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Subject: **Revised Inbound Air Travelers Policy**

References:-

A. NCOC letter number 801/A/ /NCOC-01 dated 4 May 2021.

B. NCOC letter number 801/A/Ops-III/NCOC-01 dated 24 September 2021.

C. NCOC letter number 801/A/Ops-III/NCOC-01 dated 30 September 2021.

1. Owing to mass vaccination undertaken by various countries, a downward trend has been witnessed in all COVID indicators across the globe. Moreover, enforcement of obligatory vaccination for inbound travel with effect from 1 October 21 affords Pakistan revision of COVID related health / testing protocols. Key strands are covered in ensuing paragraphs.

2. **Inbound air traffic** will operate at **full quantum with effect from 10 November 2021**.

3. **Countries on Cat 'C' List / High Risk Countries**. Critical monitoring of disease profile vis-à-vis vaccination rate suggests following categories and travel restrictions:-

a. **Cat 'C' List**

(1) Fresh List of countries warranting complete travel ban is as under:-

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| (a) Armenia | (f) Mongolia |
| (b) Bulgaria | (g) Slovenia |
| (c) Costa Rica | (h) Thailand |
| (d) Iraq | (i) Trinidad & Tobago |
| (e) Mexico | (j) Ukraine |

(2) Essential travel from above mentioned countries would necessitate obtaining exemption certificate from exemption committee.

(3) Pakistanis already travelled / travelling to Category C countries on short term visa and deportees are permitted to travel back without exemption process.

b. **High-Risk Countries**. In wake of high disease indicators, following countries will remain on continuous monitoring, however, does not necessitate any travel restriction at this stage:-

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| (1) Russia | (4) Germany |
| (2) Iran | (5) Philippines |
| (3) Ethiopia | (6) Afghanistan |

c. **Cat 'B' List**. All countries (including high-risk countries) less Cat 'C' are placed in Cat 'B' with no inbound travel restrictions.

4. **Revised Health / Testing Protocols for Inbound Air Travel** for implementation with effect from **05 November 2021**, are as under:-

- a. 100% vaccination for all inbound pax. Manifestation as per obligatory vaccination regime vide our letter no 801/A/Ops-III/NCOC-01 dated 30 September 2021.
- b. All pax of 06 years age and above (locals / foreigners) are required to be in possession of negative PCR test report (max 72 hours old) before boarding. Deportees are exempted from PCR test / report requirement.
- c. 100% RAT on arrival at airport for all inbound pax has been abolished less pax travelling via direct flight from Cat 'C' and high-risk countries. Selective flights / symptomatic pax from Cat B countries will also undergo RAT.
- d. RAT positive cases will be **quarantined for 10 x days**. RT PCR test of all RAT positive quarantined pax will be undertaken on 8th day of quarantine. In case of negative result, pax will be allowed to proceed home. However, in case of positive result, pax will either undergo **additional quarantine period or will be shifted to hospital** as per advice of health authorities.
- e. Testing protocols are also applicable for all inbound border terminals less Afghanistan. Afghani Inbound pedestrians can travel to Pakistan **through Border Terminals without vaccination certificate / PCR**. However, they will undergo stringent testing / quarantine protocols as already emplaced.

5. **CHE Only**. Following is requested:-

- a. **Ensure all inbound passengers** arriving directly from Cat 'C' and high-risk countries are tested through RAT at all designated airports in coordination with provincial health/ airport authorities.
- b. **Ensure availability of requisite health staff round the clock** at all major airports in coordination with provincial health authorities.
- c. Maintain sufficient stock of RAT kits and allied equipment/ facilities at designated airports.


6. **MoNHSR&C Only**. Ensure availability of additional health care staff at designated airports.

7. **Provincial Home / Health Departments Only**. Following is requested:-

- a. **Arrange / manage adequate quarantine facilities within proximity** of major airports.
- b. **Beef up CHE staff with provincial health staff at respective Airports** (on requirement basis) in the province.
- c. **AJK and GB** are requested to assist federating units especially **Rawalpindi and ICT administration** for smooth management of AJK / GB related inbound travelers landing at IIAP.
- d. Earmark separate facilities for quarantine of deportees.

8. **Aviation Division/ Airport Management / ASF only**. Following is requested:-
 - a. **Facilitate CHE / provincial health staff** for smooth testing of inbound travelers at Airports.
 - b. **Management of inbound travelers (all aspects)** within airport premises.
 - c. **Close coordination / facilitation with Provincial / District Administration / LEAs** for transportation of positive cases from airports to designated quarantine facilities.
 - d. Aviation Division will issue detailed instructions for smooth management of inbound travelers' operation at designated airports.
9. **MoFA Only**. Please **disseminate information to all Pakistan High Commissions and Embassies** and assign priority for information of Pakistani diaspora.
10. **NDMA only**. Please **ensure availability of sufficient RAT kits** in coordination with NCOC.
11. **MoIT / NITB**. Please ensure uninterrupted / continuous availability of **Passtrack App**.
12. **Revised air travel plan will be effective from mid night 5 November 2021 (0001 PST). Review will be carried out at NCOC on 15 December 2021.**
13. Forwarded for necessary action / priority dissemination to all concerned, please.




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