



Circular No.(6) for the year 2020
Regarding the latest update on the epidemiological situation of the international
coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dr. Head of the Health Affairs Directorate
Dear Sir,

In addition to the circular No.4 for the year 2020 regarding the updates on the coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and the changing international epidemiological situation of the virus and pursuant to the reports issued by the World Health Organization and by the relevant websites in that respect and the emergence of new cases affected by the new coronavirus 2019-nCoV in Iran and Italy;

Kindly instruct your quarantine departments to do what is necessary to stimulate and continue to tightening health control procedures on incoming passengers from China (Chinese Mainland, Macao, Hong Kong), Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, Iran and Italy and raise the awareness of passengers, transport operators and the concerned partners at the entry points pursuant to the following:

Preventive Health Procedures:

- Screening shall be made on incoming passengers and crew of means of transport whether directly or indirectly on primary or private voyages or cargo voyages from the aforementioned countries.
- The preventive team shall take all standard procedures to combat the infection upon dealing with suspected cases.
- In case there are any passengers that the virus case definition apply to, a secondary screening shall be made for that passenger inside the clinic and shall be transferred to the fever hospital or the designated hospital in case the symptoms coincide with the definition of the case for assessment of the condition. Immediate notice shall be sent to the directorate, preventive department and the General Quarantine Administration at the Ministry.
- Health Monitoring Cards shall be issued to each incoming passenger on means of transport from the aforementioned countries including to the crew of these means and children where full data (quadrant name – address in details – nationality – voyage number – point and date of entry – phone number) shall be clearly written thereon and immediately registered for all incomers from abroad program. The General Quarantine Administration and the Health Affairs Directorates, that the domiciles of the aforementioned passengers are subject to, shall be notified to monitor their health condition for a period of 14 days as of the date of arrival through the health offices in their district.
- In case there is a suspected case on an incoming voyage from any of the new countries where the virus has emerged, the wastes of these means of transport shall be considered as hazardous wastes which shall be safely disposed of under the supervision of the quarantine.



Registration on the incomers from abroad program:

- Health Monitoring Cards shall be issued to each incoming passenger on means of transport whether directly or indirectly from China (Chinese Mainland, Macao, Hong Kong), Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Malasia, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, Iran and Italy including to the crew of these means and children where full data (quadrant name – address in details – nationality – voyage number – point and date of entry – phone number) shall be clearly written thereon.
- Incomers shall be immediately registered on the incomers from abroad program and the General Quarantine Administration and the Health Affairs Directorates, that the domiciles of the aforementioned passengers are subject to, shall be notified to monitor their health condition for a period of 14 days as of the date of arrival through the health offices in their district.

Notification:

The competent authorities shall be notified with this circular and the following shall be ascertained:

- Official notification shall be made to all airline and shipping companies operating lines with China (Chinese Mainland, Macao, Hong Kong), Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Malasia, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, Iran and Italy together with official notification to all concerned partners at the points of entry.
- Submitting the circular before all employees of the quarantine.
- Execution and follow up of the preventive procedures under the supervision of your kind selves, the Preventive Manager and Manager of the General Quarantine Administration at the Directorate.
- With the full commitment to what was mentioned in the previous relevant circulars (1, 2, 3, 4) for the year 2020.

Issued on 21/2/2020

Best regards,

To be approved by:

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Signature

Dr. Alaa Eid
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Signature