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06/20 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY STATE DECLARED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU (COVID-19)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Government of Peru, to avoid propagation of COVID-19, has been implementing a series of measures for prevention and control.

On March 11th, 2020, the Supreme Decree N° 008-2020-SA was published in the official newspaper El Peruano declaring the National Sanitary Emergency for ninety (90) calendar days, as part of measures established for prevention and control of COVID-19.

On March 15th, 2020, Supreme Decree N° 044-2020-PCM was published in the official newspaper El Peruano declaring the National State of Emergency due to the threat of the outbreak of COVID-19. The temporary closure of Peruvian borders was ordered, suspending all international and national passenger transportation by land, air, sea and river, as well as, mandatory social isolation (quarantine) was implemented.

By Supreme Decree N° 045-2020-PCM, the scope of Article N° 8 of Supreme Decree N° 044-2020-PCM was specified, establishing measures to facilitate the repatriation of Peruvian people to the national territory and foreigners to their countries of residence, as well as, mandatory social isolation for people who return to Peru as an exceptional opening of borders.

By, Supreme Decree N° 046-2020-PCM, complementary actions were adopted to precise the limitations to the exercise of the right to freedom of movement of people within the framework of the State of National Emergency, to achieve an adequate and compulsory social immobilization.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE

The content of this Aeronautical Information Circular will be in force from the date of publication and its validity will be notified through the corresponding NOTAM.

3. SCOPE

This AIC applies to:

- a. All aircraft operators carrying out national and international, scheduled and non-scheduled commercial flights, and general aviation, with permission from the Dirección General de Aeronáutica Civil del Perú - DGAC.
- b. Nationwide airport operators.

4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this AIC is to inform all States, aircraft operators, airport operators, air navigation services providers, national and international organizations, and the aviation community in general, about provisions issued by the Government of Peru, through its different organizations, related to the National State of Emergency declared due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

5. RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

By Ministerial Resolution RM N° 083-2020-PCM, a working group, called “Comisión Multisectorial de Alto Nivel para que conduzca las labores de coordinación y articulación orientadas a la prevención, protección y control del Coronavirus (COVID-19)” was installed, and it depends on the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The purpose of this working group is to conduct coordination and articulation of the efforts aimed at the prevention, protection and control of Coronavirus (COVID-19), and it is composed as follows:

- a) The President of the Council of Ministers, who presides the group
- b) The Minister of Health
- c) The Minister of Defense
- d) The Minister of Interior
- e) The Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism
- f) The Minister of Transport and Communications
- g) The Minister of Economy and Finance
- h) The Minister of Education
- i) The Executive President of Health Social Insurance (EsSalud)
- j) Superintendent of the National Superintendence of Migrations (MIGRATIONS)
- k) Chief of the National Civil Defense Institute (INDECI)
- l) A representative of the National Assembly of Regional Governments (ANGR)

The working group has the following functions:

- a) Conduct the coordination and articulation of the actions for the prevention, protection and control of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) by the various entities with competences in the matter.
- b) Propose guidelines for the dissemination of the information related to the evolution and measures adopted facing the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
- c) Propose the actions and measures that contribute to the fulfillment of the purpose of the Working Group.

6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

6.1 SUSPENSION OF COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHTS

During the National State of Emergency, total closure of Peruvian borders is decreed, thus, all international passenger transportation by air is suspended. Likewise, during the State of Emergency, the total national passenger transportation by air is suspended.

This measure affects all commercial scheduled and non-scheduled flights, and general aviation flights.

6.2 CARGO AND PRODUCTIVE CHAIN FLIGHTS

Air transport of cargo and goods is not included in this temporary closure.

The competent authorities can adopt necessary measures to guarantee the entry and exit of merchandise through the authorized airports.

The competent authorities can dictate provisions to guarantee priority attention for the entry of essential goods, for health and those required to attend the health emergency.

The competent sectors may establish special transitory measures for the entry and exit of restricted goods.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance, in coordination with the competent sector, may include additional flights that are strictly essential for the productive and industrial sectors, which do not affect the national state of emergency.

6.3 HUMANITARIAN REPATRIATION FLIGHTS - PROTECTION MEASURES FOR PERUVIAN AND FOREIGN PERSONS

Until further advice, requests for repatriation flights are managed directly by embassies and/or consulates accredited in Peru to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru (MRE). Such flights will be considered exceptionally as "State Flights", regardless of the nature of the aircraft used.

The MRE, in coordination with INDECI, informs the DGAC about the authorized State Flights, to issue the corresponding flight authorizations. The DGAC, within the framework of its competences, provides the corresponding authorizations or permits to the national and international flights necessary to facilitate the repatriation of Peruvian people to national territory and foreigners to their respective countries of residence.

Likewise, the Peruvian Government has ordered that all operations in the Jorge Chavez International Airport (SPJC) are suspended and that all flights for repatriation purposes to/from Lima must arrive at the Callao Air Base, Air Group N° 8. The schedule and dates for the arrival of such flights will be defined by the multisectoral commission created for this purpose, headed by INDECI.

All passengers entering the national territory must comply with mandatory social isolation, according to the provisions of the Ministry of Health, for fifteen (15) calendar days.

6.4 SPECIAL FLIGHTS

Flights for humanitarian purposes, air ambulances (MEDEVAC), medical transportation (aeromedical transport), and search and rescue (SAR) will be managed according to the current procedures.

Patients with presumption or diagnosed with COVID-19 may only be transported with authorization from MINSA. The airport operator must have established procedures for priority attention in this case.

All information related to the nature of the flight must be included in the flight plan, BOX

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FFR: fire-fighting

HAZMAT: for a flight carrying hazardous material

HOSP: for a medical flight declared by medical authorities

HUM: for a flight operating on a humanitarian misión

MEDEVAC: for a life-critical medical emergency evacuation

SAR: for a flight engaged in a search and rescue misión

STATE: for a flight engaged in military, customs or police services

AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORTATION: for a flight that evacuates a person requiring priority medical attention. Only for domestic flights.

6.5 OVERFLIGHTS AND EMERGENCY FLIGHTS

All overflights within Lima FIR that, due to security or emergency reasons, require a landing in Peruvian territory, must only use international airports published in the AIP Peru following current procedures.

The current operating hours of international airports are published in the corresponding NOTAM. For greater ease, the airports of Lima/Callao - Jorge Chávez (SPJC), Pisco (SPSO) and Iquitos (SPQT) are operating H24.

Boarding and disembarking of passengers in these conditions is not allowed unless the safety of passengers is compromised. The best way in which emergency cases are to be handled is left to the discretion of the crew.

6.6 OPERATING HOURS AND CAPACITY OF AIRPORTS:

Due to the unusual condition of aircraft on the ground, apron capacity and airport services of many airports have been affected.

In this sense, air operators must coordinate their operation in advance with airport operators and the corresponding authorities, taking into account the hours of operation published in the NOTAM.