



**Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority  
Adherence to Annex 9**

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**Measures Taken to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 by Air Transport**

**I. Establish National Facilitation Committee in line with Annex 9 Standard 8.19**

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has established the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee and of the National Air Transport Facilitation Program (NATFP) as required by Standard 8.19 and 8.17 of Annex 9 (facilitation) to guide the improvement and optimization of aircraft, crew, passenger and cargo flows through airports and to improve customer service.

The National FAL Committee under the leadership of the Ministry of Transport provides a forum for consultation and information-sharing about facilitation matters amongst government stakeholders, government representatives of other air transport-related communities and the private sector.

Airport Facilitation Committees are established in all airports for the purpose of coordinating facilitation activities between departments, agencies, and organizations of responsible for, implementation of NATFP.

**II. Adhere to Annex 9 Standards 4.7 and 8.8 related to air cargo operations;**

Africa's largest cargo operator, Ethiopian Airlines, has its own state of the art Cargo Terminal in Addis Ababa Bole international Airport. The cargo terminal is well equipped with appropriate screening equipment in order to improve efficiency, in the examination of goods imported or exported. The cargo clearance process automated to manage a vast amount of data exchanged among a number of entities.

The NATFP and the ATS contingency plan describe the requirements necessary to facilitate the entry into, departure from and transit through Ethiopian territories of aircraft engaged in relief flights performed by or on behalf of international organizations recognized by the UN or by or on behalf of State all possible measures to ensure their safe operation. Such flights shall be commenced as quickly as possible after obtaining agreement with the recipient State.

**III. Airport Operation**

**a. Airport Staff Training and Awareness**

- ✓ Following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute has implemented awareness program about the disease to all employees and notified the infection prevention guidelines and response procedures to follow when COVID-19 related symptoms occur as well as actions to take when a suspected case is detected on board or in airports.

**b. Screening of Arrival and Departure passengers**

- ✓ Temperature screening and visual checks of COVID-19 symptoms are conducted to all arriving and departing passengers and aircrew; and arriving passengers and aircrew who are found to be febrile, they will be referred to health quarantine for further investigation.



For departing passengers and Crew who are found to be febrile, they will not be allowed to enter into the airport's departure hall. Instead, these passengers will be asked to go to the quarantine for further medical check.

**c. Staff Screening and Health management**

- ✓ Infection prevention products such as medical masks and hand sanitizers are provided for all airport employees who have direct contact with passengers such as Airport Security, Immigration Officers, Customs Officer, Cabin crew etc.
- ✓ All employees are required to pass through the temperature check process before starting duty.
- ✓ Airport staff that is found to be febrile will not be allowed access into the airport's area. Staff found to be febrile will be referred to the quarantine for a medical assessment.

**d. Establishing Quarantine Facilities**

Ethiopia has already enforced a 14-day mandatory quarantine period for all travelers to the country. People arriving at the Bole International Airport in the capital Addis Ababa will be quarantined for two weeks at two designated hotels, and in special quarantine facilities. Diplomats will be required to remain in quarantine at their respective embassies.

**e. Public Announcement**

- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) are using COVID-19 prevention posters to create awareness and promotional efforts have been made through the EPHI website, Government and Private Medias.
- ✓ The actions to be taken to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 in passenger terminals is regularly announced with TV screen set up both in arrival and departure halls. The use of Posters to inform passengers on how to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 is also in place.

**f. Safe Distancing Measures at Airports**

In line with the national level safe distancing requirements, specific measures have been implemented at our airports:

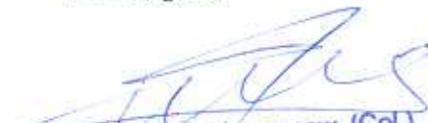
- ✓ Airport terminal is restricted to ticketed passengers and to employees who have Airport pass or Company ID only.
- ✓ Yellow and Black paint markers, spaced 2 meters apart, are in place in front the check-in counters, departure concourse, to use as distance guides.
- ✓ Passenger Seating in the terminal has been rearranged in a manner that promotes social distancing



**g. Disinfection of Aircraft and Cargo**

- ✓ All airline operators bound to Addis Ababa Bole International Airport are required to clean and disinfect on a regular base their aircraft before entering into operation. This includes the disinfection of cargo and cargo aircraft.
- ✓ Currently all Ethiopian Airline aircraft go through regular disinfection procedures to control the risks of spreading COVID-19 diseases. The disinfection is done using sanitizing and disinfecting products that have been deemed by the EPHI to be effective against corona virus.

With Regards

  
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