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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES ACT, 1993 (ACT NO. 60 OF 1993)

**INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES (COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON THE
MOVEMENT OF AIR TRAVEL) REGULATIONS, 2020**

I, Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Transport, under section 43 (1)(h) of the International Air Services Act, 1993 (Act No. 60 of 1993) makes the regulations as contemplated in the Schedule. These Regulations commence on the date of publication of this Notice.



MR F.A. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 18/03/2020

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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(1) (h) 2020**

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1. Definitions

(1) In these Regulations, any other word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have that meaning assigned to it in the Act, and unless the context requires otherwise –

"the Act" means the International Air Services Act, 1993 (Act No. 60 of 1993);

"COVID-19", means a global pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization, on 11 March 2020;

"international airports Designated as Ports of Entry", means the International Airports that have the Ports Health capability.

"high and medium risk countries" are countries that are listed in regulation 6.

2. Purpose of Regulations

- (1) The purpose of the regulations is to provide for the: -
- (a) prohibition of embarkation and disembarkation of foreign nationals at international airports designated as ports of entry;
 - (b) improved hygiene control and disinfection facilities on international airports designated as ports of entry operated by licensed airport operator, cargo handling facility, airports repair facilities, provider of airports maintenance or services, airport terminals, terminal operations and in licensed airports operations;
 - (c) implementation of a tracking, tracing and monitoring system at airports and reporting; and
 - (d) prohibition of holding of mass gatherings in and around airports.

3. Application of the regulations

This regulation is applicable to all foreigner nationals and travellers from High and Medium Risk Countries as well as South African citizens and permanent residents.

4. Embarkation and disembarkation of foreign nationals at international airports designated as Ports of Entry

- (1) Crew from high risk countries shall be subjected to medical screening and quarantined up to 21 days.

- (2) Disembarkation of foreign nationals from high risk countries is suspended on all airports until further notice.
- (3) Embarkation and disembarkation is permissible under the following circumstances: -
 - (a) disembarkation of a returning South African citizen and permanent residents.
 - (b) embarkation of a departing foreign national.
 - (c) disembarkation of a declared medical emergency of foreign nationals must be approved by the Port Health Services.
- (4) South African citizens and permanent residents are advised to refrain from all use of air travel until further notice.
- (5) The loading and off-loading of cargo in and out of airports is permitted.

5. Charter Operators

- (1) All Charter Operators for the duration of this regulations, are required to operate in the International Airports that have the Ports Health capability and be subjected to Health assessment.
- (2) The following International Airports have the necessary capacity and will be ready to handle the Charter flights:
 - a) O R Tambo
 - b) Lanseria
 - c) King Shaka
 - d) Upington
 - e) Polokwane
 - f) Bram Fischer
 - g) Kruger Mpumalanga
 - h) Pilanesberg
 - i) Port Elizabeth; and
 - j) Cape Town

6. Countries impacted by South Africa's travel restrictions.

- (1) South Africa has restriction access to foreign nationals and travellers from (High Risk Countries)
 - a) China
 - b) Germany
 - c) Italy
 - d) Iran

- e) South Korea
 - f) Spain
 - g) United Kingdom
 - h) United States of America
 - i) France
- (2) South Africa has imposed extra screening measures on people from places such as: (Medium Risk)
- a) Hong Kong
 - b) Portugal
 - c) Singapore
- (3) This list is subject to change in line with risk rating of World Health Organization (WHO).

7. Provision of improved access and hygiene, disinfection control on international airports designated as ports of entry.

- (1) The licensed international airports, must provide adequate facilities for washing of hands and disinfection equipment for visitors, airport personnel and management for the duration of the regulations.
- (2) The aircraft operator must provide disinfection facilities and procedures.
- (3) Biometric screening airports shall be suspended and replaced with a card system until further notice.
- (4) Airport personnel shall be provided with appropriate safety gear and equipment by their respective employers.

8. Oversight responsibilities by South African Civil Aviation Authority

- (1) The South African Civil Aviation Authority shall continue to monitor implementation of this regulations and issue guidelines.
- (2) The South African Civil Aviation Authority and Port Health shall support the national tracing and monitoring system.
- (3) The SACAA shall ensure that the aircraft operators keep records of passenger manifest and upon request release those records within 30 minutes to relevant Authorities mandated to give effect to the international air services act and Regulations.

9. Prohibition of mass gatherings in airport precinct

(1) No gathering of more than 100 people may be held in airport precinct from the date of the publication of these regulations until further notice.

10. Offences

(1) A person is guilty of an offence, if that person contravenes the provision of these regulations.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence, if that person fails to cooperate with any measures.

(3) A person who contravenes a provision of this regulations shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine, or imprisonment.

11. Short title and commencement

(1) These Regulations are called the International Air Services (COVID-19 Restrictions on the movement of air travel Regulations, 2020, and take effect on the date of publication in the Gazette by the Minister.

AIRPORT COMPANY ACT, 1993 (Act No. 44 of 1993)

MINISTERIAL ORDER REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES (COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF AIR TRAVEL) REGULATIONS, 2020

I, Mr Fikile Mbalula the Minister of Transport under section 10(1)(a) of the Airport Company Act, (Act No. 44 of 1993) make the Ministerial Order as set out in the Schedule.



MR F. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 18/03/2020

SCHEDULE

- (1) The Minister of Transport under section 10(1)(a) of the Airport Company Act, (Act No. 44 of 1993) make the following Ministerial Orders that:
 - (a) The Airport Company South Africa SOC Limited (ACSA) must comply and implement the International Air Services (COVID-19 restrictions on the movement of Air Travel) Regulations, 2020.
 - (b) The Airport Company South Africa SOC Limited (ACSA) must ensure that an aircraft landing in South Africa, for a technical stop or refuelling be permitted at International Airports designated as a Port of Entry.
 - (c) The Airports Company South Africa SOC Limited (ACSA) must ensure that for the duration of the Regulations, it will provide its own personnel with the appropriate safety gear and equipment.
 - (d) The Airports Company South Africa SOC Limited (ACSA) must provide adequate facilities for washing of hands and disinfection equipment for visitors, Airport personnel and management for the duration of the Regulations.
- (2) This order shall remain in force until further notice.

**AIR TRAFFIC AND NAVIGATION SERVICES COMPANY ACT, 1993 (ACT NO. 45
OF 1993)**

**MINISTERIAL ORDER REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES (COVID-
19 RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF AIR TRAVEL) REGULATIONS, 2020**

I, Mr Fikile Mbalula the Minister of Transport under section 10(1)(a) of the Air Traffic and Navigation Services Company, 1993 (Act No. 45 of 1993) make the Ministerial Order as set out in the Schedule.



MR F. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 18/03/2020

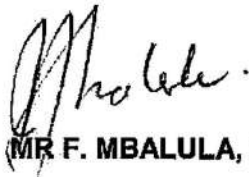
SCHEDULE

- (1) The Minister of Transport under section 10(1)(a) of the Air Traffic and Navigation services Company Act, 1993 (Act No. 45 of 1993) make the following Ministerial Orders that:
 - (a) The Air Traffic and Navigation Services must comply and implement the International Air Services (COVID-19 restrictions on the movement of Air Travel) Regulations, 2020;
 - (b) The Air Traffic and Navigation Services must ensure that aircraft landing in South Africa, for technical stop or refuelling is permissible.
 - (c) Air Traffic and Navigation Services shall, if necessary, redirect or reroute any aircraft from a medium or high risk countries entering the South African airspace to another airport other than its primary destination, provided that airport is an international airport designated as one of the ports of entry to accommodate such aircraft.
 - (d) The Air Traffic and Navigation Services must ensure that aircraft are allocated parking in the designated area.
- (2) This order shall remain in force until further notice.

CIVIL AVIATION ACT, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009)

MINISTERIAL ORDER REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES (COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF AIR TRAVEL) REGULATIONS, 2020

I, Mr Fikile Mbalula the Minister of Transport under Section 100(1)(a) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) make the Ministerial Order as set out in the Schedule.



MR F. MBALULA, MP

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

DATE: 18/03/2020

SCHEDULE

- (1) The Minister of Transport under section 100(1)(a) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009) make the following Ministerial Orders that:
 - (a) The South African Civil Aviation Authority shall monitor, oversee, enforce compliance and implement the International Air Services (COVID-19 restrictions on the movement of Persons and Crew) Regulations, 2020; and
 - (b) The South African Civil Aviation Authority, in giving effect to its monitoring and oversight responsibilities, will carry out measures such as surveillance and will facilitate collation of information from airlines in order to assist in tracking suspected cases and affected cases.
- (2) This order shall remain in force until further notice.