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GUIDELINES ON AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM/WITHIN PAKISTAN

This is in supersession to our letters of even number dated July 24 and August 13, and September 03, 2021, providing COVID-19 vaccination guidelines concerning air travel to/from/within Pakistan.

2. The following revised guidelines have been approved by the Competent Authority concerning air travel to/from/within Pakistan:

Inbound Air Travel Testing Protocol

- a) All passengers of age 06 years and above will be required to possess a valid negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan.
- b) Deportees will be exempted from PCR Test requirement.

Pass Track Registration / Data Submission

All inbound passengers to Pakistan except deportees will be required to register on Pass Track App and complete submission of requisite information prior to departure for Pakistan.

Vaccination Regime for International Inbound Air Travel to Pakistan

- a) With effect from October 01, 2021, only fully vaccinated passengers of age 18 years and above will be allowed to undertake international air travel to Pakistan while holding proof of complete vaccination against COVID-19.
- b) Passengers below 18 years of age may be allowed to travel to Pakistan without vaccination certificate.
- c) Pakistani passengers between 15 and 18 years of age will be allowed to travel inbound to Pakistan without vaccination certificate upto October 31, 2021. Partial vaccination criteria will apply for passengers between 15 to 18 years of age from November 01, 2021 and full vaccination criteria for

inbound travel to Pakistan for passengers between 15 to 18 years of age will become applicable from December 01, 2021.

- d) Pakistani students less than 18 years of age and studying abroad will be allowed to travel to Pakistan without vaccination certificate. However, they will be required to be vaccinated while travelling outbound from Pakistan.
- e) Foreigners / Foreign Passport holders less than 18 years of age will be allowed to travel inbound to Pakistan without vaccination certificate.
- f) Passengers medically advised against vaccination and holding a certificate from a classified specialist Doctor will be allowed to travel inbound to Pakistan without vaccination, or partial vaccination requirement.
- g) Passengers that have travelled outbound from Pakistan before October 01, 2021, will be allowed to travel inbound to Pakistan regardless of their vaccination status. This exemption from vaccination requirement will also be applicable on connecting domestic flights of such passengers within 72 hours of arrival into Pakistan.
- h) Deportees will be exempted from vaccination requirement for inbound travel to Pakistan.

Rapid Antigen Testing Upon Arrival in Pakistan

- a) All passengers of age 06 years and above will be required to undertake rapid Antigen Testing upon arrival in Pakistan.
- b) Diplomatic passport holders will be exempted from RAT upon arrival in Pakistan. However, diplomats will self quarantine at their respective residence for 10 days. Diplomats opting to undertake RAT upon arrival and testing negative thereafter will be exempted from home quarantine requirement.
- c) Diplomats not in possession of valid vaccination certificates / proof of vaccination will undergo RAT at their facilities.
- d) All passengers tested negative through RAT on arrival will be allowed to proceed without quarantine requirements.
- e) Any and all passengers tested positive through RAT will be quarantined for a period of 10 days at a Government / Self Paid facility, as per the choice of passenger.

- f) PCR Tests of all RAT positive quarantined passengers will be undertaken on day 8 of Quarantine whereby negative testing passengers will be allowed to proceed home and repeat positive tested passengers shall either undergo an additional quarantine period or shifted to a hospital as per advice of relevant Health Authorities.

Vaccination Regime for International Outbound Travel from Pakistan

- a) With effect from October 01, 2021, only fully vaccinated passengers of age 18 years and above will be allowed to travel outbound from Pakistan.
- b) Pakistani passengers between 15 to 18 years of age will be allowed to travel outbound from Pakistan till November 01, 2021.
- c) For Pakistani passengers between 15 to 18 years of age, partial vaccination requirement will become effective from November 01, 2021, and full vaccination requirement will become effective from December 01, 2021.
- d) Foreigners / Foreign passport holders will be allowed to travel outbound from Pakistan without vaccination certificate.
- e) Passengers that have travelled inbound to Pakistan before October 01, 2021, will be allowed to travel outbound from Pakistan without vaccination certificate.
- f) Passengers medically advised against COVID-19 vaccination and holding a certificate from a classified specialist Doctor will also be allowed to travel outbound from Pakistan without vaccination certificate.

Vaccination Regime for Domestic Air Travel Within Pakistan

- a) With effect from October 01, 2021, only fully vaccinated passengers of age 18 years and above will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel within Pakistan.
- b) Pakistani passengers between 15 to 18 years of age will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel within Pakistan upto November 01, 2021. For Pakistani passengers between 15 to 18 years of age, partial vaccination requirements will become applicable from November 01, 2021 and full vaccination requirement will become applicable from December 01, 2021.

- c) Pakistani passengers below 15 years of age will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel within Pakistan without vaccination requirement until further directive in this regard.
- d) All foreigners / foreign passport holders less than 18 years of age will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel within Pakistan without vaccination requirement.
- e) Passengers medically advised against COVID-19 vaccination and holding a certificate from a classified specialist Doctor will also be allowed to travel on domestic flights within Pakistan without vaccination requirement / certificate.
- f) Foreigners / Foreign passport holders who have travelled to Pakistan before October 01, 2021, will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel within Pakistan without vaccination requirement / certificate.
3. The above-stated revisions will take effect immediately and over-ride any conflicting earlier issued COVID-19 related Standard Operating Procedures / directives on the subject noted above.
4. Owing to the volatile COVID-19 situation, any and all passengers arriving in, travelling within and/or departing from Pakistan may be subjected to additional stipulations as mandated by the relevant Health Authorities.
- 5 All concerned are directed to ensure strict compliance of the stipulations contained in this directive.


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