers)

- (i) Please Refer to Appendix A of this Special Direction
- (ii) Please visit <https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/> for more details pertaining to Tourist measures.

2. Applicability

- (i) Sri Lankan Citizens on a Sri Lankan Passport
- (ii) Foreign Citizens on a Foreign Passport

3. Travel Bubble (Bio-Secure Travel Bubble Concept)

- (i) Please visit (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>) for further details on the Travel Bubble Concept and places a Tourist can visit during this time.

4. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) For the latest list please refer to (<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

5. Process for Tourist who has been Fully Vaccinated (Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval needed from Sri Lanka Tourism via website (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure, or
- (iii) If Sri Lankan Passport Holder Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure (instead of PCR Test)
- (iv) Proof of Vaccination (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (vi) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vii) Release from Quarantine after Negative Result from Day 01 PCR Test and Document Verification Check (Proof of Vaccination)

6. Process for Tourist who has been Fully Vaccinated (Government Sponsored Quarantine Centre)

- (i) Government Sponsored Quarantine is not applicable for Tourists

7. Process for Tourists who have not been Vaccinated or have not completed 14 days since Vaccination when departing inbound to Sri Lanka (Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval needed from Sri Lanka Tourism via website (<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure, or
- (iii) If Sri Lankan Passport Holder Rapid Antigen Test within 48hrs prior to Departure (instead of PCR Test)
- (iv) Proof of Vaccination if Available (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (vi) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vii) Allowed to other Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotels in a bio-secure travel bubble and visit Tourist sites after a negative result from the PCR Test on Day 01
- (viii) If Traveller staying in Sri Lanka for less than (05) five days, a second PCR test will be done only if required for further travel. (Airline or Destination Country Restrictions etc...)
- (ix) If the Travellers is staying in Sri Lanka for more than (05) five days or less than (14) fourteen days, another PCR Test will be done the day before the Traveller has to depart.
- (x) After Day 11, a PCR Test will be done on Travellers staying in Sri Lanka more than 14 days and if the result is negative, the Tourist is free from Quarantine restrictions.

8. Procedures In Relation to Travelling Children under 18 years

- (i) Please refer to Appendix E of this Special Direction

Appendix E

Title: Specific Procedures (irrespective of Passport Category) in Relation to travellers below the age of 18 years and Caretakers of Children or Special Needs Passengers who have been Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Travellers)

- (i) Please Refer to Appendix A of this Special Direction

2. List of Designated Quarantine Hotel/Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel

- (i) All Teenager (12years to 18years) should undergo quarantine at a designated Hotel/Quarantine Centre/Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel
- (ii) For the latest list please refer to
(<https://srilanka.travel/helloagain/documents/Level1Hotels/Level1HotelListt.pdf>)

3. Applicability

- (i) Infants (Below 2 years of Age)
- (ii) Children (Age 2 to 12 years)
- (iii) Teenagers (Age above 12 years to 18 years)
- (iv) Adult Caretakers accompanying minor(s) (see above) or an adult with special needs.

4. Process relating to Minors on Arrival into Sri Lanka

- (i) If at any time an accompanying traveller (Parent, sibling or family) is tested positive for COVID19, then the Child or Infant shall undergo a PCR Test
- (ii) Teenagers must do the PCR Test on Day 01
- (iii) Teenagers are subject to the same quarantine rules as adults depending on the status of their vaccination (Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated).
- (iv) Children & Infants are exempt from PCR Test on Day 01
- (v) Children can be released with fully vaccinated adults/caretakers after a negative result PCR Test on Day 01.
- (vi) Children can be released with adults or caretakers (that have met the fully vaccinated & 14 days since final dose criteria while in quarantine) after a negative result PCR Test the day before release

5. Process relating to Caretakers accompanying minor(s) or an adult with special needs.

- (i) If at any time an accompanying traveller (Parent, sibling or family) is tested positive for COVID19, then the Child or Infant will undergo a PCR Test.
- (ii) A Fully Vaccinated Caretaker, must remain for the full duration of quarantine with the child or adult in his/her care until the care recipient is discharged from quarantine.
- (iii) A Fully Vaccinated Caretaker will not have to do a PCR Test before leaving quarantine unless they display symptoms or the person they care for displays symptoms of COVID19.

Appendix F

Title: Specific Procedures in Relation to Airline Crew based in Sri Lanka and Foreign Airline Crew on a Layover in Sri Lanka

Note: To Sri Lankan AOC Holders: The procedures in this Appendix (F) shall not supersede or overrule the Regulations and Rules as per Implementing Standard 054 or SLCAP 4210 or the Approved Operator Flight Operations Manual.

PART A – Applicable to Sri Lankan AOC Holders & Foreign Airlines Operating into Sri Lanka

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew)

- (i) All Pilots & Cabin Crew to wear recommended PPE (Personnel Protective Equipment) as per the public health measures stipulated by the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
- (ii) All Crew who have been vaccinated must carry Original Vaccination Certificate/Card in English. If the Certificate/Card is not in English, a certified English translation must be in possession.
- (iii) Crew Members in Quarantine to adhere the public health measures of the Ministry of Health protocols
- (iv) If a crew member is positive for COVID19 or displays symptoms of COVID19, Airline Authorities/ Airline Doctor should take measures to admit the crew member to an Intermediate Care Centre operated by a Private Hospital as per Ministry of Health instructions. This is to be informed to the Epidemiology Unit via emails chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com
- (v) Airlines to take measure to monitor and supervise the adherence of crew to COVID19 preventive measures
- (vi) Airline crew who has been in immediate close contact with a COVID19 patient shall not be enrolled for duty.
- (vii) The area MOH to be informed if any crew member is febrile or displays symptoms of COVID19.

PART B – Applicable only to Sri Lankan AOC Holders

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew)

- (i) Please Refer Part A of this Appendix F (above)

2. Local Airlines to Inform Sri Lanka Epidemiology Unit of Crew Details

The following details are to be sent on the day of crew Arriving to Sri Lanka to chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com of all pilots and cabin crew members who are sent on Lay-Over flights originating from Sri Lanka, if undergoing mandatory quarantine for seven days;

- (i) Name
- (ii) Designation
- (iii) Home Address

- (iv) Contact Telephone Number
- (v) Date of Arrival
- (vi) Arriving Flight Number
- (vii) Country of Departure (where the crew had the layover)
- (viii) COVID19 Vaccination Dates
- (ix) Name of COVID19 Vaccination

3. Crew who are Fully Vaccinated (Final Dose of Vaccine + 14 days)

- (i) Vaccination Certificates and 14 day period to be verified by the Airline.
- (ii) Arrival PCR Test on return to Sri Lanka to be done if no PCR Test done within 96hrs.
- (iii) Home Quarantine until PCR Test results are available.
- (iv) On Arrival to Sri Lanka, if negative PCR Test within last 96hrs available, home quarantine will not be required.

4. Crew Members on Passenger/Ferry/Cargo flights originating out of Sri Lanka

- (i) See General Measures & Procedures above
- (ii) PPE to be worn when in contact with passengers and throughout on passenger flights.
- (iii) Crew members on **Non-Passenger flights (Ferry or Cargo)** will not be subject to Quarantine after returning to Sri Lanka.

5. Turn-Around Flights with Passengers originating out of Sri Lanka

- (i) Pilots & Cabin Crew on a Passenger flight – No PCR Test on return to Sri Lanka
- (ii) Pilots shall not be home quarantined after arrival to Sri Lanka.
- (iii) However subject to PCR Test on Day 07 from last flight or if displaying symptoms of COVID19, immediate PCR Test.
- (iv) Duration between tests if the pilot has been working, shall not exceed 14 days.
- (v) Cabin Crew shall be home quarantined for seven days. PCR Test on Day 07 or immediately if symptoms appear. They cannot be enrolled for duty until negative PCR Test result is obtained.

6. Layover flights with Passengers/Ferry/Cargo originating out of Sri Lanka

- (i) On layover to be confined to Hotel Room with meals delivered to the room.
- (ii) Dedicated vehicle only for crew at layover station for transport to and from airport.
- (iii) Pilots and Cabin Crew shall be quarantined for 07 days and shall not be rostered for flights during quarantine.
- (iv) If layover longer than 48hours, Airline to arrange PCR Tests on Day 01
- (v) All crew to have PCR Test on Day 07 or immediately if symptoms are displayed.
- (vi) All crew released from Home Quarantine only after negative result of Day 07 PCR Test.

7. Passenger Flights with Layovers less than 48hrs in China, Singapore or Australia (Subject to change by Ministry of Health at short notice)

- (i) Pilots will not be subject to home quarantine.

- (ii) Pilots to do PCR Test on Day 07 from return to Sri Lanka or immediately if displaying symptoms.
- (iii) If pilot has been rostered continuously, the period between PCR tests cannot exceed 14 days.

8. Passenger Flights with Layovers less than 48hrs in Countries (except China, Singapore or Australia) (Subject to change by Ministry of Health at short notice)

- (i) Pilots to undergo 07 days home quarantine.
- (ii) Pilots can be rostered for another flying duty during this home quarantine period.
- (iii) If a pilot has been rostered for another flying duty during his home quarantine, he needs to be quarantined for a period of seven (07) days from the date of he finally arrives in Sri Lanka.
- (iv) PCR Test on Day 07 after final flight or immediately if symptoms are displayed.
- (v) If pilot has been rostered continuously, the period between PCR tests cannot exceed 14 days

PART C – Applicable to Foreign Airlines Operating into Sri Lanka

1. General Measures & Procedures (Mandatory to All Crew)

- (i) Please Refer to Part A to this Appendix F (See above)

2. Foreign Airline Crew (Operating into Sri Lanka with a Foreign Carrier)

Foreign airline crew members shall adhere to the following guidelines in addition to General Measures.

- (i) It is mandatory for the foreign airline crew members arriving into Sri Lanka to carry a negative COVID-19 test result in English language done within 96 hours prior to embarkation.
- (ii) All crew members should undergo quarantine in an approved hotel for airline crew members.
- (iii) If crew layover for less than 72hrs, and the crew are confined to the Hotel Premises, the crew then do not require a PCR Test on arrival (Day 01)
- (iv) If layover for 72 hours or more in Sri Lanka, on arrival (Day One) PCR test shall be done and shall be quarantined at the hotel until they depart from Sri Lanka.
- (v) After sample collection, for any operational reason the crew member can be release for a return flight without the result of the test.

3. Foreign Airline Crew who have been Fully Vaccinated (Final dose of Vaccine + 14 Days)

- (i) Day 01 PCR Test and quarantine in Hotel until result
- (ii) If PCR Test is negative, Hotel Doctor to discharge crew after verification of Vaccination documentation.
- (iii) Documentation for Discharge to include the following
 - a. Name of the crew member
 - b. Passport number
 - c. Flight Number
 - d. Country of Departure
 - e. Date of Arrival into Sri Lanka

- f. Local Address of Foreign Crew Member (Home Base)
- g. Contact Telephone Number
- h. Day 01 PCR Test Result
- i. Date of Last PCR Test and Result (if available)
- j. Name of COVID19 Vaccine
- k. Dates of Vaccination
- l. Date of Discharge from Hotel
- m. Due date of departure flight
- n. Name of Hotel in which Crew were Quarantined

(iv) Hotel Doctor to email these details of all discharged crew members to the Epidemiology Unit via chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com every Friday

4. If Foreign Crew Member becomes COVID19 positive

- (i) If the Airline Undertakes to take the positive crew member back to the Airlines Home Base whilst adhering to COVID19 Preventive measures, the positive Crew Member can be released directly for the return flight by adhering to appropriate preventive measures.
- (ii) If the Airline does not have any such undertaking, the positive crew member will be admitted to an Intermediate Care Centre operated by a Ministry of Health approved hospital after being informed by the Hotel Doctor or the Airline Station Staff.
- (iii) If the Crew member has already departed for the return flight, no action will be taken, the Airline will be informed, and the Crew member may proceed with the return flight adhering to appropriate preventive measures.

Appendix G

Title: Procedures for Commercially Important Persons & Business Travellers flying into Sri Lanka who have been Fully Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated

1. Applicability

- (i) Foreign Passport Holders who are not residents in Sri Lanka
- (ii) All Dual Citizens travelling on a Foreign Passport
- (iii) Foreign Spouse of Sri Lankan Citizens

2. Purpose

- (i) For Foreign nationals who require access to enter Sri Lanka for purposes of business for important projects, meetings, negotiations, discussions etc.
- (ii) Business Travellers invited by the Government of Sri Lanka
- (iii) Business Travellers invited by a Private Organisation/Business Venture

3. Approval Process

- (i) Approval to be obtained via email to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be informed of the purpose of visit and the letter of invitation from the Sri Lankan counterpart/host entity.
- (iii) Approval and Travel via Sri Lanka Tourism is not available for Business Travellers.

4. Process for Business Traveller who has been Fully Vaccinated (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval needed from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (ii) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to Departure
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (v) PCR Test on Day 01
- (vi) Release from Quarantine after Negative Result from Day 01 PCR Test

5. Process for Business Traveller who has not been Vaccinated/Not completed 14 days since Vaccination when departing inbound to Sri Lanka (Paid Hotel Quarantine)

- (i) Approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs via email: (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)
- (i) PCR Test within 96hrs prior to
- (ii) Health Declaration Form (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iii) Proof of Vaccination if Available (On Arrival At Airport)
- (iv) PCR Test on Day 01
- (v) PCR Test on Day 07
- (vi) Released from Quarantine Hotel to travel direct to Home Quarantine for the remainder of the quarantine period (Day 14) if negative result from PCR Test on Day 07. Home Quarantine must be conducted at a residence/home and the address cannot be changed until the expiration of Day 14 from arrival into Sri Lanka.

- (vii) If the traveller does not have registered address at the time of entry into Sri Lanka, a PCR test will be done after Day 11 and will be released on Day 14 if the test result is negative.
- (viii) If the 14 day period from the final dose of the vaccine is achieved whilst in Quarantine:- the traveller can be released from Quarantine after a negative PCR test result taken after Day 14 from the time of the final vaccine dose.