

Canada's Implementation of the ICAO CART Recommendations P/15

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Overview

- The Government of Canada and the Canadian aviation industry have worked hard to implement the ICAO CART Recommendations and Take-Off Guidance.
- On August 14, 2020, the Minister of Transport released “Canada’s Flight Plan for Navigating COVID-19”*
- Canada’s Flight Plan:
 - Demonstrates the measures implemented by the Government of Canada, airports and air carriers to meet ICAO CART recommendations and guidance.
 - Was developed in collaboration with federal departments and industry
 - Outlines Government of Canada’s next steps for building resilience in the Canadian aviation system

* <https://tc.canada.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-issued-transport-canada/canada-s-flight-plan-navigating-covid-19>



Government of Canada Measures

- Transport Canada has also issued Interim Orders which require air operators and passengers to adhere to the following provisions, among others:
 - Air operators must conduct a mandatory health check of passengers prior to boarding;
 - Air operators are required to deny boarding to any passenger that shows symptoms of COVID-19 or does not pass the mandatory health check;
 - Passengers must undergo temperature checks at the point of origin for inbound flights and for outbound flights at some airports; and,
 - All passengers and crew members are required to wear a mask at all times during the boarding process, flight, and deplaning when they are two meters or less from another person.
- Transport Canada has also released guidance for air operators and airports:
 - The material includes guidance on managing ill passengers; cleaning and disinfection; and crew activities in flight.
 - The full collection of TC-issued guidance can be found on our website.

* Temperature checks will be required at the point of origin for outbound international and domestic flights.



Industry Measures

- Increased cleaning and disinfection protocols at airports and on aircraft
- Enhanced air conditioning and filtration systems at airports
- New facility practices to encourage physical distancing at airports (e.g., installing plexiglass barriers at check-in and customer service counters).
- Fully re-stocking aircraft with supplies including hand sanitizer, surface disinfectants, disposable gloves and garbage bags.
- New layover procedures for flight and cabin crew



Building Resilience

- The Government of Canada, and TC, recognize the need to explore, develop and implement long-term solutions that support public health.
- This includes:
 - Working within the federal government, and with industry and international counterparts toward harmonized contactless and automated processes to facilitate a no-touch/low-touch travel experience
 - Working with federal government and industry partners to explore options for COVID-19 testing at airports/arrival points
 - Implementing (as of September 11) an enhanced process to facilitate contact tracing in the air industry when public health authorities deem it necessary

