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**Measure  
of the Department of Chief Public Health Officer in the area of Civil Aviation  
for aircraft operators or air operators (AOC holders) or air carriers and aviation  
personnel**

Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic, Department of Chief Public Health Officer (hereinafter referred to as “the Department of Chief Public Health Officer”) as a state body in the field of public health in accordance with § 3 (1) (f) and (2) (b) and § 7 (j) of Act No 355/2007 Coll. on Protection, Promotion and Development of Public Health and on amendments and supplements to certain acts as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Act No 355/2007 Coll.”) with regard to the pandemic of communicable disease COVID-19, taking into account preventive measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in event of the public health threat in force, recommendations and guidance of the European Commission, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (hereinafter referred to as the “EASA”) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (hereinafter referred to as the “ECDC”) in relation to communicable disease COVID-19 in force in accordance with § 12 (2) in connection to § 48 (4) of the Act No 355/2007 Coll. **orders the following measures in the area of civil aviation:**

**I.**

- (1) **Aircraft operators, air operators (AOC holders) or air carriers** in case of flights in relation to the airspace of the Slovak Republic and landing in the territory of the Slovak Republic are obliged to:
  - a) ensure monitoring of the health status of aviation staff in accordance EASA Guidance on the management of crew members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>1)</sup> in force;
  - b) follow the EASA Guidance on the management of crew members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>1)</sup> in force in order to protect the health of aviation personnel and passengers as well as to prevent the spread of communicable disease COVID-19;

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<sup>1)</sup> EASA Guidance on the management of crew members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, Annex I - ICAO CREW COVID – 19 STATUS CARD; <https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/general-publications/guidance-management-crew-members>.

- c) ensure thorough disinfection of the aircraft in accordance with the EASA safety directive for preventing the spread of communicable disease COVID-19<sup>2)</sup> in force taking into account EASA Guidance on aircraft cleaning and disinfection in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>3)</sup> in force and EASA and ECDC Guidance on Aircraft Cleaning and Disinfection in relation to COVID-19 Pandemic<sup>4)</sup> in force;
- d) inform passengers of the obligation to complete the Electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form (PLF form) published on the webpage <https://www.mindop.sk/covid/> before arrival into the airspace of the Slovak Republic;
- e) enable only passengers with completed electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form (PLF form) published on the webpage <https://www.mindop.sk/covid/> to enter the aircraft (boarding) in the case of flights into the airspace of the Slovak Republic and landing at the airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- f) keep contact and identification details of passengers under (e) and seating plans in the aircraft for at least 30 days from the date of the flight;
- g) upon request of a public health authority provide data of passengers under (e) necessary for contact-tracing purposes without any undue delay;
- h) enable only passengers with covered upper respiratory tract with a respirator without exhalation valve of category FFP2, KN95 or N95;
- i) ensure hand disinfectant substances for passengers onboard the aircraft;
- j) use audio-visual health safety promotion materials to inform the passengers onboard the aircraft of the obligation to comply with preventive measures;
- k) prefer non-contact handling of passengers and baggage (online check-in, mobile boarding pass, non-contact boarding, etc.);
- l) limit the number of pieces, size and weight of hand baggage in order to expedite the boarding and disembarking process;
- m) reduce food and beverage service, prefer pre-packed and sealed food and drink products;
- n) limit duty free or other non-essential sale onboard the aircraft, prefer cashless payments;
- o) minimize the movement of passengers onboard the aircraft;
- p) modify the boarding and disembarking process in such a manner as to minimize accumulation of passengers (e.g. row by row, starting with the furthest row from the aircraft door used in boarding and closest row when disembarking).

## II.

In case of flights in relation to the airspace of the Slovak Republic and landing at the airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic from countries not listed in the special regulation<sup>5)</sup> and taking into

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<sup>2)</sup> For example EASA Safety Directive - Operational Measures to Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus 'SARS-CoV-2' Infection; <https://ad.easa.europa.eu/ad/SD-2020-04>.

<sup>3)</sup> For example Guidance on aircraft cleaning and disinfection in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic; <https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/general-publications/guidance-aircraft-cleaning-and-disinfection>.

<sup>4)</sup> For Example COVID-19 Aviation Health Safety Protocol - Operational guidelines for the management of air passengers and aviation personnel in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic; <https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/general-publications/covid-19-aviation-health-safety-protocol>.

<sup>5)</sup> Annex 1 to the Decree of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic No 226/2021 Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic laying down measures in event of the public health threat on health on the quarantine obligations of persons after entering the territory of the Slovak Republic as amended by the Decree of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic No 227/2021 Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic.

account the obligation of a person over 12 years of age according to the special regulation,<sup>6)</sup> the aircraft operators, air operators (AOC holders) or air carriers is recommended to ask passengers to present the negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19 not older than 72 hours before boarding.

### III.

- (1) **Crew members and other aviation personnel whose activities are necessary for conduct of flight** of aircraft taking-off in the territory of another state and landing in the territory of the Slovak Republic is obliged to:
- a) monitor their health status, measure their body temperature before starting their duty and fill in a health declaration (ICAO CREW COVID – 19 STATUS CARD);
  - b) follow the EASA Guidance on the management of crew members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>1)</sup> in force;
  - c) wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and keep enhanced hand hygiene;
  - d) minimize direct contact with all airport operator staff, groundhandling services provider staff or other personnel whose activities are necessary for ensuring airport operation or conduct of flight;
  - e) disembark an aircraft only when wearing personal protective equipment;
  - f) follow the instructions of public health authorities in force.
- (2) **Pilot-in-command or commander of the aircraft** taking-off in the territory of another state and landing in the territory of the Slovak Republic in addition to the obligations set out in point 1 of this Section is obliged to
- a) hand over completed medical part of the General Declaration after landing at the first airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic to the authorized person of the airport operator,
  - b) hand over certificate of disinfection of the aircraft under point (1) (c) of the Section I. after landing at the first airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic to the authorized person of the airport operator;
  - c) notify suspected COVID-19 cases onboard to the air traffic control unit of provider of air traffic services in the territory of the Slovak Republic prior to landing at the first airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

### IV.

The flight of the aircraft taking-off and landing in the territory of the Slovak Republic shall be conducted within the appropriate scope of the measures pursuant to Section I. and III.

### V.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Chief Public Health Officer is authorised to order other measures in the area of civil aviation.

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<sup>6)</sup> Paragraph 2(4) to the Decree of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic No 226/2021 Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic as amended by the Decree of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic No 227/2021 Journal of the Government of the Slovak Republic.

**VI.**

The Measure of the Department of Chief Public Health Officer No 04024/2021/UVHR/267203 of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 shall be repealed.

**VII.**

This measure enters into force on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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