



AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY CIRCULAR No 1/2021

1. Subject:

Amendment to the 2021-2022 Edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) relating to the containment of COVID-19.

2. References:

Article 13 & 85 of Bahrain Civil Aviation Law No. 14 of 2013, read in conjunction with ANTR OPS Vol II Part 18 section 2.1.2

3. Effective Date:

This Circular is effective 17th February 2021 and shall remain in force until otherwise notified by Bahrain CAA.

4. Applicability:

Airline Operators to and from Bahrain International Airport.

5. Purpose:

This Circular contains directives for the safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, specifically pertaining to the carriage of COVID-19 vaccines and associated equipment on commercial aircraft.

6. Directives:

- 6.1 All aircraft operators and their designated agencies concerned shall take note of COVID -19 vaccines containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or (GMMOs), including those in clinical trials, not subject to ICAO Technical Instructions for Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc-9284). However, due cognizance must be taken towards safe handling and secure transportation of the same.
- 6.2 The ICAO Addendum No. 1 to Doc 9284 (2021/2022 Edition) effective from January 2021, available through this link, <https://www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/default.aspx> removes the requirement for Lithium battery mark on the packages containing COVID-19 vaccines accompanied by data loggers and/or cargo tracking devices containing lithium batteries in order to speed up the transport process.
- 6.3 The provision to carry alcohol based hand sanitizers and alcohol based cleaning products to the list of Dangerous Goods are not subject to Technical Instructions, only when carried by the operator for use on the aircraft during the flight or series of flights for the purpose of passengers, crew and ground staff to contain the spread of COVID -19.

In order to have common understanding, better compliance and prevent safety risks, further information related to transporting the COVID 19 vaccine is provided on the ICAO public website, available through the link below:

<https://www.icao.int/safety/OPS/OPS-Normal/Pages/Vaccines-Transport.aspx>

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