



SUBJECT: COVID-19 RISK PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN COURSES, EXERCISES AND MEETINGS IN NATIONAL TERRITORY. DSA 06-12-202

REFERENCES

A) Initial Military Directive 05/20 of the ESP CHOD. COLLABORATION OF ARMED FORCES IN SUPPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF SANITARY CRISIS CAUSED BY COVID-19

B) OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPANISH AIR FORCE (SAF) IN FRONT OF COVID-19. CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION 05/20/2020

C) DIAGNOSTIC, SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL STRATEGY DURING THE TRANSITION PHASE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE SAF DOMAIN IN NATIONAL TERRITORY. Institute of Preventive Defense Medicine. 05-25-2020

D) INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AGAINST COVID-19 AND PROCEDURE FOR ITS REQUEST AND DISTRIBUTION. 04-27-2020

E) INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEANING-DISINFECTION OF AIRCRAFT SURFACES COMPARED TO COVID-19. DSA / VET / 001

1. INTRODUCTION

On March 11TH 2020, the World Health Organization raised to international pandemic, the situation of public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

The positive evolution of the situation is leading SAF to return to the normal activity which includes opening courses, exercises, meetings and international activities with the aim of maintaining the SAF operational.

This return to normal activity will be done in accordance with the regulations, instructions and directives that the military and health authorities established at all times, adapting to the phase in which the different geographical areas are found, all the Hygienic-sanitary measures established. Particularly those of barrier for transmission infection (crystal shield, face masks, etc.) will be implemented, restricting meetings other than essential and keeping the established security distances or using the individual protection equipment in it is case.

It is considered necessary to establish a series of requirements to be met by foreign personnel that comes/arrives to ESP in order to eliminate or, at least, minimize to the maximum extent the possibility of new infections.

2. PREREQUISITES FOR FOREIGN PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN COURSES, EXERCISES, MANEUVERS AND MEETINGS IN NATIONAL TERRITORY.

Depending on the criteria and guidelines established by the SPANISH HEALTH AUTHORITY (Ministry of Health / General Directorate of Public Health) and the situation



of the epidemic in ESP, at each times, as well as in the geographical areas of origin of foreign participants who come to ESP, it will be taken into account what follows:

1. **Foreign personnel who arrive to ESP to participate in courses**, exercises, maneuvers or other activities **must present a NEGATIVE PCR certificate**, issued within 48 hours prior to arrival ESP, **as well as a medical certificate stating not having had symptoms of suspected COVID-19 in the 14 days** prior to travel to SPAIN.

2. Depending on the situation of community SARS-CoV-2 infection in the nation of origin, and based on the instructions provided by the ESP Health Authorities, **it may be requested the quarantine of 14 days immediately prior to displacement to ESP**, with PCR performed at beginning of the quarantine and repetition in the 48 hours prior arrival to ESP.

3. **Also, upon arrival in ESP:**

a) **Foreign personnel must provide an epidemiological questionnaire (Annex 1).**

b) **Body temperature will be measured.** In case of a temperature higher than 37.5°C or symptoms compatible with COVID-19, that personnel will be observed or even their isolation might be decreed, assessing the corresponding Health Branch the need to carry out a diagnostic test in case of suspicion.

c) If it occurred on a State aircraft and any member of the crew or of the passage would give POSITIVE result in COVID-19 after showing compatible symptoms, disinfection of the aircraft in ESP will be required. The responsibility and corresponding management of said disinfection will correspond to the nation that owns the aircraft.

Until proper disinfection is performed, **the aircraft in question will remain preserved in quarantine, not being allowed its operation.** In these cases, the material transported on the aircraft must also be subject to a proper disinfection process.

d) Aircraft and material disinfection processes must comply with what is indicated by the Veterinary Service of the Health Branch in the document of Reference E.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN COURSES, EXERCISES, MANEUVERS AND MEETINGS IN NATIONAL TERRITORY OF PERSONNEL COMING FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

After completing the requirements expressed in section 2 of this document, foreign personnel who come to ESP to participate in the different activities expressed in the title of this section, as well as others of a similar nature, must comply what is stipulated by the OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPANISH AIR FORCE (SAF) IN FRONT OF COVID-19. CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION 05/20/2020 (Ref. B), as well as the INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AGAINST COVID-19 AND PROCEDURE FOR ITS REQUEST AND DISTRIBUTION, dated April 27, 2020 (Ref.D).

During the course or mission, strong preventive hygiene measures will apply according to the particular situation in the geographical area in which the activity will take place, highlighting interpersonal distance, hand hygiene, respiratory protocol and the use of mask.



In the unlikely event that any participant requires diagnostic tests, health assistance, hospitalization or evacuation to its country, the costs will be borne by the nation of origin of the participant.

Likewise, the following additional measures, regarding the facilities where activities are carried out, with which to guarantee the conditions that minimize the risk of contagion contributing to increase the levels of prevention against new infections:

1. Individual accommodation in the same hotel for participants, preferably with independent bathrooms.
2. Extreme cleaning and disinfection of said accommodations (especially when individual use can't be guaranteed).
3. Adapt the capacity in classrooms, dining rooms and common areas so that it is possible comply with the social distancing measures established by the health authorities.
4. Use of suitable Personal Protection Equipment (mask, gloves if applicable) of the staff when, due to the characteristics of the carried out activity, the interpersonal distance cannot be maintained recommended.
5. Installation of protective partitions in places where personnel must be faced during the performance of different types of documentation management, consultation, delivery and information collection, etc.
6. In canteens and cafeterias:
 - a) Access will be limited depending on the capacity that allows keeping the interpersonal security distance established.
 - b) The waiters, as well as the service personnel, will wear a mask during the performance of their work and must take special care of hygiene measures (handwashing).
 - c) Preference will be given to self-service. The cleanliness of the rooms will be enforced and especially on the contact surfaces (bar, tables, seats, door knobs ...)
7. Vending machines:
 - a) Hydro alcoholic gel will be placed next to those, as well as visible instructions indicating the mandatory use of the gel before interacting with the buttons of the machine for requesting products.
 - b) Frequent cleaning of the contact surfaces interacted by the users.
8. Lifts may only be used by one person at a time except for people with reduced mobility who may be accompanied by their caregiver or person in charge and in the case of people living together.

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