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HEALTH EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

ENTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS INTO BRAZIL BY BRAZILIAN CITIZENS OR FOREIGNERS

Period of validity: from 19 OCTOBER 2021 to 31 DECEMBER 2021.

1 PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to disseminate the instructions of the Brazilian Government on exceptional and temporary actions concerning the entry of foreign travelers into the country, under Law n° 13979, of 2020, according to Ordinance n° 658, of October 05, 2021, published in the Federal Official Gazette.

1.2 ABBREVIATIONS

AIP	- Aeronautical Information Publication
ATC	- Air Traffic Control
DECEA	- Department of Airspace Control

1.3 SCOPE

This AIC addresses the restrictions and exceptional and temporary actions and requirements for the entry of foreign travelers into the country, in view of the risks of contamination and spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus (COVID-19). The restrictions established in this AIC do not apply to the transport of cargo.

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 GENERAL RULES

2.1.1 The entry into the country of international travelers by air, either Brazilian citizens or foreigners, is authorized, provided the following requirements are met:

I – The traveler must present to the airline before boarding a document confirming a test was taken screening for infection by SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), with a negative/non-reactive result, performed within 24 hours of boarding, in the case of an antigen test, or a laboratory RT-PCR test, performed within 72 hours prior to the moment of boarding, observing the guidelines established in Annex I and the following criteria:

a) In the event of a flight with connections or stopovers where the traveler remains in a restricted area of the airport, the periods mentioned in (I) will be considered in relation to boarding on the first leg of the trip;

b) In the event of a flight with connections or stopovers where the traveler does not remain in a restricted area of the airport, in which the traveler goes through immigration and exceeds 72 hours since the RT-PCR test or 24 hours since the antigen test, the traveler must present a document confirming a new test was taken, either RT-PCR or antigen test, with a negative/non-reactive result for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19) before boarding to Brazil.

II – The traveler must present to the airline before boarding the filled-out Traveler's Health Declaration - DSV, in print or electronic format, within 24 hours prior to departure to the Federative Republic of Brazil, agreeing to follow the sanitary measures which must be complied with during the period of stay in the country; and

Sole paragraph. Crew members are exempt from the testing requirement for screening for infection by SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19), provided they follow the protocol established in Annex II.

ANNEX I TESTING PARAMETERS

Travelers of international origin, either Brazilian citizens or foreigners, will be authorized to enter the country provided the following requirements are met:

1. The document proving the completion of a test to screen for infection by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19), with a negative or non-reactive result, must be presented in Portuguese, Spanish or English;
2. The RT-PCR laboratory test or the antigen test with a report must be performed in a laboratory recognized by the health authority of the country of origin;
3. Children under the age of 12 who are traveling accompanied are exempt from presenting proof of testing for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection (COVID-19) provided all accompanying persons present documents with negative or non-reactive results of the RT-PCR laboratory test performed within 72 hours prior to boarding, or of the antigen test performed within 24 hours prior to boarding;
4. Children aged 2 or over and under 12 years old who are traveling unaccompanied must present documents with a negative or non-reactive result of the RT-PCR laboratory test performed within 72 hours prior to boarding, or of the antigen test performed within 24 hours prior to boarding;
5. Children under the age of 2 are exempt from presenting a document proving that they have been tested for infection by the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) coronavirus for travel to the Federative Republic of Brazil;
6. The entry into the national territory of travelers who had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, counted from the date of onset of symptoms, who are asymptomatic and persist with a detectable RT-PCR test or antigen test for the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19), will be authorized upon presentation of the following documents:
 - 6.1. Two detectable RT-PCR results, with an interval of at least fourteen days, the last one being performed within 72 hours prior to the moment of boarding;
 - 6.2. Antigen test that reports a negative or non-reactive result after the last detectable RT-PCR result;
 - 6.3. Medical certificate stating that the individual is asymptomatic and able to travel, including the date of travel. The certificate must be issued in Portuguese or Spanish or English and contain the identification and signature of the responsible physician.

**ANNEX II
PROTOCOL FOR AIRCRAFT CREW**

As provided for in the sole paragraph of Article 3 of this Ordinance, crew members are exempt from presenting proof of testing (RT-PCR laboratory test or an antigen test with report), provided they comply with the following protocol during their stay in Brazil:

1. Absence of social contact and self-isolation in the transfer between the airport and the hotel:
 - 1.1. When necessary - the air operator must arrange the transfer between the aircraft and the individual accommodations of the crew member by private means of transport and ensure that sanitary measures are applied and that physical distancing between people is ensured from origin to destination.
2. Absence of social contact and self-isolation in the accommodation. The crew member must remain at home or in a hotel room, and in the latter case, the following must be observed:
 - 2.1. The accommodation will be occupied by only one crew member;
 - 2.2. The accommodation will be sanitized before and after its occupation;
 - 2.3. The crew will not use the hotel's common facilities;
 - 2.4. The crew member will take meals at the accommodation;
 - 2.5. If hotel room service is not available, the crew member will order a take-out meal;
3. Health care and self-monitoring - the crew must:
 - 3.1. Regularly monitor symptoms, including fever and other symptoms associated with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19);
 - 3.2. Avoid contact with the public and other crew members;
 - 3.3. Stay in the hotel room, except to seek medical attention or to perform activities considered essential;
 - 3.4. Wash their hands frequently with soap and water, when possible, or use alcohol gel;;
 - 3.5. Wear a face mask; and
 - 3.6. Observe physical distancing when it is necessary to leave the hotel;
4. In case of symptoms - if the crew members present symptoms associated with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19) in Brazilian territory, he/she must:
 - 4.1. Communicate this to the operator;
 - 4.2. Seek medical help to assess possible infection by SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and
 - 4.3. In case of a positive result, cooperate with additional monitoring, in accordance with the protocols adopted by the local health system;
5. Occupational health - the following measures will be taken:

5.1. Those responsible for the occupational health programs of the air operators will maintain permanent contact with the crew, in order to ensure that their employees carry out self-monitoring and implement sanitary protocols that reduce the risk factors associated with exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

5.2. The air operator will implement an education program with the objective of instructing the crew members on the sanitary measures to be adopted during the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic;

6. Crew health management plan - air operators are responsible for:

6.1. Preparing and maintaining a permanent crew health management plan, with risk assessment regarding the crew exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

6.2. Providing, whenever requested, the supporting documentation of the implementation of mitigation actions against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), without prejudice to the inspection, monitoring and control actions to be carried out by the competent authorities.

3 FINAL PROVISIONS

3.1 The provisions contained in this Circular do not exclude the responsibilities provided for in other Rules.

3.2 Cases not provided for in this Circular shall be settled by the Head of DECEA's Operations Subdepartment.