



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF NEPAL

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GUIDANCE ON AVIATION SECURITY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1. Introduction

The world is suffering from pandemic COVID 19 since December 2019 appeared at Wuhan, China and the whole world has become almost stationary and people has spent difficult life in lock down situation and it has become urgent to mobile the nation somehow extent. Therefore, this Guidance has been developed to operate civil aviation maintaining aviation security norms and standard and keeping in view of health of passenger, security personnel and persons other than passenger.

2. Additional Reference

The public health standards and guidelines on COVID-19 pandemic issued by Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal shall have precedence over the health and other health associated provisions mentioned in this guidance.

3. Objectives

The objective of this guidance is to facilitate and mobilize aviation security system in crisis situation of COVID 19 without hampering aviation security norms of NCASP, SARPs contained in Annex 17 and other relevant provisions of other annexes developed by ICAO. The security personnel shall ensure that there are no weapons, explosives or other dangerous devices, articles or substances which may be used to commit an act of unlawful interference.

4. Applicability

This guidance shall be applicable in all domestic and international operations, once it is approved by Director General of Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal.

5. Duty and Responsibilities

In addition duty and responsibility of each stakeholder, as stated in Civil Aviation Security Rule, 2073(First Amendment 2076) and National Civil Aviation Security Program (Sixth Edition, 2019), airport operator has to provide all logistic support such as sanitizer, gloves, goggles, masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) as required to security personnel engaged in security screening. Airport operators also shall be responsible to disinfect and sanitize terminal

area and security equipment likewise aircraft operator shall disinfect and sanitize their own counter, own area used, ramp bus and aircraft in before starting operation every day.

6. Procedure

6.1 Screening Check Point

- a. Passengers and persons other than passengers shall maintain queue and physical distance up to Screening Check Point (SCP)
- b. Security screening shall be conducted by qualified security personnel with adequate protective devices like sanitizer, gloves, masks and PPE in accordance with requirements provided by Airport Operator to security person in personal basis.
- c. Security police should be trained by qualified medical personnel about using, disinfection and management of PPE set, as applicable which will be the responsibility of Airport operator.
- d. Once screening of passengers and baggage is carried out, security personnel should frequently sanitize their hands.
- e. Use of security equipment (If available) shall be maximized for efficient security check.

6.2 Aircraft Operators (Airlines)

Designated aviation security officer of the airlines shall follow all standards, orders, rules, norms issued by concerned authorities relating to COVID 19 and manage within their airlines.

6.3 Hand/Hold Baggage Screening Checking Point

- a. Screeners (Police) at hand baggage screening check point should have adequate protective devices like gloves, masks, goggles and PPE in accordance with requirements.
- b. Passengers shall maintain physical distance being in queue and wearing mask.
- c. Persons other than passenger also shall wear mask all the time and sanitize hands regularly.
- d. For screening with ETD, the same methodology for screening passenger should apply – one swab to be used per tray.
- e. When using explosive detection system equipment (EDS), screeners should limit the use of hand search to the strict minimum.
- f. The trays at the security screening point should be sanitized periodically depending on the number of usage.

7. Vehicle Entry Points

Those vehicles permitted for access into airside and / or security restricted area should be searched by airport police as usual wearing mask and glove.

8. Other Access Control Point

Every access control point (ACP) shall be managed with security personnel wearing mask and glove and performed duty by security personnel as usual based on prevailing rules, documents.

9. Cargo, Mails and Other Goods

Those security personnel who engage in manual search of cargo, mails and other goods full adequate set of personnel equipment and should be sanitized regularly.

10. Security personnel and staff of airport operator should pay particular attention to the following points:

- a. hands should be sanitized before wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), as applicable.
- b. protective masks should be changed every 4 hours.
- c. caps should fully cover all hair, including short hair on the hairline.
- d. long hair should be fastened tightly on top the head and put into the cap, and the edges of caps should fit close to the sides of ears.
- e. protective equipment needs to be replaced immediately when exposed to passenger's blood, vomit and other potentially contagious body fluids.
- f. reusable goggles should be promptly sterilized and dried after each use.
- g. hands should not touch faces when taking off protective equipment.
- h. the used disposable protective equipment should be disposed into dedicated waste bags or bins for safe disposal.
- i. manual search of persons and baggage should be minimized and use of security equipment in screening should be maximized as far as practicable.

11. Training Requirement

The security personnel should to trained to identify and manage the unruly passenger situations related to non-respect of essential aviation public health and safety measures.

12. Point of Contact

Airport operators and air operators should designate a security officer as a point of contact for the implementation of this guidance.