ALL OPERATORS LETTER (DG045/20)

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Date: 26 DECEMBER 2020

TO: ALL NIGERIAN OPERATORS AND FOREIGN OPERATORS FLYING INTO NIGERIA

FROM: NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ATTN: ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER/COUNTRY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR ALL PASSENGERS ORIGINATING FROM UNITED KINGDOM (UK) AND SOUTH AFRICA.

With the recent spike in cases of COVID-19 in Nigeria and the reported highly transmissible new variant of the virus in the United Kingdom and South Africa, the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 has reviewed the quarantine protocol as follows:

1. **Passengers originating from United Kingdom (UK) and South Africa:**
   For flights and passengers originating from the United Kingdom (UK) and South Africa with final destination being Nigeria, the following shall apply:
   (i) Passengers MUST present the following **Two** documents in order to be allowed to board their flights to Nigeria -
      a. Pre-departure **PERMIT TO FLY/QR code** generated from the Nigeria International Travel Portal (https://nitr.ncdc.gov.ng) showing evidence of payment for the post-arrival day 7 COVID-19 PCR test and;
      b. **Documentary evidence of a NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR result** done within 96 hours (4 days) of boarding from a verifiable laboratory or health facility.
   (ii) On arrival in Nigeria, passengers will be received and processed separately by Public Health authorities.
   (iii) All passengers will be required to self-isolate for 7 days after arrival followed by a COVID-19 PCR test.
   (iv) Passengers with a post-arrival NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR result can exit isolation at day 8. Those with a POSITIVE COVID-19 PCR result will be referred for isolation and further management.
   (v) A dedicated register of arriving passengers from the United Kingdom and South Africa will be opened for enhanced surveillance and active enforcement of these protocols.
2. **Affected Airlines:**
This applies to all airlines with passengers originating from the United Kingdom and South Africa regardless of transit arrangements.

3. **Applicability:**
This shall be applicable to scheduled and non-scheduled flights conveying passengers originating from United Kingdom and South Africa. The earlier quarantine protocol which became effective on 18th September 2020 shall continue to subsist for flights originating from other countries except for the validity of the Pre-departure PCR test result which will now be **96 hours (4 days)** from date of departure.

4. **Date:**
Effective: Monday 28th December 2020 at 0001 Local Time (2301 UTC).

5. **Non-compliance:**
Punitive measures shall be taken against airlines who fail to comply with this All Operators Letter. The punitive measures shall include but not limited to the following:
(i) Airlines shall be fined $3,500 (Three Thousand Five dollars) for each defaulting passenger.
(ii) Airlines may be required to return non-Nigerian defaulting passengers to point of embarkation.
(iii) Repeated non-compliance by any Airline will lead to the suspension of the Airline's Approval/Permit to Fly into the country.

6. Please be guided accordingly.

Captain Musa S Nuhu
Director General/CEO