



SAFETY DECISION 2020-21

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SUBJECT:

IMPLEMENTATION OF PCR TEST PROCEDURES FOR TRAVELERS AND ASSOCIATED DETERRENT ACTIONS

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BACKGROUND:

PCR testing remains a challenge in terms of implementation in particular when tests are conducted outside the jurisdiction of the UAE (i.e. abroad). Therefore, it is important to establish and implement a mechanism to ensure that PCR Test for arriving passengers are checked as expected by the UAE Health Authorities.

This Safety Decision applies to:

- a) All UAE Airports; and
- b) All aircraft operators (including foreign operators) conducting flights from/to the UAE Airports.

REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIREMENT No. 1: PCR TEST FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT UAE AIRPORTS

As per established UAE Protocol for Travelers, the following shall apply:

- a) All travelers flying to UAE shall present a valid PCR test report at time of check-in to the aircraft operator.
- b) Aircraft Operator shall document and keep a record of compliance with this requirement and shall ensure that check-in agents responsible for verifying the validity of the PCR test understand their responsibility.
- c) The PCR Test report is valid when:
 - i) result is negative;
 - ii) test was conducted within last 96 hours before flight; and
 - iii) it was conducted by a medical facility accredited by Pure Health: <https://screening.purehealth.ae/application> or by a laboratory accredited by the state of departure
 - iv) The certificate issued by the medical facilities is authentic and is not altered.
- d) Aircraft Operators shall comply with UAE AIP GEN 1.3.4 regarding advance passenger information requirements.



REQUIREMENT No. 2: DETERRENT ACTION

- a) Aircraft Operators not in compliance with above requirement No. 1 shall be subject to regulatory enforcement:
 - i) On the first non-compliance, the operator will be issued a warning letter; and the affected passengers may not be permitted to enter the UAE, the operator shall bear any costs resulting from non-compliance; and
 - ii) On any subsequent violation, or if the violation is considered of a serious nature by the UAE concerned entities, the operator will be suspended for 15 calendar days.
- b) Prior to their restart operations (following a suspension), concerned aircraft operators shall obtain an authorization from the GCAA which will be granted upon showing acceptable corrective and preventive actions taken by the operator to prevent future violation
- c) Any deterrent action, which is taken pursuant to this SAFETY DECISION, will be in addition to other legal actions, which may be applicable.

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