

The Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on Practical Guideline for the Air Operators Relating to the Services to be Provided in the Territories outside Thailand Defined as Disease Infected Zones of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) Outbreak

In reference to the Notification of the Minister of Public Health, with the advice of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Committee, declaring that Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) is a dangerous communicable disease under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) and the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Territories Outside the Kingdom of Thailand Defined as Disease Infected Zones of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) Outbreak, where Republic of Korea, People's Republic of China, including Macao and Hong Kong Special Administration Regions, Italian Republic and Islamic Republic of Iran are defined as Disease Infected Zones of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) outbreak.

In order to provide practical guidance for the air operators performing the flights between those Disease Infected Zones and to support the surveillance measures taken by the Ministry of Public Health, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand hereby issues the following guideline for all air operators:

- 1. Where the Ministry of Public Health defines any territory outside Thailand as Disease Infected Zone of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19), the passengers from such Disease Infected Zone shall be subject to quarantine and any other measures for the prevention and control of communicable diseases as imposed by the Government of Thailand.
- 2. The air operators providing services from the airport of embarkation in the Disease Infected Zones are required to perform the screening of the passengers at the time of check in. The passengers need to present Health Certificate certifying that they have no risk of Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19). If any passenger is unable to present such certificate, boarding shall be denied and the boarding pass shall not be issued.
- 3. The air operators may apply the measure as specified in 2. for the screening of passengers from the airport of departure in the countries as affected from Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19) from the report of the Ministry of Public Health or World Health Organization.

- 4. After being satisfied with the Health Certificate and the boarding passes are issued to the passengers, the air operators shall furnish the passengers with Form T 8 issued under the Communicable Diseases Act B. E. 2558 (2015) and require the passengers to fill out the forms and submit them to the communicable disease control officials at the control post at the airport of disembarkation.
- 5. The communicable disease control officials at the control post at the airport of disembarkation have the power to give an order under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) as follows:
- (1) Prevent anyone from entering into or leaving from the aircraft coming into Thailand without undergoing medical examination
 - (2) Prevent any vehicle from approaching the aircraft
- (3) Take or make an order to the air operators to take the following action:
- (a) Disinfect the disease in order to prevent and control the spread of the disease
- (b) Detain the aircraft at a specified place until the communicable disease control officials at the control post permit to go
- (c) Require the persons on board the aircraft to undergo medical examination and may also isolate, quarantine, confine them for observation, or order to receive immunization at the place and period to be specified.
- 6. The air operators shall be responsible for the expenses incurred relating to the isolation, quarantine, confinement for observation, and immunization of the persons on board, including the expenses for the care, hospitalization and prevention and control of international communicable disease.
- 7. The air operators will strictly comply with the measures for the surveillance, prevention and control of dangerous communicable disease issued by the Ministry of Public Health under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015).
- 8. The air operators shall notify their staff at the airport of embarkation and the crew members of the above guideline and comply with full cooperation. The cabin crew shall also make on board public announcement to the passengers.

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