I hereby exercise the power conferred by section 5 of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. H) (the Regulation) to specify, for the purposes of sections 3(1) and 4(1) of the Regulation and for the purposes of the definition of specified period in section 2(1) of the Regulation:—

(A) in respect of a person [Note 1] who, on the day on which the person boarded a civil aviation aircraft that arrives at, or is about to arrive at Hong Kong (specified aircraft), or during the 21 days before that day (the Period), has stayed in any of the Group A specified places [Note 2] (the relevant Group A traveller), the following conditions:—

1. the relevant Group A traveller has not stayed in a Group A specified place for more than two hours in the Period;

2. the relevant Group A traveller provides the following documentary proof:—

   a. the test report in English or Chinese issued by a laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant Group A traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document to show that:

   i. the relevant Group A traveller underwent a nucleic acid test for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) the sample for which was taken from the relevant Group A traveller within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the specified aircraft;

   ii. the test conducted on the sample is a nucleic acid test for COVID-19; and

   iii. the result of the test is the relevant Group A traveller was tested negative for COVID-19;

   b. if the report mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) above is not in English or Chinese or does not contain all of the information mentioned in paragraphs (2)(a)(i) to (2)(a)(iii) above, a written confirmation in English or Chinese issued by the laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant Group A traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document and setting out all of the information mentioned in paragraphs (2)(a)(i) to (2)(a)(iii) above. The said written confirmation should be presented together with the test report mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) above; and

   c. documentary proof in English or Chinese to show that the laboratory or healthcare institution is ISO 15189 accredited or is recognised or approved by the relevant authority of the government of the place in which the laboratory or healthcare institution is located; and

3. the relevant Group A traveller provides documentary proof in English or Chinese of confirmation of room reservation in a Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse [Note 3] in Hong Kong for not less than 21 nights starting on the day of the arrival at Hong Kong of the relevant Group A traveller; and

4. the operator of the specified aircraft submits to the Department of Health before the specified aircraft arrives at Hong Kong a document in a form specified by the Department of Health confirming that each relevant Group A traveller has, before being check-in for the flight to Hong Kong on that aircraft, produced for boarding on the aircraft the documentary proof to show that the conditions set out in paragraphs (1) to (3) of part (A) above are met.

(B) in respect of a person [Note 1] who, during the Period, has stayed in any of the Group B specified places [Note 2] (the relevant Group B traveller), the following conditions:—

1. the relevant Group B traveller provides the following documentary proof:—

   a. the test report in English or Chinese issued by a laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant Group B traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document to show that:—
(i) the relevant Group B traveller underwent a nucleic acid test for COVID-19 the sample for which was taken from the relevant Group B traveller within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the specified aircraft;  
(ii) the test conducted on the sample is a nucleic acid test for COVID-19; and 
(iii) the result of the test is the relevant Group B traveller was tested negative for COVID-19;

(b) if the report mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above is not in English or Chinese or does not contain all of the information mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a)(i) to (1)(a)(iii) above, a written confirmation in English or Chinese issued by the laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant Group B traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document and setting out all of the information mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a)(i) to (1)(a)(iii) above. The said written confirmation should be presented together with the test report mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above; and

c) documentary proof in English or Chinese to show that the laboratory or healthcare institution is ISO 15189 accredited or is recognised or approved by the relevant authority of the government of the place in which the laboratory or healthcare institution is located; and

(2) the relevant Group B traveller provides documentary proof in English or Chinese of confirmation of room reservation in a Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse [Note 3] in Hong Kong for not less than 21 nights starting on the day of the arrival at Hong Kong of the relevant Group B traveller; and

(3) the operator of the specified aircraft submits to the Department of Health before the specified aircraft arrives at Hong Kong a document in a form specified by the Department of Health confirming that each relevant Group B traveller has, before being checked-in for the flight to Hong Kong on that aircraft, produced for boarding on the aircraft the documentary proof to show that the conditions set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of part (B) above are met.

(C) in respect of a person [Note 4] who, during the Period, has stayed in any of the Group C specified places [Note 2] (the relevant Group C traveller), the following conditions:—

(1) the relevant Group C traveller provides documentary proof in English or Chinese of confirmation of room reservation in a Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse [Note 3] in Hong Kong for not less than 21 nights starting on the day of the arrival at Hong Kong of the relevant Group C traveller; and

(2) the operator of the specified aircraft submits to the Department of Health before the specified aircraft arrives at Hong Kong a document in a form specified by the Department of Health confirming that each relevant Group C traveller has, before being checked-in for the flight to Hong Kong on that aircraft, produced for boarding on the aircraft the documentary proof to show that the condition set out in paragraph (1) of part (C) above is met.

G.N. (E.) 33 of 2021 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 28 January 2021.

Note 1:—

The person in parts (A) and (B) above does not include:—

(1) a person who is in transit in Hong Kong;

(2) a person who is designated or falls within a category of persons designated under section 4(1) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. C) or Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. E); and

(3) a person who is a Hong Kong resident, and who has:—

(a) commenced his or her journey in Hong Kong; and

(b) been deemed as an inadmissible person by the authorities of the place of his or her destination.
The terms “commencement of journey” and “inadmissible person” in (b) above have the meaning given by Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and the phrase “commenced his or her journey” in (a) above will be construed accordingly.

Note 2:—

Group A specified place, Group B specified place and Group C specified place are places specified in a notice published in the Gazette by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 5 of the Regulation and in force for the time being.

Note 3:—

The Designated Quarantine Hotels/Guesthouses as published on the Government’s thematic webpage on Designated Hotels for Quarantine (www.designatedhotel.gov.hk) refer.

Note 4:—

The person in part (C) above does not include:—

(1) a person referred to in (1), (2) or (3) of Note 1 above; and
(2) a person who arrives at Hong Kong from Singapore and meets all conditions specified for Singapore as a Category 2 specified foreign place by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 12(2) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. E).

27 January 2021

Secretary for Food and Health