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**Measure
of the Department of Chief Public Health Officer
in the area of Civil Aviation**

Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic, 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 extraordinary situation declared by Decree of the Government of the Slovak Republic No 111 of 11th March 2020 (hereinafter referred to as "Extraordinary Situation") and pandemic of communicable disease COVID-19 declared by the Director General of the World Health Organization on 11th March 2020, taking into account preventive measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in event of the public health threat, recommendations and guidance of the European Commission, European Union Aviation Safety Agency and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in relation to communicable disease COVID-19 in accordance with § 12 (2) (f) in connection to § 48 (4) (c) and (l) of the Act No 355/2007 Coll. **orders the following measures in the area of civil aviation:**

I.

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;
 - 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) in the territory of the Slovak Republic particularly during series of flights, remain onboard the aircraft or in temporary isolation also outside the aircraft for a necessary period of time corresponding to the rest time in accordance with the legislation in force, under the condition that the aircraft operator or the air operator (AOC holder) or the air carrier ensures the appropriate place for their temporary isolation outside

- the aircraft as well as their transport from the airport to the place of their temporary isolation and back in a vehicle designated for such purposes;
- f) disembark an aircraft only when wearing personal protective equipment;
 - g) 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) notify suspected COVID-19 cases onboard to the air traffic control unit prior to landing.
3. **Provider of air traffic services in the territory of the Slovak Republic** is obliged to inform the Department of Chief Public Health Officer on the facts stated under point 2 (b) of this Section.
4. **Aircraft operators or air operators (AOC holders) or air carriers** in case of flights in relation to the airspace 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, Annex I - ICAO CREW COVID – 19 STATUS CARD;
 - b) ensure appropriate quantities of personal protective equipment (face mask-covering of the upper respiratory tract, disposable rubber gloves) and hand disinfectant substances for the aviation staff, including training for the correct use of PPE;
 - c) follow the EASA Guidance on the management of crew members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to protect the health of aviation personnel and passengers as well as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease;
 - d) ensure thorough disinfection of the aircraft in accordance with the valid safety directive and EASA Guidance on Aircraft Cleaning and Disinfection in relation to COVID-19 Pandemic;
 - e) enable only passengers with fulfilled electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form (electronic PLF) 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 and seating plans in the aircraft flying into the airspace of the Slovak Republic and landing at the airport in the territory of the Slovak Republic for at least 30 days from the date of the flight;
 - g) upon request of a public health authority provide passenger data necessary for contact-tracing purposes without any undue delay;
 - h) enable only passengers with covered upper respiratory tract (e.g. with a face mask, scarf, shawl) to enter and stay onboard the aircraft; the obligation does not apply to children under 3 years of age or persons with severe autism spectrum disorders;
 - i) ensure a 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).
5. **Airport operators** in the territory of the Slovak Republic are obliged to:
- a) enable only persons with covered upper respiratory tract (e.g. with a face mask, scarf, shawl) to enter and stay in the area of the airport; the obligation does not apply to children under 3 years of age or persons with severe autism spectrum disorders;
 - b) ensure hand sanitizers at the entrance to terminal;
 - c) ensure minimal physical distance of 2 metres between individuals;
 - d) place a visible notification of the obligation to comply with the above-stated measures (face masks, distances) at all entries to the airport area;
 - e) ensure that there is no physical contact between arriving passengers and departing passengers at the airport;
 - f) use audio-visual health safety promotion materials to regularly inform passengers of the obligation to comply with preventive measures (minimal physical distance at least 2 metres, face mask, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette);
 - g) ensure that passengers have an option to buy face masks and hand sanitisers;
 - h) modify individual passenger handling processes before departure and after arrival as to prevent excessive accumulation of passengers at one place and at one time, if possible;
 - i) ensure that occupancy of vehicles used for carriage of passengers in the movement area is not exceeding 50 % of its maximum capacity;
 - j) ensure that there is no physical contact between passengers arriving from low-risk countries listed in Annex 1 to Measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No OLP/6850/2020 as amended with passengers arriving from risk countries; if physical separation of passengers cannot be ensured, organizational separation of passengers shall be ensured, for example by co-ordination of the flights;
 - k) ensure thermal screening of the body temperature of all arriving passengers.
6. **Airport operators, groundhandling services providers and other persons whose activities are necessary for ensuring airport operation or conduct of flight** are obliged to:
- a) ensure sufficient quantities of personal protective equipment for staff who directly interact with passengers (less than 2 metres) - covers of the upper respiratory tract, protective face shield or protective gloves, hand disinfection at the workplace or disposable rubber gloves;

- b) perform regular cleaning and disinfection of the surfaces, particular care pay to frequently touched surfaces (e.g. door handles, banister rails, trolleys, plastic security-screening trays, etc.) using disinfectants with virucidal effect;
- c) prepare a sanitation and disinfection programme.

II.

- 1. Retailers and service providers operating at international airports are obliged to comply with the measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in the event of a public health threats in force.
- 2. Passengers disembarking in the territory of the Slovak Republic are obliged to comply with the valid measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in the event of public health threats.

III.

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

V.

- 1. The flight of the aircraft taking-off and landing in the territory of the Slovak Republic shall be conducted within the appropriate scope of measures pursuant to Section I.
- 2. The measures ordered for the airport operators shall apply by analogy to the operator of the special airport.

V.

The Measure of the Department of Chief Public Health Officer No 08410/2020/UVHR/68183 of 7th September 2020 shall be repealed with effect from the date of entry into force of this Measure.

V.

This measure enters into force on 10th September 2020.

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