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RUSSIAN FEDERATION MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
POLICY IN CIVIL AVIATION

Dear Director General,

I present my compliments on behalf of Turkish Directorate General of Civil Aviation to Your Civil Aviation Authority.

We have been witnessing tough times which has been felt as sharply as it can be, and the unprecedented scale of the present Covid-19 pandemic have obliged states to take necessary actions including flight restrictions, prohibitions and limitations to our normal daily routines.

I'm pleased to announce that Turkey has completed the first phase of its struggle against the novel coronavirus and the results of efforts and measures taken to control the virus, as well as success in diagnosis and treatment in our country, has proved that the outbreak is under control and the number of new cases has significantly decreased in Turkey.

With taking into account the fact that the outbreak is under control but the realities on the virus have not changed and therefore the new phase with loosened restrictions is described as "controlled social life".

In this regard, pandemic measures in aviation will also be lifted and it is planned to allow our carriers to operate domestic flights as of 1 June 2020 and international flights as of 10 June 2020 which will vary according to the current situation in other countries.

Prior to resuming flights, Turkey had launched certification programs to ensure that airports and airlines are taking all necessary measures against COVID-19 and we are reorganizing our airports and airlines against coronavirus during the normalization process.

In line with guidance issued by international and regional organisations the measures taken for the normalization process of flight operations are as follows:

- I. Social distancing during access to airport with mass transport is required .
- II. Only passengers will be allowed to terminals.

- III. There will be thermal screening both for departing and arriving passengers.
- IV. All passengers have to wear masks at the airport and on the board.
- V. All passengers will be asked to fill the passenger locator forms during the arrival flight.
- VI. Only small size handbags will be allowed as cabin bags. All other cabin size bags have to be checked-in.
- VII. There will be limited catering on airplanes. (Water and packaged food)
- VIII. The pandemic measure certification regulations have been put into place not only for touristic facilities but for also alltransport modes.
- IX. In this context, airport and airline pandemic certification legislation has been put into force and pandemic certifications of airports and airlines had been started and certifications will be completed soon and these entities will be continuously inspected.
- X. In our country, not every Turkish Citizen will be able to fly as before. Our citizens can only make their reservations and fly with the HES (Life Fits Home) Code which is generated by HES Application to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Before the code is generated, the system will examine the medical records, if the person has been infected and/or in the filiation (be in contact with Covid-19 patients before) chain. Without the code authentication the passenger will not be allowed for reservation/check-in and boarding.

We have the intention to start the flights between our countries on **15 July 2020** and in this regard, we would like to learn the measures taken by your side, your views regarding the aforementioned measures taken by our side and your final decision and suggestion regarding the start date of the flights.

We sincerely believe that this outbreak will be ended soon. In the meantime, with furthering the existing ties between our countries, we are looking for your positive reply. I avail myself of this opportunity to extend my appreciation and share my thankfulness for your kind and usual support and constructive co-operation in advance.

Yours Sincerely

 e-signed

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Director General

