## GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032

No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-2, Dated: 2nd December, 2021

## **ORDER**

## Reference:

- a. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
- b. The Disaster Management Act, 2005

In the background of detection of "Omicron" variant of the COVID 19 virus in South Africa and some other countries, and its declaration as a Variant of Concern (VOC) by the World Health Organisation, Government of Maharashtra had promulgated guidelines for Air Passengers coming into Maharashtra state vide reference Order No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 30th November 2021.

In order to restrict the transmission of the "Omicron" variant of the COVID 19 virus in Maharashtra State, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority hereby declares that Order No DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 is superseded with immediate effect by following directions:

- a. The restrictions imposed by the Government of India guidelines from time to time shall act as minimum restrictions to be imposed on all international and domestic air passengers.
- b. The following countries are categorised as "High Risk Countries":
  - i. South Africa
  - ii. Botswana and
  - iii. Zimbabwe
- c. The categorisation as "High Risk Countries" is a dynamic exercise based on evolving situation of "Omicron" variant of the COVID 19 and hence will be updated as required by Government of Maharashtra.
- d. The following categories of Air Passengers shall be declared as "High-Risk Air Passengers":
  - i. The Air Passengers who are coming from "High-Risk Countries" to Maharashtra;
  - ii. The Air Passengers who have visited any of "High-Risk Countries" in past 15 days before arrival in Maharashtra.

e. Following restriction shall apply to only "High-Risk Air Passengers" in addition to those imposed by GOI:

"High-Risk Air Passengers may be deplaned on priority and separate counters will be arranged by respective airport management authorities at all international airports of the State of Maharashtra for their screening and verification. Such all "High-Risk Air Passengers" shall have to undergo RTPCR Test immediately on arrival at respective international airport and shall undergo mandatory 7day "Institutional Quarantine" with second RTPCR Test to be carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> day. If any of the RTPCR Test is found to be positive, then such "High Risk Air Passenger" shall be shifted to a Hospital with Covid Treatment Facilities. In case result of RTPCR Test of 7<sup>th</sup> day comes negative, such "High Risk Air Passenger" will have to undergo a further 7 days of Home Quarantine."

- f. DCP immigration and FRRO to draft a proforma of declaration for all arriving passengers on international flights to declare details of the countries visited in last 15 days. MIAL to share the proformas with all airlines. The information regarding travel in the last 15 days shall be cross checked by immigration on arrival. An incorrect information furnished by the passenger shall lead to action under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- g. In the case of domestic air travel, Passengers will either have to be fully vaccinated or compulsorily carry RTPCR Test certificate showing negative result within 72 hours before boarding.

BY ORDER OF AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA

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(Debashish Chakrabarty) Chief Secretary