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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR INBOUND TRAVEL FROM UK AND SOUTH AFRICA

Reference our letters of even number dated December 21, 22, and 28, 2020 pertaining to the above subject.

2. As per decision of the National Command and Operations Center (NCOC), the following restrictions will be applicable on inbound travel to Pakistan from UK and South Africa:

Measures Effective January 05, 2021, 0001 Hours

- a. Pakistani Nationals with short term UK and South African visit visas and Pakistani Passport Holders including work permit holders, having any type of Visa issued by the British / South African Authorities, may travel to Pakistan in accordance with applicable rules / regulations and Standard Operating Procedures while in possession of a negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan. However, any or all passengers travelling to Pakistan from UK and South Africa will be subjected to PCR Testing, Quarantine / Isolation and other stipulations as specified by the Health Authorities upon arrival in Pakistan.
- b. Diplomats and their families may also travel to Pakistan from UK and South Africa while in possession of a negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan. However, such Diplomats and their families will be subjected to PCR Testing upon arrival and Quarantine / Isolation with their respective Embassies / High Commissions for a time period as specified by the relevant Health Authorities.

Measures Effective January 09, 2021, 0000 Hours – January 31, 2021 2359 Hours

- c. In addition to the exemption provided in Para 2(a-b) above, passengers holding valid National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) or Pakistan Origin Card (POC) and having stayed in UK or South Africa in the last ten (10) days prior to travel to Pakistan, may travel to Pakistan in accordance with applicable rules / regulations and Standard Operating Procedures while in possession of a negative PCR Test Result conducted within the 72 hours prior to commencement of travel to Pakistan.

- d. However, any or all passengers falling in the above categories will also be subjected to Rapid Antigen Tests upon arrival in Pakistan whereby all negative testing passengers will be allowed to leave the airport with the advice to self quarantine / isolate for a period of 5 days and any or all positive testing passengers will be subjected to PCR Testing by the relevant Health Authorities with the advice to ensure strict self-quarantine at home till the results of such PCR Tests. Further actions will be taken by the relevant Health Authorities as per SOPs in light of subsequent test results
3. Any or all passengers fulfilling any criteria as mentioned in Para 2(a-d) above, arriving in Pakistan from UK or South Africa or having stayed in UK or South Africa within the last ten (10) days prior to travel to Pakistan may also be subjected to additional stipulations as specified by the relevant Health Authorities upon arrival in Pakistan.
4. The aforesaid measures will remain in effect until January 31, 2021, 2359 hours and may be reviewed by the Competent Authority at its discretion.