ALL OPERATORS LETTER (DG 038/20)

NCAA/DG/AIR/11/16/260

18th September 2020

To:    ALL FOREIGN AIRLINE OPERATORS FLYING INTO NIGERIA

From:  NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ATTN:  ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER / COUNTRY MANAGER

SUBJECT:  RE: ONLINE PLATFORM SERVICE DIFFICULTIES

The All Operators Letter (DG 037/20) with Ref. NCAA/DG/AIR/11/16/262 dated 8th September 2020 on the above subject refers:

All airlines and the travelling public are hereby informed that the Nigerian International Travel Portal is now fully functional and therefore wish to state as follows:

1. Inbound passengers to Nigeria are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to use the international travel online portal to provide required health information, upload their pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test results, pay for a repeat COVID-19 PCR test to be carried out 7 days upon arriving the country and generate a QR barcode. The presentation of a QR barcode on arrival in Nigeria will expedite clearance and prevent unnecessary delay and congestion at the Airports.

2. Failure by any inbound passenger to provide required information on the Nigerian International travel online portal may lead to significant delays at the airport upon arrival for processing of requisite Port Health Screening, manual filling of forms and payment for the repeat COVID-19 PCR test.

3. Where this is a requirement for a COVID-19 test result at transit points and or destination countries, outbound passengers are strongly advised to book and get tested at government approved COVID-19 testing laboratories which can be accessed via https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/laboratory/. It is the responsibility of passengers to confirm the travel health protocols/requirements from the embassies/airlines and ensure compliance with all requirements.
4. It is the responsibility of airlines to ensure all outbound passengers meet the COVID-19 Health protocols/requirements of all transit points and or destination countries before boarding such passengers.

5. The Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 has also made some changes to the provisional quarantine protocol for travelers arriving in Nigeria from any country as follows:

   a. All travelers arriving Nigeria must have tested NEGATIVE for COVID-19 by PCR in country of departure. The PCR test MUST be within 120 Hours (5 days) before departure and preferably within 72 hours before boarding. Please note that this is a MANDATORY requirement except for (b) below. Airlines carrying passengers with a POSITIVE COVID-19 PCR test, or WITHOUT A PCR TEST RESULT will be fined US$3,500 per passenger.

   b. Children aged Ten (10) years and below traveling to Nigeria are exempted from the provision of a NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR test result as a requirement for boarding flights. The payment for the repeat COVID-19 PCR test in Nigeria is also not applicable to this age group.

   c. Diplomats traveling to Nigeria are required to use the Nigerian International travel portal to provide the required information and upload their NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR test results. The payment for the repeat COVID-19 PCR test in Nigeria is also not applicable to diplomats.

6. This All Operators Letter (AOL) supersedes previous AOL on the above subject.

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