

## **COVID-19 HANDLING TASK FORCE**

### **CIRCULAR LETTER NUMBER 2 OF 2021 REGARDING**

### **HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS IN THE ERA OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

#### **A. Background**

1. Whereas a new variant of SARS-CoV-2 has been found in South Wales, England which is SARS-CoV-2 of B117 variant, therefore special provisions for travelers from Overseas is necessary to protect the Indonesian Citizens (WNI) from imported cases.
2. Whereas the increase on the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus and SARS-COV-2 of B117 variant requires specific provisions for travelers from Overseas to protect the Indonesian Citizens (WNI) from imported cases.
3. Whereas the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Handling Task Force Number 4 of 2020 regarding Health Protocols for the Traveling of People in the Era of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic has ceased on its effective period.

#### **B. Purpose and Objective**

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to extend the effective period on the implementation of health protocols for international travelers by adding several new provisions that is accompanied with supervision, control, and evaluation in the context of preventing the increase of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmission, including new variant that has mutated to become the SARS-CoV-2 of B117 variant that has been reported in England and has the potential for new variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus to develop.

#### **C. Scope**

The scope of this Circular Letter is the Health Protocols for International Travelers.

#### **D. Legal Basis**

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreak of Communicable Disease;
2. Law Number 24 of 2007 regarding Disaster Management;
3. Law Number 6 of 2011 regarding Immigration;
4. Law Number 6 of 2018 regarding Health Quarantine;
5. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2018 regarding Implementation of Disaster Management;
6. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 regarding Large Scale Social Restriction to Accelerate the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
7. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery, as

amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 regarding Amendment of the Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding the Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;

8. Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency;
9. Presidential Decree of the Republic of Indonesia Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a National Disaster;
10. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated December 28, 2020;
11. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 6, 2021; and
12. Instruction of the Minister of Home Affairs Number 1 of 2021 regarding Enforcement on the Limitation of Activities to Control the Spread of COVID-19.

#### **E. Definition**

Travelers means persons who are conducting international travels on the past 14 days.

#### **F. Protocol**

1. International travelers must comply with the following provisions:
  - a. Temporarily close the entry of Foreign Citizens (*Warga Negara Asing* or “**WNA**”) from all countries to Indonesia.
  - b. International travelers with the status of Indonesian Citizen (*Warga Negara Indonesia* or “**WNI**”) from overseas shall still comply with the provisions of health protocols stipulated by the government.
  - c. International travelers that hold the status of WNA from all foreign countries who will enter Indonesia, whether directly or by transit in a foreign country, shall be temporarily prohibited to enter Indonesia except for holders of diplomatic visas and service visas related to the official visits of foreign officials at the level of the minister or above and implement highly strict health protocols.
  - d. International travelers with the status of WNA from overseas shall be exempted for:
    - i. Holder of diplomatic stay permit and service stay permit;
    - ii. Holder of limited stay permit card (*kartu izin tinggal terbatas* or KITAS) and permanent stay permit card (*kartu izin tinggal tetap* or KITAP); and
    - iii. WNA with the considerations and specific written permit from the Ministry/Institution.
  - e. International travelers with the status of WNI or WNA from all foreign countries who are entering Indonesia, whether directly or by transit in a foreign country, must show a negative result through RT-PCR tests from the origin country in which its samples were taken within a maximum period of 3x 24 hours prior to the hour of departure and is attached during the health screening or International e-Hac of Indonesia.

- f. During the arrival, shall conduct retesting of RT-PCR for travelers and is obligated to conduct quarantine for 5 days for WNI in the accommodation place of special quarantine that has been provided by the government in accordance with the Head of COVID-19 Handling Task Force Circular Letter No. 6 of 2021 and for WNA in the accommodation place of quarantine with personal funds (Hotel/Lodging) that has received certification of administration for COVID-19 quarantine accommodation by the Ministry of Health;
- g. If the head of foreign representatives and families are on duty in Indonesia, independent quarantine may be conducted in their respective residence for 5 days as referred to in letter f;
- h. For other foreign diplomats, quarantine for 5 days shall be conducted in the place provided by the government as referred to in letter f;
- i. If the retesting of RT-PCR result during arrival shows a positive result, then treatment in the hospital shall be conducted for the WNI with costs borne by the government and for the WNA with personal funding;
- j. After quarantine is conducted for 5 days counted from the arrival date, WNI and WNA shall conduct retesting of RT-PCR;
- k. If the result is negative as referred to in letter j, then the WNI and WNA shall be allowed to continue travel;
- l. If the result is positive as referred to in letter j, then treatment in the hospital shall be conducted for WNI with costs borne by the government and for WNA with personal funding.
- m. The Port Health Office (*Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan* or KKP) of Soekarno Hatta Airport shall facilitate WNI and WNA as international travelers who needs medical service during arrival in Indonesia in accordance with the applicable provisions.
- n. Ministries/institutions that administers functions related to WNA shall follow up this Circular Letter by issuing a legal instrument by referring to this Circular Letter and the applicable laws and regulations.

#### **G. Supervision, Control and Evaluation**

1. The Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force is assisted by the public transport administration authorities to jointly administer the control of travel of persons and safe public transportation from COVID-19 by forming an Integrated Security Post;
2. Authorities, developers, and administrators of public transportation assigns supervision during the administration public transport operations;
3. Ministries/institutions, TNI, POLRI and regional governments has the right to stop and/or conduct the prohibition of travel of persons by virtue of this Circular Letter and/or the provisions of the laws and regulations.
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs as assisted by the Airport COVID-19 Handling Task Force *cq.* Port Quarantine Office (*Kantor Karantina Pelabuhan* or KKP) of the Soekarno-Hatta Airport shall conduct routine supervision to ensure compliance on the implementation of

health protocols and independent quarantine for diplomatic corps through facilities of phone, video call, or field checking during this limitation era; and

5. Authorized instances (ministries/institutions, TNI, POLRI, and regional government) shall conduct disciplinary of COVID-19 health protocols and law enforcement in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

#### **H. Closing**

This Circular Letter shall be effective as of January 15, 2021 until January 25, 2021, and may be amended in accordance with the developing situation.

Therefore, to serve as a guidance and to be implemented with full responsibility.

Stipulated in Jakarta  
On January 14, 2021

Head of the BNPB as the Head  
of the COVID-19 Handling Task  
Force,

[signed and stamped]

Doni Monardo

#### Copies to:

1. President of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Committee for the Policy of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the National Economic Recovery;
4. All the Ministries/Heads of Institution;
5. Commander of TNI;
6. Head of the POLRI; and
7. Head of the Regional Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Handling Task Force.