

CAAS Circular 02/2023

9 February 2023

COVID-19 – PRE-FLIGHT MEASURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS TO SINGAPORE

This Circular updates air operators of the requirements specified by the Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) pursuant to the CAAS Directive No. 5/2022 (“the Directive”), which will come into effect on **12 February 2023, 2359 hours (Singapore time)**.

2 A passenger who has no travel history¹, in the last 7 consecutive days prior to departure for Singapore, to any country or region classified by the Singapore Ministry of Health as a Restricted Category² country or region will not be required to serve a Stay-Home Notice (SHN) upon entering Singapore, regardless of the passenger’s vaccination status. Such passengers will also no longer be subject to any COVID-19 testing, whether pre-departure or in Singapore. Similarly, every flight into Singapore may carry unvaccinated passengers.

3 A passenger with travel history to a Restricted Category country or region may be required to serve a SHN order or undergo COVID-19 testing, or both.

Singapore Arrival Card (SGAC)

4 It is mandatory for all passengers seeking to enter Singapore to submit their SGAC within 3 days before arrival in Singapore. If passengers have not submitted their SGAC before departure, air operators should advise them to do so via <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/sgarrivalcard> to facilitate a smooth arrival process in Singapore.

Pre-Boarding Requirements

5 The Director-General of Civil Aviation has not, under paragraph 4(1) of the Directive, specified any passenger who is required to provide any proof mentioned in paragraph 4(1)(a) to 4(1)(d) of the Directive.

6 Air operators should determine whether to accept a passenger for boarding, who appears to have symptoms of or have a communicable disease or any other condition, which could pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other persons, in accordance with their standard operating procedures.

¹ Travel history does not include transit in a country/region, within 24 hours, while en-route to Singapore.

² As of 9 February 2023, there are no countries/regions in the Restricted Category.

Compliance with Border Measures

7 Existing inadmissible passenger (commonly referred to as “Not-To-Land (NTL)”) policies and procedures will apply for passengers denied entry into Singapore due to not meeting Singapore’s prevailing entry requirements.

8 Details on entry requirements and health protocols can be found on the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority’s website (<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/>). Information on the entry requirements for all inbound and transit and transfer passengers will also be updated in the IATA Timatic service.

9 This Circular will take effect **from 12 February 2023, 2359 hours (Singapore time) and will supersede** CAAS Circular 22/2022, dated 24 August 2022 (“COVID-19 – *Pre-flight Measures and Requirements for Passengers on Flights to Singapore*”).

10 To avoid doubt, the requirements as described in this Circular are applicable to every passenger whose scheduled time of arrival in Singapore is after 12 February 2023, 2359 hours (Singapore time).

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