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Subject: **Revision of Inbound Air Passengers Travel Categories**

Our Letters No 803/A/Ops-III/NCOC-03 dated 27 November 2021 and No 803/A/Ops-III/NCOC-03 dated 03 November 2021 referred.

1. Prevalent COVID situation across the globe has been reviewed at NCOC in order to revise the policy for categorization of air travel and Cat C list. **Revised categories** basing on disease profile and **health / testing protocols** applicable to travelers from these countries are given in ensuing paragraphs:-

2. **Cat 'C' List**

a. Fresh List of Cat 'C' countries is as under: -

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|------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Croatia.     | (9) South Africa. |
| (2) Hungary.     | (10) Mozambique.  |
| (3) Netherlands. | (11) Lesotho.     |
| (4) Ukraine.     | (12) Eswatini.    |
| (5) Ireland.     | (13) Botswana.    |
| (6) Slovenia.    | (14) Zimbabwe.    |
| (7) Vietnam.     | (15) Namibia.     |
| (8) Poland.      |                   |

b. **Health / Testing Protocols for Inbound Air Travel** from Cat C countries are as under: -

- (1) Complete **ban on Inbound travel** from Cat C countries.
- (2) **Essential travel** from above mentioned countries would necessitate obtaining **exemption certificate** from exemption committee with following health protocols: -
  - (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 48 hours old) before boarding. Deportees are exempted from PCR test / report requirement.
  - (c) RAT on arrival at airport for all inbound pax (6 years and above) travelling via direct / indirect flights from Cat 'C' countries.

- (d) RAT negative cases will be **allowed** to proceed. However, RAT negative cases from **Omicron variant countries** mentioned at para 2 a (9) to (15) (South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Eswatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia) will have to undergo **3 days mandatory quarantine** followed by **PCR test** to be conducted on **3<sup>rd</sup> day by civil administration**.
- (e) RAT positive cases will be **quarantined for 10 x days**. RT PCR test of all RAT positive quarantined passengers will be undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> day of quarantine. In case of negative result, pax will be allowed to proceed. However, in case of positive result, pax will either undergo **additional quarantine or will be shifted to hospital** as per advice of health authorities.

3. **Cat 'B' List**

- a. Countries placed in Cat 'B' are listed below: -

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Germany.             | (8) UK.           |
| (2) Trinidad and Tobago. | (9) Thailand.     |
| (3) Azerbaijan.          | (10) France.      |
| (4) Mexico.              | (11) Austria.     |
| (5) Sri Lanka.           | (12) Afghanistan. |
| (6) Russia.              | (13) Turkey.      |
| (7) USA.                 |                   |

- b. **Health / Testing Protocols for Inbound Air Travel** from Cat 'B' countries are as under: -

- (1) 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.
- (2) All pax of 06 years age and above (locals / foreigners) are required to be in possession of negative PCR test report (max 48 hours old) before boarding. Deportees are exempted from PCR test / report requirement.
- (3) RAT of random flights will be conducted at airport on arrival from Cat 'B' countries.
- (4) RAT negative cases will be allowed to proceed. RAT positive cases will be **quarantined for 10 x days**. RT PCR test of all RAT positive quarantined passengers will be undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

4. **Cat 'A' Countries.** All other countries not included in Cat 'C' and 'B' will fall in Cat 'A' with following **health / testing protocols** applicable to inbound travelers: -
  - 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 48 hours old) before boarding. Deportees are exempted from PCR test / report requirement.
5. **Screening of Transit flights.** **Random RAT on arrival** for transit flights arriving via **KSA, UAE and Qatar** will be ensured to guard against entry of Omicron variant through indirect flights.
6. **Exemption / Waiver.** **To facilitate stranded Pakistanis**, NCOC has approved following relaxations: -
  - a. All Pakistanis can travel from Cat C countries **without exemption till 15 December 21** but above-mentioned **health / testing protocols on arrival** will remain applicable.
  - b. **Pakistanis** already travelled / travelling to Category C countries on **short term visa and deportees** are permitted to travel back without exemption process.
  - c. Pakistanis unable to get themselves vaccinated abroad (all categories) due to following reasons are **Exempted from mandatory vaccination after producing valid proof** to airline / immigration authorities before boarding: -
    - (1) Expired Visa / Emirates ID or illegal immigrants / deportees.
    - (2) Pending court cases.
    - (3) Medical conditions / issues.
    - (4) Pregnant women.
    - (5) Partially vaccinated from Pakistan.