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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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To: OPERATORS (AIRLINES, ANSP AND AERODROME OPERATOR)

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF AN OUTBREAK OF A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) IN WUHAN CITY, HUBEI PROVINCE OF CHINA

Operators are hereby notified of the recent outbreak on a novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei province of China. The clinical signs and symptoms of virus are mainly fever, and difficulty in breathing (Coughing, sneezing etc). The virus has spread to other countries including Thailand, Republic of Korea, USA and Japan.

This therefore calls for a high level of vigilance by airlines (especially those operating international and regional flights), designated Points of Entry (POEs) and travelling public.

Operators are therefore required to carry out the following:

1. Pilots in Command (PIC) of aircraft are to report to Air Traffic Control (ATC) any suspected case of communicable disease onboard an aircraft in line with Nig. CARs 18.8.22.4;
2. In case of a suspected case of a communicable disease on board an aircraft aircrew are to fill the aircraft General Declaration (Gen Dec) in line with Nig. CARs 18.8.17.4 and Annex 8 of International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). Completed aircraft General Declaration are to be submitted to the Port Health Services (PHS) on arrival at the designated POE;
3. Sick passengers onboard and aircraft are to be required by the crew to fill a Passenger Locator form in line with Nig. CARs 18.8.22.5. The Completed Passenger Locator forms are to be submitted to the Port Health Services (PHS) on arrival at the designated POE;
4. Airlines are to have onboard the appropriate number of First aid kits, Universal Precaution kits and Emergency Medical kits in line with Nig. CARs 7.9.1.11 and 7.9.1.12.

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5. Airlines are to update the knowledge of their crew members in the handling of a suspected case of communicable disease on board an aircraft.
6. Cabin crew should follow the operational procedures recommended by International Air Transport Association (IATA) and their airlines' Standard Operating procedures (SOPs) in handling possible cases of communicable diseases on board an aircraft. They are to ensure that passengers with symptoms of acute respiratory infection practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues, and wash hands).
7. Passengers should be encouraged by the crew to self-report if they feel ill.
8. Airlines are to contact Port Health Services for clearance before importing human remains into the country.
9. Designated Points of Entry (POEs) are to ensure: (i) stakeholder's collaboration in the handling of a suspected case of communicable disease in line with their respective Public Health Emergency Contingency Plans (PHECPs). (ii) Routine measures, trained staff, appropriate space, stockpiling of adequate equipment (including Personal Protective Equipment) should be in place at Points of Entry for assessing and managing ill travelers detected before travel, on board aircraft and on arrival (iii) Procedures and means are in place for communicating information on ill travelers between Aircraft and POEs as well as between POEs and National Health Authorities (iv) Safe transportation of symptomatic passengers to hospitals or designated facilities for clinical assessment and treatment is organized ;
10. Airlines and POEs are to report to the Authority in writing any case of a suspected case of communicable disease observed in flight or at any Point of Entry (POE)- International Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "A. M. Sidi", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Capt. A. M. Sidi

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