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Sub: Travel and Visa restrictions related to COVID-19

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus 2019) disease in India, all scheduled Indian and foreign airlines engaged in international air transportation to/from India are directed as under:

(i) No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take off from any foreign airport for any airport in India, after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (0530 hrs Indian Standard Time (IST) of March 22, 2020). These instructions shall remain in force till 0001 hrs GMT of March 29, 2020.

(ii) A maximum travel time of 20 hours is permissible for such commercial passenger aircraft to land in India.

(iii) As such, no incoming scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to disembark its passengers on Indian soil (Foreigner or Indian) after 2001 hrs GMT of March 22 (0131 hrs IST of March 23, 2020).

(iv) These instructions are in addition to the travel restrictions/ advisories already issued and under implementation.

(v) The above are temporary measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19, and are subject to review by Government.

2. Please acknowledge the receipt and ensure strict compliance.

(Sanjeev)
Deputy Director General

To

1. All Scheduled Airlines operating flights to/from India;
2. The Chairman, Airport Authority of India;
3. All International Airport Operators in India.
4. The Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration