

OAN 055/2020 COVID-19 GENERAL DECLARATION PROCESS

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1.0 SUMMARY

Information regarding the issuing of a National NOTAM in relation to flights operating to the UK and the required protocols for a General Aircraft Declaration (GAD) to be provided prior to arrival and clearance from Public Health England to disembark and on-board announcements. This is following a request from HM Government through Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Transport.

2.0 NATIONAL NOTAM

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COVID19: CREWS/PASSENGERS REQUIREMENTS.

CREWS ARE REQUIRED TO BRIEF PASSENGERS VIA ANNOUNCEMENT IF LANDING IN THE UK. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE FROM THE UK PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES.

THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS ARE A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH WITH OR WITHOUT A HIGH TEMPERATURE AND A LOSS OF, OR CHANGE IN, NORMAL SENSE OF TASTE OR SMELL. IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS HOWEVER MILD, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO THE CABIN CREW FOR ONWARD REPORTING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AT YOUR RECEIVING AIRPORT.

SIMPLE MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOURSELF AND FAMILY ARE:

WASH YOUR HANDS,
AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE WITH HANDS AND

CATCH COUGHS AND SNEEZES IN A TISSUE AND DISPOSE OF IT IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOU FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES, TOGETHER WE WILL HELP COMBAT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE POSTERS AND LEAFLETS AVAILABLE IN THE AIRPORT WHEN YOU LAND.

-----NOTAM ENDS-----

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3.0 PA ANNOUNCEMENT

Message to be delivered by all flights into the UK prior to disembarkation

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IN-FLIGHT COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY AIRLINES LANDING IN THE UK:

We would like to provide the following COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health message from all the UK's public health agencies.

The symptoms of coronavirus are a new continuous cough with or without a high temperature and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell; if you experience any of these symptoms however mild, please make yourself known to the cabin crew for onward reporting to public health agencies at your receiving airport.

Simple measures you can take to help protect yourself and family are:

1. Wash your hands
2. Avoid touching your face with hands, and
3. Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it immediately

If you follow these simple rules, together we will help combat the spread of coronavirus.

Further information is available on the posters and leaflets available in the airport when you land.

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Note: This message will change as the new measures announced by the Prime Minister come into force including the need to have completed a declaration, download the contact tracing app if possible and legal requirement to isolate for 14 days from the time of arrival in the UK.

4.0 GENERAL DECLARATION

There is a requirement for a General Aircraft Declaration (GAD) to be made approximately 2 hours prior to landing (in-flight) via your Airline Ops or Local Agent to Public Health England, via the Health Control Unit (HCU) at London Heathrow or at the earliest opportunity if your flights is less than 2 hours in duration. A pathway and flow has been drafted to detail this.

The purpose of the GAD is to inform the HCU that the flight has no ill passengers or that there are ill passengers – where in the case of ill passengers an assessment will be made and appropriate means of welfare and health protection can be given.

On arrival a formal copy of the GAD form should be completed and given to your Airline Ops or Local Agent to be sent via email to the HCU – **if no ill passengers on board, normal disembarkation can take place.**

Should a passenger become ill on-board, there will be a case by case assessment made by the HCU based on the information passed to them about the symptoms and condition of the passenger. The pathway details the processes which will then take place and any special instructions as/if required.

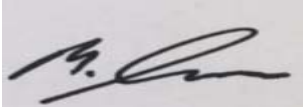
5.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Attached are copies of;

- Covid-19 Pathway,
- Revised Port Health Approach in Delay Phase
- Covid-19 FAQs for Airports

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