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The following circular is promulgated for information, guidance and necessary action

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OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Pursuant to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) in connection with the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on 31 December 2019 in China and thereafter its fast spread in other countries, World Health Organization (WHO) on 30 January 2020, declared Coronavirus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Minister of HCDGEC has escalated passenger screening at all points of Entry into the United Republic of Tanzania including airports all the time. The following measures should therefore be taken to this effect:

1. All international arriving passengers shall be subjected to physical and temperature screening upon arrival at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (AAKIA) or any other airport in the United Republic of Tanzania;
2. All Airlines shall ensure that passengers fill-in Traveler surveillance Forms (TSFs) onboard the aircraft before disembarking. The duly completed TSFs shall be handed over to Port Health personnel on arrival;
3. Front line staff at all airports shall wear masks and/or gloves as may be prescribed by Port Health;
4. All international arriving passengers shall dispose-of their masks after use, during travel at designated waste collection containers upon arrival;
5. All airports must install sanitizers at multiple locations at their respective Terminal Buildings. Passengers, crew and staff at the airports must sanitize their hands as many times as possible or as may be prescribed by Port Health at those airports;
6. All Stakeholders should undertake all other measures in line with respective airport Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness Plans.

The purpose of this circular is to bring the above requirements to the attention of all Stakeholders and plea for total compliance.