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To: Airlines operating international flights to Maldives

Sir/Madam

This Department's Circular 69-CA-C/CIR/2003/03 dated 15th April 2003 regarding efforts by the Government of the Maldives to prevent introduction of SARS into the Maldives indicated the need for screening of passengers bound for the Maldives.

The task force for the prevention of SARS into the Maldives has now advised of the need to further strengthen and formalize this screening process.

In this respect, therefore, a health declaration (Attachment II) has been prepared and copies of this are sent to airlines for their distribution and completion prior to check-in. Furthermore, airlines are advised to conduct questioning of joining passengers at check-in to ensure "negative" responses for all passengers allowed to travel to the Maldives. (The questions are provided in Attachment I).

Airlines are urged of the need for passengers to have their duly completed health declaration ready for submission at CIQ.

The measures have to be implemented as soon as practical and in no event later than 12th May 2003.

Please do note all other Circulars issued with respect to SARS remain valid (unless amended or prior cancelled). Airlines are reminded of the need to return passengers denied entry into Maldives to their last point of embarkation.

In the interest of better facilitation and to minimize inconveniences to passengers airlines may reproduce health declaration cards and may provide translation in other languages.

We are grateful for your understanding, patience and cooperation in this effort.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

ATTACHMENT 1

- Have you had any of the following symptoms over the past 10 days?

High fever ($>38^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Cough

Shortness of breath

Difficulty in breathing

- Have you cared for or lived with or have had close contact with a case of SARS, or visited or worked in a hospital where cases of SARS are treated, or whether a family member has been treated for SARS?

Yes

No

