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Department of Civil Aviation of Lao PDR

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**NOTICE NO.01 (2022)**  
**LAO PDR FULLY RE-OPENS THE BORDERS**

**TO: ALL PARTIES CONCERNED  
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AIRLINES  
GLOBAL AIRPORT OPERATORS  
TIMATIC, IATA.**

**SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ENTERING INTO LAO  
PDR EFFECTIVE ON 09 MAY 2022 ONWARDS.**

- According to the Ministerial Decision on Roles and Functions of Department of Civil Aviation, No. 18999/MPWT, dated 08 August 2019;
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister Office's Order, No. 627/PMO, dated 07 May 2022;

The Department of Civil Aviation of Lao PDR (DCA) would like to hereby notify you as following details:

**I. ALL INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS**

- 1.) All International commercial scheduled and non-scheduled passenger flights entered to Lao PDR must be subject to the application submitted through the Department of Civil Aviation of the Lao PDR, Ministry of Public Works accordingly, E-mail: laodca@laotel.com for further consideration.
- 2.) Domestic flight operations across Lao PDR are allowed as performed before the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 3.) 4 International Airports of Lao PDR including Vientiane (VTE), Luang Prabang (LPQ), Pakse (PKZ), and Savannakhet (ZVK) are officially re-operated.
- 4.) Lao and Foreign passengers are freely allowed to enter and exit Lao PDR as exercised in 2019 before the COVID-19 Pandemic. Provided that
  - a. ☒ Visa and visa exemption schemes between Lao PDR and contracting parties apply as exercised before COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - b. ☒ A Proof of Fully vaccinated under WHO Vaccine Scheme must be shown upon check-in at any airports destined Lao PDR. Fully vaccinated passengers are NOT required to have a proof of RT-PCR Test or Rapid ATK Test upon check-in at any airports and entering/exiting into Lao PDR.

- c. ☒ For Lao citizens, foreign citizens, alien and non-citizen passport holders whose ages are above 12 years old, and are NOT vaccinated or NOT fully vaccinated, they are required to have a proof of Rapid ATK Test's Result with 48 hours validity before the first flight of their journey connecting to Lao PDR (Clinical and Medical Center certified, is recommended).
- 5.) ☒ Installation of Lao KYC and Registration of Lao Green Pass ([www.laogreenpass.gov.la](http://www.laogreenpass.gov.la)) are obsolete (NO LONGER REQUIRED).
- 6.) ☒ RT-PCR test and Rapid ATK test upon arrival in international airports of Lao PDR are obsolete (NO LONGER REQUIRED).
- 7.) If any foreign citizen who enters into Lao PDR and gets COVID-19 infected, he/she is kindly advised to bear all costs of medical treatment on their own expenses. Such person could use either medical services at any public and private hospitals, or perform a home isolation practice at their residence/hotel on their own discretion, recommended by Ministry of Public Health of Lao PDR.

## II. MEASURES FOR AIRLINES PREPAREDNESS AGAINST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 1). Keep an adequate amount of basic Personnel Protective Equipment on board to be used when required. E.g. Surgical masks and gloves.
- 2). Provide the Health Declaration Form attached herewith to all passengers during the flight and instruct passengers to submit completed forms to the public health authority upon the arrival at the airport.
- 3). Advise passengers on the following basic protective measures:
  - Clean hands properly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
  - Avoid touching mouth, eyes and nose as much as possible.
  - Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or mask.
- 4). Dispose the used masks/coveralls/gloves into a closed bin for incineration.
- 5). Encourage passengers to inform the crew if a passenger is suffering from any symptom of an acute respiratory infection (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, and breathing difficulties).
- 6). Report to the public health authority upon arrival at the airport.
- 7). Provide supporting information regarding the total number of passengers by nationalities or other necessary information as required by the competent authorities.
- 8). Other measures where applicable.

## III. GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CREWS ENTERING LAO PDR

To reduce the risk of importation and widespread of the COVID-19, the following guidance for crews entering International Airports in Lao PDR must be applied strictly:

### *1.) Before the flight*

- Crew planning should consider using crews as teams – this would restrict the potential infection only to the team members.
- Crews and other personnel with any symptoms of flu should not be working – this is to prevent potentially infected persons in the flight deck and thus prevent the spread of the virus to surfaces of the flight deck.



- Procedures should be put in place to minimize crew exposure to ground personnel.
- All personnel should follow proper hygiene practices before entering the cockpit.
- During turn-around, when pilots are in contact with ground personnel, a mask may be worn on in high epidemic areas.

**2.) During the flight**

- Disinfect all surfaces with alcohol wipes before starting your flight preparations.
- Use hand disinfection gel regularly and always before eating anything.
- Avoid touching your face – eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If routine use of OXY mask is required (such as for operations above a given Flight Level), use disinfection towel before and after the use of the mask.

For more details on the use of masks, use of gloves, aircraft disinfection, crew health, handling a (suspected) case on board, administrative requirements, layover considerations, dispatch considerations, hygiene measures on the flight deck, social distancing, etc., please refer to the IFALPA Guidance attached herewith.

DCA seeks the cooperation from all parties concerned to fully implement this notice.

All previous notices are obsolete accordingly.

Your action on this matter is sincerely appreciated. *PM*

Yours sincerely,



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