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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 39-10

To : All Airline Operators and AOC Holders

Effective immediately, in the interest of public service and in addition to the requirements pursuant to Section 77 of Republic Act 9497, series of 2008, and the existing provisions of ICAO Document No. 9284 AN / 905, "Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air," and its Addendums, all airline operators and / or AOC Holders, for humanitarian reasons, shall extend their best efforts to accommodate and expedite the transport of human organs / tissues / cells intended for use in transplantation, provided that:

1. The aforementioned organs / tissues / cells are packaged in a leak proof primary receptacle, a leak-proof secondary package, and an outer packaging of adequate strength for its capacity, mass, and intended use. Such packaging must be marked "Exempt Human Specimen for Transplantation."
2. The aforementioned package is in accordance with Airline Operators' and / or AOC Holders' allowable dimension pursuant to aircraft specifications in use.
3. The aforementioned package must be accompanied by a designated Retrieval Team Member, with a current P.R.C. I.D., an institutional / hospital I.D., and an authorization letter issued by the Department of Health.

Further, despite compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, pursuant to Sections 25 and 27 of R.A. 9497, in fulfillment of the State's moral, social, and humanitarian responsibilities, CAAP shall impose to any person who will deny or cause any delay in the immediate and safe transport or organs / tissues / cells intended for use in transplantation, the General Penalty embodied in Section 82 of R.A. 9497.

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