

# SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Covered Foreign Air Carriers

Date: March 1, 2020

Subject: Emergency Amendment 1546-20-01B

Due to the World Health Organization declaration of a global health emergency related to the coronavirus and pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation 9984 issued on January 31, 2020, on February 1, 2020, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued Emergency Amendment (EA) 1546-20-01: Security Measures – Coronavirus. TSA is now issuing EA 1546-20-01B in support of the new Presidential Proclamation related to the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran) issued on February 29, 2020 as well as the updates to Proclamation 9984.

The expiration of this EA is tied to the expiration of the Presidential Proclamation. Current upstream amendments and alternative procedures are still in effect. If the provisions of this EA affect those upstream amendments or alternative procedures, the requirements in this EA control.

The changes to EA 1546-20-01B are indicated in bold and are as follows:

- Updating the name of the virus to "SARS-CoV-2" that causes the disease COVID-19 **(Purpose and General Information)**
- Adding information on the new Presidential Proclamation and updates from Proclamation 9984 **(Purpose and General Information)**
- Adding Iran to the list of countries **(Attachment 1)**
- Adding Iran to the prohibition of boarding individuals and clarifying visa requirements **(Attachment 2)**
- Exempting members of the military and their families from the prohibition of boarding individuals for Iran, consistent with the new Proclamation **(Attachment 2)**

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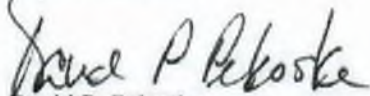
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### EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

<u>NUMBER</u>	EA 1546-20-01B
<u>SUBJECT</u>	Security Measures – Coronavirus
<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	March, 2, 2020
<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>	Indefinite
<u>CANCELS AND SUPERSEDES</u>	EA 1546-20-01A
<u>APPLICABILITY</u>	Foreign air carriers regulated under 49 CFR 1546.101
<u>AUTHORITY</u>	49 CFR 1546.105(d)
<u>LOCATION(S)</u>	All Last Points of Departure to the United States <sup>1</sup>

### PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel 2019 coronavirus (**since renamed "SARS-CoV-2," that causes the disease COVID-19**) outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. Sustained communal human to human transmission has the potential to have cascading public health, economic, national security, and societal consequences. On January 31, 2020, the President issued Proclamation **9984** directing the Department of Homeland Security and other executive departments to take certain specific actions in response to the coronavirus threat and to protect the interests of the United States.

In response, and consistent with the Presidential Proclamation, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued this Emergency Amendment (EA) in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 1546.

**On February 29, 2020, the President issued a new Proclamation applicable to the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran). To implement this Proclamation, TSA is amending this directive to expand the list of countries in Attachment 1 to include Iran. In addition, the President**

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this Emergency Amendment, the United States includes the States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and territories and possessions of the United States (including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and Guam).

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**amended Proclamation 9984 to modify the visa categories for individuals exempted from the suspension. As a result, TSA is modifying Attachment 2 to reflect these revisions.**

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all foreign air carriers must perform the measures described in this EA. This EA does not apply to flights and persons designated as exempt by the U.S. Government.

### ACTIONS REQUIRED

- I. All Locations
  - A. The foreign air carriers must not allow alien persons to board the flight to the United States if the person has been present in a location listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days of the date of the person's entry or attempted entry into the United States. This restriction does not apply to:
    1. United States citizens holding a United States Passport;
    2. Lawful permanent residents of the United States holding a Permanent Resident Card or Letter of Parole;
    3. Crewmembers;
    4. Any alien seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to the specifications in Attachment 2. If the foreign air carrier is unable to determine whether the person is permitted to board a flight based on the alien status in Attachment 2, the foreign air carrier must use the standard process for verifying the admissibility with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of a passenger regarding status for entry into the United States.
  - B. Foreign air carriers departing a non-United States location who are transporting U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, or the individuals listed in Attachment 2 who have originated in, transferred from, or transited through any location in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days, must ensure the person only travels to the United States on a flight to an airport listed in Attachment 3. All crewmembers are exempt from this requirement.
  - C. Foreign air carriers may allow any persons who have not been present within a location listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days to travel without restrictions.
- II. Flights to the United States Originating From All Locations Other Than Those Listed in Attachment 1

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- A. The foreign air carriers must question each passenger to determine whether the individual has been present in a location listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days of the date of the individual's entry or attempted entry into the United States.
1. If the foreign air carrier is able to determine the individual's presence within the locations listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days, it must follow the requirements in Section I., based on the travel history of each person.
  2. If the foreign air carrier is unable to determine the individual's presence in the locations listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days or if the persons respond that they have not been present within a location listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days, the foreign air carrier may:
    - a. Examine the individual's passport for entry and/or exit stamp (Example in Attachment 4); OR
    - b. Examine the individual's Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data.
- B. At locations where the host government is confirming whether departing passengers have been present within a location listed in Attachment 1 within the preceding 14 days, the foreign air carrier must still ensure that the measures in Section II.A. are applied.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

The foreign air carrier must immediately provide written confirmation of receipt of this EA to its International Industry Representative (IIR), as appropriate.

### DISSEMINATION REQUIRED

The foreign air carrier must immediately disseminate the information in this EA to corporate senior management and security management representatives at the locations listed in this EA. The foreign air carrier must provide the applicable security measures set forth in this EA only to those foreign air carrier direct employees and authorized representatives responsible for implementing applicable security measures to ensure compliance. The foreign air carrier must brief all individuals receiving Sensitive Security Information (SSI) on the restrictions governing dissemination. The TSA Administrator must approve any other dissemination. Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 1520 prohibits unauthorized dissemination of this document or information contained herein.

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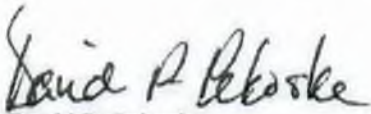
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### APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

The foreign air carrier must immediately notify its IIR if unable to implement any of the measures in this EA, or in any TSA-approved alternative measure. In accordance with 49 CFR 1546.105, the foreign air carrier may submit proposed alternative measures and the basis for submitting those measures to its IIR.



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### Attachment 1

1. People's Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau)
2. **Islamic Republic of Iran (effective for all flights departing any location after 1700 EST / 2200 GMT on Monday, March 2, 2020)**

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### Attachment 2

**A. The prohibition for boarding individuals who have been present in the People's Republic of China or the Islamic Republic of Iran within the preceding 14 days does not apply to**

1. Any alien who is the spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a U.S. passport; IR-visa package.*
2. Any alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident is unmarried and under the age of twenty-one. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a U.S. passport; IR-visa package.*
3. Any alien who is the sibling of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that both are unmarried and under the age of twenty-one. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a U.S. passport; IR-visa package.*
4. Any alien who is the child, foster child, or ward of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, or who is a prospective adoptee who is seeking to enter the United States pursuant to the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a U.S. passport; IR-visa package.*
5. Any alien traveling at the invitation of the United States Government for a purpose related to containment or mitigation of the virus. *Example of documentation: Letter of invitation on letterhead from the CDC.*
6. Any alien traveling as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a C-1, D, or C-1/D nonimmigrant visa as a crewmember or any alien otherwise traveling to the United States as air or sea crew. *Example of documentation: Visa documentation contained in passport.*
7. Any alien
  - a. Seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to one of the following visas: A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), **E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members)**, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO categories).

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- b. **Whose travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement** *Example of documentation: Visa documentation contained in passport.*
  - 8. Any alien whose entry would not pose a significant risk of introducing, transmitting, or spreading the virus, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the CDC Director or his designee. *Example of documentation: Written documentation from CDC.*
  - 9. Any alien whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees based on a recommendation of the Attorney General or his designee. *Example of documentation: Designated point of contact to verify basis of travel.*
  - 10. Any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees. *Example of documentation: Standard process for verifying the admissibility of a passengers regarding status for entry into the United States.*
- B. Per the February 29, 2020, Presidential Proclamation, the prohibition for boarding individuals who have been present in the Islamic Republic of Iran within the preceding 14 days does not apply to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and spouses and children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces.**

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## Attachment 3

### Approved Landing Locations

1. John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York
2. Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD), Illinois
3. San Francisco International Airport (SFO), California
4. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), Washington
5. Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), Hawaii
6. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), California
7. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Georgia
8. Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), Virginia
9. Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), New Jersey.
10. Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), Texas; and
11. Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), Michigan.

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## ATTACHMENT 4

### Sample Passport Stamp

#### 1. China Entry Passport Stamp Example



#### 2. China Exit Passport Stamp Example



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