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OPERATIONS CIRCULAR

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Subject: Reporting of communicable disease by Pilot in command

1. All operators engaged in commercial/ private operations are required to establish procedures to promptly report a suspected communicable disease to ATC. These procedures must be included in the Operations Manual for guidance of the operational personnel. In addition, health related legal requirements of countries of departure and/ or destination must be followed which are normally found in AIPs of the states concerned.
2. A communicable disease could be suspected if a person on board has a fever that is associated with certain symptoms eg. appearing obviously unwell, persistent coughing, impaired breathing, persistent diarrhoea, persistent vomiting, skin rash, bruising or bleeding without previous history or confusion of recent onset.
3. The pilot in command of an aircraft must promptly report a suspected communicable disease to ATC in order to facilitate provision of medical equipment and personnel for the management of public health risk on arrival of aircraft. Transmission to ATC must contain the following information but not limited to:
 - a) Aircraft identification.
 - b) Departure aerodrome.
 - c) Destination aerodrome.
 - d) Estimated time of arrival.
 - e) Number of persons onboard.
 - f) Number of suspected case(s) onboard and
 - g) Nature of public health risk if known.
4. This circular is applicable to all Scheduled/ Non-Scheduled/ Scheduled Commuter/ Private Category Operators. All operators are required to include provisions of this Operations Circular in their Operations Manual latest by 31st Dec 2017 or on its next revision, whichever is earlier.

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