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*Dear Sir,*

Please recall our earlier communications regarding pre-arrival COVID-19 testing of international travellers to India from identified high-risk countries to minimize the risk of importation of variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus.

2. In the context of the evolving trajectory of COVID-19 cases in some countries especially China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan and reports regarding circulation of variants of SARS-CoV-2 in these countries, it has been decided that the existing guidelines for international arrivals needs to be revised and updated.

3. As per the revised guidelines, a mandatory requirement for pre-departure RT-PCR testing (to be conducted within 72 hrs prior to undertaking the journey) has been introduced for passengers in all international flights from these countries (mentioned in para 2 above).

4. This will also apply to transiting passengers through the countries (mentioned in para 2) irrespective of their originating countries before coming to any Indian Airport.

5. Accordingly Ministry of Civil Aviation's Air Suvidha Portal has to be made operational for passengers in all international flights from these countries, with a provision to allow international travellers arriving in India to submit negative RT-PCR test reports as well as to submit self-declaration form on this portal.

6. The existing practice of post-arrival random testing of 2% travellers (irrespective of port of departure) shall continue.

7. This arrangement is in practice with effect from 10:00 AM on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.

*with warm regards,*

Yours sincerely

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