



Unauthorized Disclosure Prohibited

October 24, 2021

Good day,

Please find the attached consultation documents (SSCIMS Reference Doc # 132492, 132493 & 132494) laying out the draft Interim Order provisions related to the federal vaccination mandate for the management of travellers, as well as mandatory vaccination policies for operators (specified airports, air carriers and NavCanada). Please note that these are working drafts for consultation and therefore subject to change.

**Management of Travellers:**

In addition to the draft Interim Order provisions, please find attached an amended Passenger Confirmation Template. Since it was circulated earlier in the week, the categories of those exempted has been amended. The finalized list of airports that will be listed in Schedule 2 is expected to be sent out on October 25, 2021.

**Vaccination Policies for Operators (airports, air operators, NavCanada):**

The requirements for the vaccination policies are set out in the draft, with policies needing to be in place by October 30, 2021. Policies need to include the mandatory elements and ensure that employees are fully vaccinated by November 15, 2021, unless they are exempt for reasons of a medical reason, religious beliefs, or are in the process of being vaccinated. The forms for employers/employees were distributed on previously. With respect to the form for a medical exemption, please note that on October 22, 2021 the National Advisory Committee on Immunization issued updated guidance with respect to those with allergic reactions to mRNA vaccines. Am therefore that Accordingly, the medical form is being reviewed to see if any corresponding change is required. NACI's recommendation can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/recommendations-use-covid-19-vaccines/summary-october-22-2021.html>

**Management of Restricted Areas (non-passengers):**

A consultation draft for the management of restricted areas is underway, but will be circulated at a later date. This reflects the fact that restricted area management measures will be found in the Interim Order after that being put in place for the October 30<sup>th</sup> (travellers, and vaccination policies). Please note that the critical dates with respect to restricted area management remain as follows.

Starting on November 15, 2021:

- Non-passengers will be prohibited from entering the restricted area of a specified airport unless they are fully vaccinated, or have been exempted by their employer (or contractee) due to a medical reason (unable to be vaccinated), religious beliefs, or because they are in the process of being vaccinated.
- Non-passengers will be required to show proof of their eligibility (either proof of vaccination or part 2 of the forms referenced above).
- CATSA and airport operators will be authorized to begin asking non-passengers for this proof.

The requirement to show proof will not apply to foreign flight crew members, or to Government of Canada employees from specified departments/agencies (who are covered under an equivalent policy for the federal public service). Similarly, it is expected that U.S. CPB officers may be carved out due to an alternate but equivalent policy.

Thank you,

Aviation Security Directorate