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RE-OPENING OF THE KENYAN AIRSPACE AND PROTOCOLS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DURING THE COVID -19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

The Government of Kenya will resume International air travel operations from 1st August 2020 and has developed an elaborate protocol for Air Travel Operations during the period of the crisis. The protocol aims to ensure that air travel to and from Kenya remains safe during the pandemic.

With regard to arriving in Kenya, the following are highlights of important issues stipulated in the Protocol developed by the Ministry of Transport of Kenya;

1. A COVID-19 free medical certificate from accredited laboratories/clinics is a mandatory requirement prior to boarding the flight and will be presented to the authorities on arrival.
2. Passengers will be required to wear masks at all times
3. **Thermal screening** – the Kenya Airports Authority staff will conduct temperature checks at various points within the airport with a view to identify passengers with body temperature of 37.5 degrees or higher. Where a passenger's body temperature will be found to be high, the check will be repeated at least once more for confirmation purposes.

Any passenger with high temperature will be referred for a secondary assessment by Port Health Services present at the airport who will handle the passenger in accordance with the instructions of the local Public Health Authorities.

4. **Quarantine procedures for passengers** – all arriving passengers on international flights with a COVID 19 Negative certificate whose body temperature is NOT above 37.5 and they don't have a persistent cough, difficulty in breathing or any other flu like symptoms shall be **EXEMPT** from quarantine.

However, if there is a reported case of COVID 19 on the flight or if the above symptoms are detected, the passengers within two rows of the passenger with the symptoms shall be quarantined for testing. If the results are negative, they will be allowed to leave the quarantine facility.

5. Passengers travelling out of Kenya will be required to abide by the particular travel, health and COVID related requirements of the destination country.

The elaborate protocol for Air Travel operations during the COVID 19 public health crisis is available on the Mission Website and social media pages

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