Icelandic Transport
Authority

Guidance

on the obligation to check COVID-19 certificates in connection with international flights

These guidance are based on regulation No [1669/2021](#) on the obligation to check COVID-19 certificates in connection with international flights, with effect from 1 January 2022.

Scope

The regulation applies to all aircraft operators and passengers on international flights to Icelandic territory, with the exception of aircraft overflying Icelandic territory, all cargo transport flights, aircraft in distress and aircraft on transit flights, which do not cross Icelandic boarders.

Obligations of aircraft operators

All aircraft operators are obliged to check, before passenger's board an aircraft, whether their passengers have:

1. **Fulfilled the obligation to [pre-register](#) and have the required certificate or attestation of:**
   - [vaccination against COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2),](#) or
   - previous COVID-19 infection [(SARS-CoV-2)](#) and are no longer infected or
   - a negative PCR-test

provided that such an obligation is in force on the basis of the Act on Health Security and Communicable Diseases, cf. [website of the Directorate of Health.](#)

2. **Notify Icelandic Police Authority of passengers arriving without required documents.**

If a passenger is unable to present any of the above certificates or attestation, the air carrier must **notify the Icelandic Police authorities** of the passenger's arrival in the country.

Notification of the passenger's name, passport number and flight number shall be sent **as soon as possible** and no later than estimated that the passenger's flight will land at an Icelandic airport.

The notification shall be sent to the e-mail address: lss.kefairport@police.is

3. **Inform passengers of possible consequences of not being pre-registered and not having the required certificates.**

Aircraft operator must also inform passengers, who are unable to present the required certificates of possible consequences upon arrival in Iceland. This is in accordance with the regulation on quarantine and isolation and disease control measures at the Icelandic border due to COVID-19, as it is at any given time.

Checking of certificate

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Aircraft operator's obligation to check whether a passenger has the above mentioned certificate or attestation is limited to:

- verifying the passenger's name on the certificate or attestation, and
- verifying the period of validity and date of issue (if applicable), and
- examining whether the certificate or attestation has the appearance of being a certificate or attestation in accordance with instructions issued by the health authorities.

Administrative fines

The Icelandic Transport Authority may adopt a decision to impose an administrative fine against an individual or legal entity as follows:

a. For infraction against the obligation to check whether a passenger is carrying the requisite certificate or attestation: an administrative fine of ISK 200,000 for each infraction per each passenger.
b. For infraction against the notifying police authority in Iceland: an administrative fine of ISK 200,000 for each infraction per each passenger.
c. For infraction against the notifying the passenger of possible consequence of traveling without required certificates: an administrative fine of ISK 200,000 for each infraction per each passenger.

A decision to impose an administrative fine shall be communicated in a verifiable manner to the person or entity against whom the fine is imposed.

A fine may be imposed against a legal entity for infraction of the above regardless whether fault can be proven by a specific representative of the legal entity, its personnel or other individuals/entities in its service.

Procedure and the right to appeal

A decision to impose an administrative fine may be appealed to the Minister in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. Other procedure is according to of the Aviation Act No 60/1998 with subsequent amendments and the regulation on the obligation to check COVID-19 certificates in connection with international flights.

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