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Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

B Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated 10.02.2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Review of COVID-19 Guidelines for International Flight Operations/arrivals-reg.

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) vide even reference O.M. dated 30.12.2022 had issued guidelines for International flight operations/arrivals based on the increasing trajectory of COVID-19 and circulation of mutant variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus in some Countries. The guidelines had mandated requirements of pre-departure COVID-19 testing for passengers in all International Flights from/via China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan and uploading of Self-Health Declaration on Ministry of Civil Aviation's 'Air Suvidha' Portal travelling from these countries.

2. Now, as these Countries have witnessed a sustained and significant decline in trajectory of COVID-19 cases in the last 04 weeks, it has been decided that the existing guidelines for international arrivals needs to be revised and updated. The revised guidelines are as under:

a. Dropping the existing requirements of pre-departure COVID-19 testing and uploading of Self-Health Declaration on Ministry of Civil Aviation's 'Air Suvidha' portal applicable for international travellers coming from/via China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan.

b. In order to monitor infections due to mutated variants of SARS-CoV-2 among international travellers to India, the present exercise of random testing of 2% travellers to India (irrespective of Country of origin) upon arrival in India shall continue.

3. This arrangement shall come into practice with effect from 11:00 AM on Monday, 13th February, 2023.

4. The revised Guidelines for International Arrivals of MoH&FW dated 10th February, 2023 is enclosed for reference.

5. This has the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Encl. As above

To,

Director General, DGCA- with the request to bring the contents of this OM to the knowledge of all concerned.

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