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**AIR TRANSPORTATION CIRCULAR: FSR-12/2021**

**SUB: ADDITIONAL TRAVEL RESTRICTION DUE NEW COVID-19 VARIANT 'OMICRON'.**  
**Ref: Air Transportation Circular: FSR-11/2021, issued on 23 October 2021.**

1. Following the government guidance and instruction issued due to the outbreak of new COVID-19 variant 'Omicron', **with effect from 1200 BST on 04 December 2021 until further notice, all incoming passengers** originated/transited/visited Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe within last 14 days, shall have to complete a mandatory **14 (Fourteen) days institutional quarantine** at government nominated hotels at passenger's own expenses. RT PCR test, at passengers' own expenses, will be carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> day of the quarantine. Depending on the RT PCR test result on 7<sup>th</sup> day of the quarantine, COVID positive passengers will be separated for further isolation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the COVID negative passengers will continue their institutional quarantine until 14 days. Depending on the RT PCR test result on 14<sup>th</sup> day of the quarantine, COVID negative passengers will be released.
2. Proof of Hotel Booking in Bangladesh shall be presented by the passenger(s) during check-in from the countries mentioned in paragraph-1 and the Airlines representative shall verify it before issuing the Boarding pass for Bangladesh. In addition, **Airlines shall provide passengers passport details and address & his/her contact number in Bangladesh to the Health Department.**
3. Paragraph-2.5 (Requirement of RT PCR test for incoming passengers) of the circular under reference shall be replaced with the text- "Incoming passengers from all destinations, except children below 12 years old, shall mandatorily possess **RT PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate**. The test shall be **done within 48 hours** of the flight departure."
4. The restrictions in paragraph 1 & 2 above are the standalone additional restrictions and the Air Transportation Circular under reference will remain in force with the changes mentioned in paragraph-3 above.

  
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**AIR TRANSPORTATION CIRCULAR: FSR-11/2021**

**SUB: INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHT OPERATION TO/FROM BANGLADESH.**

**Ref:** Air Transportation Circular: FSR-09/2021, issued on 16 August 2021.

**1. Flight Movement:**

Following the government guidance and instruction, **with immediate effect until further notice**, scheduled international passenger flights to/from Bangladesh shall continue as per CAAB approved time slots/schedule. Air Bubble Flights will continue under the Air Bubble Flight operations arrangement.

**2. Entry of passengers (please see the **attachment for the Group of countries**) of all flights:**

**2.1 For the Countries under Group-A:**

**2.1.1 Vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:**

**Travelers** completed full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of WHO approved Covid-19 vaccine before 14 days of the travel date can enter Bangladesh. They must carry official proof of vaccination and after arrival they will have to complete **7 (Seven) days strict home quarantine.**

**2.1.2 Not vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:**

**Travelers** without having full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of Covid-19 vaccine can enter Bangladesh, provided that they will have to complete a mandatory **7 (Seven) days institutional** quarantine at government nominated facility or Hotel at his/her own expenses. RT PCR test will be carried out after 7 days and he/she will be released when the test result is negative.

**2.2 For the Countries under Group-B:**

**2.2.1 Vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:**

**Travelers** completed full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of WHO approved Covid-19 vaccine before 14 days of the travel date can enter Bangladesh. They must carry official proof of vaccination and **no quarantine is required on arrival.**

**2.2.2 Not vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:**

**Travelers** without having full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of Covid-19 vaccine can enter Bangladesh, provided that they will have to complete a mandatory **14 (Fourteen) days home quarantine.**

**2.2.3** Passengers originating from this group of countries **can have transit via the countries under Group A**, provided that they are kept confined within the transit airport under the close supervision of the airlines.

**2.3 If COVID-19 symptoms are identified on arrival:**

Irrespective of the country group and Covid-19 vaccination, if any COVID-19 symptoms are identified in a traveler on arrival, he/she shall be sent to Government Authorized Hospital for further checkup and will be sent to 7 (Seven) days isolation at government nominated facility or Hotel at their own expenses if Covid-19 is detected. RT PCR test will be carried out again after 7 days and he/she will be released when the test result is negative.

**2.4 Passengers below 18 years of old:**

Passengers below 18 years old without vaccination, originating from any group of countries, can travel with their fully vaccinated family and they will have to observe same health formalities that will apply to their family members on arrival.


**2.5 Requirement of RT PCR test for incoming passengers:**

**All incoming passengers**, except the children below 12 years old, shall mandatorily possess RT PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate. The PCR test shall be done within 72 hours of the flight departure time.

## 2.6 Restrictions imposed by the destination/transit country(s) and the Airlines:

There is **no restriction** on the outgoing passengers travelling to the countries of any group from Bangladesh. However, **incoming/outgoing passengers shall follow the latest restrictions/requirements** imposed by the transit/destination country(s) **or by the Airlines**. Airlines concerned shall arrange to keep their passengers well informed about the Airlines requirements and the requirements or formalities of origin / transit / destination country(s) well before of their travel.

3. Quarantine (institutional/home) formalities **for the diplomats** and their family members shall be as per the latest directives/decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bangladesh.
4. Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh will be the appropriate authority to consider the exemption about the quarantine (institutional/home) formalities for any personnel.
5. All **home and institutional quarantine shall be ensured** by the local administration and law enforcing agency(s).
6. **Capacity restrictions for all types of flights:**
  - (i) **Outgoing flights:** No capacity restriction for Narrow Bodied (Single aisle) aircraft. Wide Bodied (Twin aisle) aircraft shall carry a maximum of **280** passengers, except B777 and B747 aircraft shall be entitled to carry up to **350** passengers.
  - (ii) **Incoming flights:** A maximum of **140** passengers in the Narrow Bodied (Single aisle) aircraft and **80% of the total installed seating capacity for the** Wide Bodied (Twin aisle) aircraft can be carried.
  - (iii) **Incoming and outgoing flights:** In both the cases of Narrow-Body or Wide-Body aircraft, at least the last row of the economy class and one seat of business class (unless otherwise instructed) cabin shall be kept vacant for any suspected COVID- 19 positive passenger(s). Moreover, all health directives including disinfection, social distancing etc. procedure at the airport or in the aircraft shall strictly to be complied following the other directives of CAAB.
7. This circular will replace the circular under reference and the instructions contained in any other Civil Aviation Circular/Directives/Instructions, to the extent it is relevant, issued by CAAB in this regard.

  
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**Group of Countries**

**Group A**

1. Armenia
2. Bulgaria
3. Estonia
4. Georgia
5. Latvia
6. Lithuania
7. Moldova
8. Mongolia
9. Palestine
10. Romania
11. Serbia
12. Slovenia
13. Ukraine

**Group B** All other countries except Group A.