Inter-Ministerial Prakas on the Operationalization of the Global Travel Assessment System (GTAS)

Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Economy and Finance

Minister in charge of State Secretariat of Civil Aviation

- Noting the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Noting Royal Degree no. NS/RKT/0918/925 dated 6 September 2018 on the Appointment of the Royal Government of Cambodia
- Noting Royal Degree no. NS/RKT/0320/421 dated 30 March 2020 on the Appointment and Modification of the Composition of the Royal Government of Cambodia
- Noting Royal Kram no. NS/RKM/0618/012 dated 28 June 2018 promulgating the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers
- Noting Royal Kram no. NS/RKM/0196/18 dated 24 January 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Noting Roya Kram no. NS/RKM/0196/23 dated 24 January 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation
- Noting Royal Kram no. NS/RKM/0108/003 dated 19 January 2008 promulgating the Law on Civil Aviation of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Noting Sub-Degree no. 488 ANKr.BK dated 16 October 2013 on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Noting Sub-Degree no. 75 ANKr.BK dated 25 May 2017 Amending Sub-Degree no. 488 ANKr.BK dated 16 October 2013 on the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Noting Sub-Degree no. 18 ANKr.BK dated 3 February 2012 on the organization and functioning of State Secretariat of Civil Aviation
- Noting Sub-Degree no. 64 ANKr.BK dated 8 July 2001 on the determination and management of inspection office of International gate, International border gate, bilateral border gate, border area gate, sea port gate all over the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Noting Sub-Degree no.27 ANKr.BK dated 28 January 2019 on the modification of competent authorities inspecting the import and export of goods for trade facilitation and the competitiveness of Cambodia.
- Pursuant to the necessities of Ministry of Economy and Finance and State Secretariat of Civil Aviation

Hereby Decides

Praka 1:

The Prakas aims at operationalizing the GTAS to receive the name record and advanced information of the passengers entering or exiting the Kingdom of Cambodia through national/international airlines or commercial airlines operating charter flights. All data of passengers are treated as confidential.

Praka 2:

The Prakas aims at determining the functions and tasks of competent authorities and other stakeholders, who are involved in the operationalization of the GTAS:

- 1. To receive advanced information for risk assessment on all kinds of smuggling, for the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing and other cross-border drug trafficking:
- 2. To maintain the security and safety of civil aviation and air travels;
- 3. To facilitate speedy and efficient service and provide safety to air passengers at international airports;
- 4. To improve cross border controls at International airport
- 5. To implement the standards and recommendations of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Praka 3:

The Prakas is applied to all Cambodian or foreign passengers travelling through national/international airlines or commercial airlines operating charter flights to or from the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Praka is not applied to Cambodian or foreign passengers, crew members travelling via unscheduled flights such as diplomatic, military, governmental, humanitarian or training flights or any sudden change of flights due to technical problems of the aircraft or the weather conditions.

Praka 4:

The General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia (GDCE) under the Ministry of Economy and Finance is to discharge the following duties and functions:

- Manage the utilization of the GTAS to receive the advanced passenger information and passenger name record:
- Cooperate with State Secretariat of Civil Aviation to define the procedures to implement the GTAS and to receive the advanced passenger information and passenger name record in accordance with the standards of United Nation Agency and the World Customs Organization
- Cooperate with State Secretariat of Civil Aviation and other relevant competent authorities to take any necessary measures in accordance with existing law and regulations.

Praka 5:

The State Secretariat of Civil Aviation is to discharge the following duties and functions:

 Cooperate with the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia of the Ministry of Economy and Finance to define procedures that would mandate all national/international airlines entering or exiting the Kingdom of Cambodia to provide data on passengers to support the operationalization of the GTAS and passenger name record, in accordance with the standards of United Nation Agency and the World Customs Organization

- Lead and prepare for the socialization of GTAS implementation to international civil aviation organizations, civil aviation authorities of jurisdictions entered the air transport agreement with the Kingdom of Cambodia, national/international commercial airline, travel agencies, international airports and other necessary agencies.
- Cooperate with the GDCE to manage the IT system to analyze the passenger data in accordance to the duties and functions discharged by the existing law and regulations
- Cooperate with the GDCE and other relevant competent authorities to take any necessary measures in accordance with existing law and regulations.

Praka 6:

National/international commercial airlines and airlines operating charter flights entering/exiting the Kingdom of Cambodia are obliged to collect and communicate the advanced passenger information and the departure/arrival of passengers including their data of all flights to competent authorities in accordance with the guidelines issued by the inter-ministerial working group of Ministry of Economy and Finance and State Secretariat of Civil Aviation.

Praka 7:

Any expenses on the operationalization of the GTAS will be born by the Royal Government of Cambodia, whereas, any expenses on airline system synchronization with GTAS would be born by individual airlines.

The implementation of GTAS would not impose any fees on air passenger or national/international airlines or airlines operating charter flights.

Praka 8:

The Inter-Ministerial Prakas on the operationalization of GTAS would become effective from 1 October 2020 onwards.

Praka 9:

Any provisions contrary to this Inter-Ministerial Prakas shall be null and void.

Praka 10:

All Cabinet Chiefs, Secretaries General, Delegate of Royal Government in Charge as General Director of the General Department of Customs and Excise of Cambodia and Chiefs of all relevant units under the supervision of the Ministry of Economy and Finance and State Secretariat of Civil Aviation, national/international airlines and airlines operating commercial charter flights entering/exiting the Kingdom of Cambodia shall be discharged to implement their respective tasks as prescribed in this Inter-Ministerial Prakas from the date of signing onwards.

Phnom Penh, Tuesday, 07 July 2020

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