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## AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR

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### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST INFLUENZA A(H1N1)

#### 1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Government of Maldives is greatly concerned with the outbreaks of Influenza A (H1N1) in some parts of the World.

A (H1N1) is a new strain of Influenza virus that causes infection to the respiratory system. It spreads in the same way as seasonal influenza. This means through direct contact via cough and sneeze (being within one meter of an infected person), or indirect contact (touching a contaminated surface).

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has raised the level of pandemic alert to phase 6. This means virus has caused sustained community level outbreaks in multiple countries in regions outside the Americas, where the disease started in April this year.

#### 2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The Centre for Community Health and Disease Control, Ministry of Health and Family has set up a taskforce to coordinate, disseminate information and take precautionary measures with the purpose and scope of the International Health Regulations.

The purpose of this Circular is to advise the airlines and the relevant authorities on the measures taken by Centre for Community Health and Disease Control against Influenza A (H1N1).

#### 3.0 REQUIREMENT

- 3.1 Ministry of Health and Family has introduced a new Health Declaration form to be completed by all international passengers including transit passengers and airline crew disembarking at Male' International Airport.

The new form (in English and Dhivehi separately) will be effective from 15 June 2009. All airlines operating into the Maldives are urged to disseminate the form in-flight and advise their passengers to have it duly completed and ready for submission at CIQ. A copy of the new Health Declaration form is attached to this Circular as attachment I.

- 3.2 Health Declaration forms are available from Port Health Section at Male' International Airport.

In the interest of better facilitation and minimize inconveniences to passengers, airlines may reproduce Health Declaration form and provide translation in other languages. The soft copy of the Health Declaration form is available for download from the Ministry of Health and Family's website <http://www.health.gov.mv>.

- 3.3 Airlines are advised to make the announcement contained in attachment II to this Circular, on-board the aircraft prior to landing.
- 3.4 The designated Focal Points for Influenza A (H1N1) matters at airports and seaports are;

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- 3.5 Centre for Community Health and Disease Control's Circular No. E-05/2009 dated 01<sup>st</sup> May 2009 and E-07/2009 dated 07<sup>th</sup> May 2009, advise that staff working at Male' International Airport airside to follow the following guidelines;

- 3.5.1 Staff working at the airside (including international arrival) to wear face masks.
- 3.5.2 Officials working at Port Health, Immigration counters, baggage handling and baggage checking areas to wash their hand frequently using appropriate antiseptic hand rub solutions.

- 3.6 The measures have to be implemented without any delay.

**4.0 APPLICABILITY**

- 4.1 This Circular supersedes Air Transport Circular No. AT-01/09 – Issue 05 dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- 4.2 The requirements in this Circular applies to all airlines operating international flights operating to the Maldives, Maldives Airports Company, Island Aviation Services, Maldives Port Health, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Maldives Customs Service, Maldives In-flight Catering and Airline Representatives.



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Encl: Attachment I – Health Declaration Form (new version)  
Attachment II – Announcement



**Center for Community Health and Disease Control  
Maldives**

**HEALTH DECLARATION CARD**

**Health Declaration Card to be completed when public health authorities suspect the risk of spread of a communicable disease. The information you provide will assist the public health authorities to manage the public health event and to trace passengers who may have been exposed to communicable disease. The information is intended to be held by the public health authorities to be used only for public health purpose.**

**Flight Information**

**1. Airline and Flight Number**

*Airline*

*Flight Number*

*DD*

*MM*

*YYYY*

**3. Seat Number**

*Where you actually sat on the aircraft*

**Personal Information**

**4. Name**

*Family Name / Surname*

*Given Names(s)*

*Passport or Travel Document Number*

*Country*

**Contact Information**

**5. Address and phone number where you can be contacted during your stay or, if visiting many places, your cell phone and initial address**

*Place of Stay*

*Phone Number*

**Public Health Questions**

**A. Have you had fever in the last 7 days?**

Yes  No

**B. Do you have a cough or difficulty breathing of recent onset?**

Yes  No

**C. Do you have a sore throat, runny nose, headache or body aches?**

Yes  No

**D. In the last 7 days, have you been near or spent time with someone who had a fever and cough, or was a known case of influenza?**

Yes  No

**List all the countries where you have been (including where you live) in the last 7 days:**

*List in order with most recent country first (where you boarded)*

1.

2.

3.

4.



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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

**ಕಾರ್ಯದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು**

- ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿಸಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವುದು.
- ಕಾರ್ಯದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿಸಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವುದು.

**ಕಾರ್ಯದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು**

1- ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ  
 2- ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು  
 3- ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು

**ಕಾರ್ಯದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿವಾಟು**

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## ATTACHMENT II

Dear Travelers/Visitors,

The government of Maldives is implementing several H1N1 response measures to prevent spread of the disease in the country. Therefore, as part of the preventive measures introduced at the airport, you are advised to complete Health Declaration Form and to report to Port Health Officer if you have fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat and shortness of breath.

Thank you for your cooperation