



**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMUNIQUE ON THE RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR
TRAVEL ON 1ST AUGUST 2020**

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya directed that International Air Travel would resume on 1st August, 2020 and instructed the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works to develop a Protocol to ensure the safety of travellers.

The Ministry in consultation with relevant stakeholders prepared a Protocol for Air Travel Operations during the Covid-19 Public Health Crisis. The protocol seeks to provide guidelines to ensure that air travel remains safe during the pandemic for domestic and international flights.

The Protocol recognizes that the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been experienced in most sectors of the economy and the aviation industry is amongst the worst impacted.

The Protocol has therefore confirmed that:-

1. All arriving passengers on international flights with a COVID-19 Negative certificate whose body temperature is NOT above 37.5° C (99.5°F), do NOT have a persistent cough, difficulty in breathing or other flu-like symptoms, are from the listed countries and have negative tests carried out within 96 hours before travel shall be exempt from quarantine;

- China
- Canada
- South Korea
- Namibia
- Uganda

- Rwanda
 - Morocco
 - Japan
 - Zimbabwe
 - Ethiopia
 - Switzerland
2. For those passengers traveling out of the country, they will be required to abide by the particular travel, health and COVID-19 related requirements of the destination country;
 3. Passengers arriving on flights after the curfew, with a valid Air Ticket and Boarding Pass shall be allowed to proceed to their hotels and/or residences;
 4. Drivers should have evidence that they have come from the Airport to drop or pick up passengers;
 5. Passengers departing on flights after the curfew, with a valid Air Ticket and Boarding Pass shall be allowed to proceed to their departure airport;
 6. Air Operators shall provide guidance material to passengers regarding application of the preventive measures on board;
 7. Where physical distancing cannot be guaranteed because of the seat configuration or other operational constraints, the crew members will make constant on-board announcements reminding passengers to adhere at all times to all the other preventive measures including strict hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and should wear a surgical face mask. In addition and in such cases other measures such as cabin recirculation air filters will be put in place; and
 8. Working jointly with Airports Authority and Kenya Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works is reviewing frequency and timing of flights to facilitate physical distancing at the Airports.

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