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REVISED COVID-19 GUIDELINES CONCERNING INBOUND TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN

Reference is made to our letters of even number dated November 04 and 08, 2021, providing Categorized Country List concerning inbound air travel to Pakistan and revised guidelines / testing protocols for passengers travelling inbound to Pakistan from Category C Countries.

2. In view of the recent spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, **Cat C List (Annex-A)** has been revised by the Competent Authority and inbound travel to Pakistan from the **following Countries included in Cat C will remain completely banned:**

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| (i) Botswana | (ii) Eswatini | (iii) Hong Kong | (iv) Lesotho |
| (v) Mozambique | (vi) Namibia | (vii) South Africa | |

3. However, Pakistani passengers wishing to travel under extreme emergency / emergent circumstances **from the above-mentioned Countries** may be allowed to travel to Pakistan only subject to grant of special exemption by the NCOC Exemptions Committee.


4. Additionally, all inbound passengers travelling to Pakistan, on both direct and in-direct flights, from Countries mentioned at Para – 2 (i) – (vii) above:

- i. Will be required to possess a valid negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan
- ii. Will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and possess proof of COVID-19 vaccination
- iii. Will be subjected to Rapid Antigen Testing upon arrival in Pakistan whereby
 - a. Negative testing passengers will undergo a 3 – day mandatory Home Quarantine and will be subjected to repeat Rapid Antigen Testing on 3rd day of mandatory Home Quarantine by concerned Civil Administration and
 - b. Positive testing passengers will undergo a 10 – day mandatory Quarantine at a Government designated / self-paid facility and a PCR Test will be conducted on 10th day of such mandatory Quarantine

5. To facilitate stranded Pakistanis, Pakistani passengers will be allowed to return to Pakistan **from Countries mentioned at Para – 2 above until December 05, 2021**, without grant of special exemption and subject to compliance with above-laid out testing / quarantine protocols.

6. Applicable provisions of our letters of even number dated November 04 and 08, 2021 stand amended to the extent specified in this directive only. In view of the volatile COVID-19 situation, all inbound passengers to Pakistan from Cat C Countries may be subjected to additional health protocols as determined by the relevant Authorities upon arrival in Pakistan.

7. All concerned are directed to ensure strict compliance.


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- Sr. Additional Director AT (NR), HQCAA, Karachi
- Deputy Secretary (CAA), Aviation Division, Islamabad
- PSO to DGCAA, HQCAA, Karachi
- Additional Director PR, HQCAA, Karachi – with the request to disseminate the instructions contained in this directive through appropriate means.
- All Chief Operating Officers / Airport Managers
- Director Operations, Airports Security Force, ASF HQ, Karachi

**CATEGORIZED COUNTRY LISTS CONCERNING INBOUND
TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27, 2021**

CAT – B

ALL COUNTRIES (**EXCEPT CAT – C**) INCLUDING HIGH RISK COUNTRIES ARE PLACED IN CAT – B

HIGH RISK COUNTRIES

Sr.	Country	Sr.	Country
1	Afghanistan	4	Iran
2	Ethiopia	5	Philippines
3	Germany	6	Russia

CAT – C

INBOUND TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN FROM CAT – C COUNTRIES IS BANNED AND ONLY ALLOWED SUBJECT TO GRANT OF SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION BY THE NCOC EXEMPTIONS COMMITTEE.

(ADDITIONAL INBOUND TRAVEL / TESTING / QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS APPLY TO ANY HIGHLIGHTED COUNTRIES)

Sr.	Country	Sr.	Country
1	Armenia	10	Mongolia
2	Botswana	11	Mozambique
3	Bulgaria	12	Namibia
4	Costa Rica	13	Slovenia
5	Eswatini	14	South Africa
6	Hong Kong	15	Thailand
7	Iraq	16	Trinidad & Tobago
8	Lesotho	17	Ukraine
9	Mexico		



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November 08 , 2021

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This is with reference to our letter of even number dated November 04, 2021, on the above subject providing guidelines for international inbound travel to Pakistan.

2. With immediate effect, the following passengers will be allowed to undertake international inbound travel to Pakistan from Category C Countries upto November 30, 2021:

- All Pakistani Passport Holders
- Pakistanis on short term visits and scheduled to return
- Valid NICOP / POC Holders

3. However, all other guidelines for inbound travel to Pakistan including vaccination criteria, pre-departure PCR Testing, on-arrival Rapid Antigen Testing and any or all guidelines / protocols mandated by the Competent Authority will be applicable on all passengers undertaking international inbound travel to Pakistan.

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November 04 , 2021

REVISED COVID-19 GUIDELINES CONCERNING INBOUND TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN

This is in connection to our letter of even number dated September 24, 2021, providing Categorized Country List concerning inbound air travel to Pakistan and our letter of even number dated August 03, 2021, providing revised testing guidelines for inbound travel to Pakistan.

2. As per the instructions of the Competent Authority, International inbound flight operations will be allowed to resume without restrictions as to inbound capacity with effect from November 10, 2021. Accordingly, the following revised guidelines for inbound travel to Pakistan will be applicable with effect from **November 05, 2021, 0001 hours:**

a) Vaccination Regime for Inbound Travel to Pakistan

Only fully vaccinated passengers will be allowed to undertake inbound travel to Pakistan. Specific terms and conditions along-with admissibility of vaccination criteria are contained in our letter of even number dated September 30 and October 04, 2021 on the subject of Air Travel Vaccination Regime to/from/within Pakistan.

b) Pre-departue PCR Testing

All passengers of age 06 years and above will be required to possess a mandatory negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan.

c) On-Arrival Rapid Antigen Testing

- i. Passengers of age 06 years and above and **travelling on direct flights from Cat - C Countries and High Risk Countries only (Annex – A)** will be required to undertake Rapid Antigen Testing upon arrival in Pakistan, whereby negative testing passengers will be allowed to proceed and positive testing passengers will be required to undertake mandatory 10 day Quarantine at designated locations.
- ii. For such quarantined passengers, a PCR Test result will be conducted on day 08 of such Quarantine and will be allowed to proceed in case of negative PCR test result.
- iii. In addition to passengers mentioned at Para – c (i) above, selective flights / symptomatic passengers from **Cat – B Countries** will also undergo rapid Antigen Testing upon arrival in Pakistan, as deemed necessary by the Health Authorities.

- d) **Categorized Country List for Inbound Travel to Pakistan**
- i. For **Cat – B Countries** including High Risk Countries, there will be no inbound travel restrictions.
 - ii. For **Cat – C Countries**, inbound travel to Pakistan will continue to remain banned and only allowed subject to grant of special authorization from the NCOC Exemptions Committee. However, Pakistanis already travelled / travelling to Cat – C Countries on short term visa and deportees will be allowed to return to Pakistan from Cat – C Countries without requirement of special exemption and while in compliance of all relevant / applicable COVID-19 and other requirements / rules / regulations.
3. Inbound travel / testing protocols in-vogue stand amended to the above extent only. Additionally, Air Travel Vaccination Regime implemented vide our letter of even number dated September 30, 2021, along-with any and all COVID-19 related SOPs / Guidelines / Directives will also continue to take effect.
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