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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
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CIRCULAR

Subject: Resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services to/from India

In the backdrop of spread of Covid-19, the scheduled international commercial passenger services to/from India was suspended with effect from 23rd March, 2020 vide circular dated 19.03.2020. The suspension has been extended from time to time, and is still in force till 30.11.2021.

2. The matter has been reviewed and the competent authority has decided to resume the scheduled commercial international passenger services to/from India with effect from 15th December, 2021. Accordingly, the scheduled international commercial passenger services to/from India shall remain suspended till 2359 hours IST of 14th December, 2021.

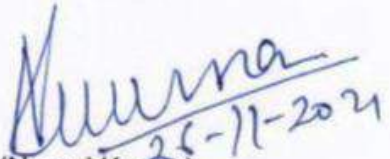
3. Resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services with effect from 15th December, 2021 would imply reversion to bilaterally agreed capacity entitlements and termination of air bubble arrangements. However, due to prevailing Covid-19 situation, the capacity entitlements shall be as per the category of countries based on enlistment of countries as "at-risk" from time to time by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) as per following criteria:

Sl. No.	Category of Country	Capacity entitlements upon resumption of scheduled operations
A.	Countries enlisted by MoHFW as "at-risk" AND air bubble has been formalized with the country	75% of pre-covid operations of Indian or foreign carrier whichever is higher or a minimum of 7 frequencies/week subject to availability of entitlements under bilateral agreement(s).
B.	Countries enlisted by MoHFW as "at-risk" AND air bubble has not been formalized with the country	50% of Bilateral capacity entitlements or 50% of pre-covid operations of Indian or foreign carrier, whichever is higher.
C.	Countries excluding those enlisted as countries "at risk" by MoHFW	Full capacity entitlements as per bilateral air service agreements.

Note: List of countries recognised as "at-risk" as provided on MoHFW's website.

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4. The seats under air bubble arrangement which have already been sold by airlines, which are in excess of the capacity entitlements under bilateral ASAs/traffic rights available with the airlines, will be allowed to be operated till 14.12.2021. Such airlines will restrict their operations to capacity entitlements under bilateral ASAs/traffic rights available with the airlines, with effect from 15.12.2021.
5. All services shall be subject to strict adherence to MoHFW's guidelines for international travel dated 11.11.2021 as amended from time to time and instructions issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation for international travel.
6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.


(Neeraj Kumar)
25-11-2021

Director of Regulation & Information

To

1. All Foreign and Domestic Scheduled Airlines operating flights to/from India;
2. The Chairman, Airport Authority of India;
3. All Airport Operators in India;
4. The Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration.