



**COVID-19 CLIENT GLOBAL SUMMARY – 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

Dear Valued Client

Please find below our most recent global update as we continue to progress through the COVID-19 situation. Some positive indications and increased services, particularly in the China and Far East.

• **UNITED KINGDOM**

- As of 16<sup>th</sup> May IAG, /BA will reintroduce their service to Singapore (3 times per week)
- Delta Airlines have announced their resumption of transatlantic flights from UK to selected US destinations
- TAP Portugal have added selected North and South American destinations to their direct schedule ex Lisbon
- HMRC Rules
- HMRC are allowing traders with a deferment account, who are experiencing financial difficulties, to request an extended period for making full or partial deferred duty and import VAT payments due on 15th May. Requests to be made in writing to HMRC deferment team.
- In England relaxed isolation measures have been introduced which encourages some workers to return to their workplace if they are unable to work from home and social distancing measures can be maintained. Strict measures remain in place for other parts of the UK.

➤ **AUSTRALIA**

- Cathay Pacific will have flights from Brisbane to Hong Kong on May 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
- China Airlines will operate out of Brisbane every Saturday in May. Qatar Airways will service Brisbane again as of next week, three times per week. China Eastern will return to Brisbane on May 15th and 17th Finnair, Air Asia and Thai Air Asia services are suspended until further notice
- A 14-day isolation period for incoming vessels is in place, meaning that if the sailing time from the last port is less than 14 days, the vessels will need to sit offshore in isolation, with more specific rules as follows:
  - New South Wales – the rule applies to vessels which have left mainland China, Iran, Italy and South Korea (Introduced by Port Authority of NSW).
  - Queensland – the rule applies to vessels from all overseas ports with exemptions for New Zealand, South Pacific Islands, Singapore and Papua New Guinea.

• **PAPUA NEW GUINEA OPERATIONS**

- Papua New Guinea has removed its quarantine restrictions for arriving cargo vessels, which means services into PNG will have improved transit times

- **MIDDLE EAST**

- **IRAQ NORTH & SOUTH**

- The Iraqi Civil Aviation Authority announced that it has extended the opening times of Baghdad International Airport to passengers from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am
    - The Iraqi health service has announced its continued implementation of the effective survey through its teams in health centres and rapid response teams to reduce the spread of the corona virus throughout the country. Due to additional checkpoints relating to this, there will be increased road traffic delays experienced for all nationwide road transport.
    - Crisis Cell in Basra confirmed, that the border crossings with Iran and Kuwait are still closed. "The Iraqi border crossings with the countries of (Iran and Kuwait) will remain completely closed and until further notice to prevent the outbreak of the Corona virus in Basra'

- **FAR EAST**

- **SINGAPORE**

- Singapore Airlines is expanding their cargo-only passenger network with addition of three new cities – Adelaide, Mumbai and New Delhi.
    - Due to the lockdown in India, SQ cargo arrival notice will be sent to consignee upon arrival to facilitate immediate clearance. Shipper are reminded to include the consignee's email address, telephone numbers/mobile numbers on the AWB. We seek your cooperation to advise your consignee to clear shipment once it arrives at destination.
    - To fight the outbreak, there has been demand globally for medical products, such as ventilators, masks and test kits. Singapore Air have introduced THRUCOOL, a dedicated service for transporting time and temperature-sensitive pharma shipments to ensure smooth movement of such life-saving goods.
    - Emirates (EK), in their bid to reduce cases of shipment cancellations and no shows will be implementing a policy to curb these cancellations with immediate effect for shipments of 1ton and above.
    - KLM had over the past couple of weeks resumes service to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Lima, Houston, Mumbai, Ho Chi Minh and Osaka. They have also increased frequency to Dubai, Shanghai, Singapore, Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles and Sao Paulo.
    - Next week KLM will resume service to Boston, Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro, and increase frequency on various routes - Hong Kong, Bangkok, Narita, Mexico City and Pointe-à-Pitre.
    - KLM will continue to keep their Full Freighter (main deck) operation and network in place. They have even also added a scheduled freighter service between Paris and Shanghai as well as temporarily redeployed Boeing 747 combis to operate service from Schiphol to Shanghai and Beijing.
    - Trucking shortages have slightly improved over the past weeks as the Ministry have increased the quota for companies to allow drivers to return to service.

## **MYANMAR**

- As of 11 May 2020, the total no of confirmed COVID-19 cases was 180, six-deaths and 72 recoveries
- All incoming Myanmar nationals from any country will be subject to a 21-days facility quarantine on their arrival in Myanmar from 25 Mar 2020 0000hours.
- All foreign nationals travelling to Myanmar are required to present laboratory evidence of absence of COVID19 infection issued no more than 72 hours prior to the date of travel before boarding any airline. They will be subject to a 21-day facility quarantine on their arrival in Myanmar.
- Heavy vehicles allowed to operate during the day in Yangon. It is prohibited to operate from 2200 hrs to 0400 hrs.
- All passenger buses are prohibited from operating and domestic travelling transportation services is very limited.
- There are restrictions in some areas of the country as certification evidence from driver and passengers confirming the absence of COVID-19 infection.
- China – Myanmar border allowed only cargo truck entry with a driver. Passengers are restricted for passing thru the border.

## **CHINA**

- All regions of China have seen their risk level downgraded to the lowest level from 7 May 2020
- All students who have been away from school since mid-January will take their entrance exams to senior high schools and colleges in late June and early July, respectively.
- All other students, except those of grades 1 to 3 and kindergarten will have resumed classes in school by May 18 according to the city's education commission.
- Shanghai is one of many cities across the mainland that have reopened school campuses to students as the outbreak subsides.

## **MALAYSIA**

- Malaysia Government has announced that the conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) has been extended till 9th Jun 2020.
- The recent announcement by the Government on the re-opening of the economy under the CMCO, means most industries are permitted to operate at full capacity, including the logistics sectors. PFS Malaysia offices operates on weekly staggered basis.
- Labuan to Brunei Passenger Ferry - Labuan International Ferry Terminal closed until 12 May 2020.
- Labuan to Brunei vessel Ferry: - Ferry Shutter Hope – Operating for both cars & trucks. Twice weekly. Day 2 & 4. Ferry Goodwill Star – Operating for both cars & trucks. Day1, 3 & 5.
- The above ferry schedules are subject to change

## **VIETNAM**

- The country has return to normal status and all businesses can resume their activities.
- Schools re-opened and all children can return to school.
- People are permitted to go out on condition that they wear a face mask and practice social distancing of 2 meter.
- International passenger flights are still suspended.

## **INDONESIA**

- Indonesia continues to fight with new COVID-19 cases, but the fatality trend is slowing.
- Indonesia Government have tightened controls on international travel. Incoming passenger from all countries must have a Visa and provide a health certificate from respective hospital in origin countries.
- With effect from 5th May 2020, domestic passenger flights partially resume from Jakarta and some other main airports but only for business travel with individual providing health certificate.
- International flight services remain cancelled to prevent the Covid-19 spread.
- All domestic travelling on trains, buses, personal vehicles are restricted until 1st Jun 2020.
- Travelling on public transport inside Jakarta city is allowed in line with social distancing regulations

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