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Luxair removes masks on board its aircraft to Luxembourg and the destinations authorizing it

From Monday, 16 May 2022 and in accordance with the new recommendations of the EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency), wearing a mask will no longer be compulsory on board Luxair flights to Luxembourg. This new measure also applies to flights to destinations that allow the wearing of a mask to be lifted.

Since the start of the Covid-19 situation, Luxair has supported the resolutions of the IATA (International Air Transport Association) regarding the "implementation of simplified regimes to manage the risks associated with Covid-19" and advocates the easing of the heavy measures and restrictions applied to air transport. As such, Luxair welcomes the lifting of the wearing of masks initiated by EASA. Indeed, EASA no longer imposes the mandatory wearing of masks on the plane.

In order to guarantee the safety of its passengers and staff, Luxair reminds that it carries out air filtration on board all its aircraft. In addition, the air inside the entire Luxair fleet is cleaner than outside because it is continuously mixed with a large amount of fresh outside air, representing more than 60% of the air in the cabin. Since the air filtration in the cabin is 99.99% efficient and renewed on average every 3 minutes, most pollutants such as dust, allergens, bacterial or viral organisms, such as Covid-19, are therefore eliminated.

Given the fact that air transport in Luxembourg is not subject to the rules applied to public transport, Luxair, as a company governed by private law, must first of all observe the international rules issued by the competent authorities in matters of aviation. The airline can thus apply the necessary measures by authorizing the lifting of the mask for all its flights to Luxembourg and according to the destinations served, in accordance with EASA recommendations.

However, the airline highlights the lack of a globally consistent approach to mask wearing in air travel. In addition, it is the local regulations of the destinations served by the airline (see list below – this list may be subject to change) that will apply and govern whether or not a mask is mandatory on board Luxair aircraft.

When flying abroad, Luxair alerts its passengers to the need to keep themselves well informed of the regulations applied by their destination in terms of wearing a mask. The airline also reminds that a dedicated team is in charge of daily updating the rules and entry regulations for each destination it serves.

All information relating to entry rules and wearing a mask can be found on its website www.luxair.lu

Luxair, however, invites all passengers who wish to, to continue wearing a mask on board its aircraft and calls on all of its passengers to respect the choice of others. To do this, the airline keeps a stock of FFP2 masks on board for passengers who wish to wear them.

List of destinations served by Luxair authorizing or not the lifting of the compulsory wearing of masks:

(This list may be subject to change)

DESTINATION COUNTRY	TYPE OF MASK	PLANES	AIRPORT
NO MASK REQUIRED			
LUXEMBOURG	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
BELGIUM	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
BULGARIA	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
FRANCE	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
GERMANY BERLIN	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
HUNGARY	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
SWEDEN	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
SWITZERLAND	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
DENMARK	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
NORWAY	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
POLAND	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
SERBIA	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
UK	SURGICAL MASK	NO	NO
MASK RECOMMENDED			
IRELAND	SURGICAL MASK	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
CROATIA	SURGICAL MASK	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
CZECH REPUBLIC	SURGICAL MASK	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
FINLAND	SURGICAL MASK	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
ROMANIA	SURGICAL MASK	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
YES/NO			
EGYPT	SURGICAL MASK	NO	MANDATORY
GERMANY MUNICH	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	RECOMMENDED
MALTA	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	NO
MASK IS MANDATORY			
CABO VERDE	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
CYPRUS	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
GERMANY HAMBURG	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
GREECE	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
MONTENEGRO	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
MOROCCO	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
PORTUGAL	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
SENEGAL	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
SPAIN	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
TUNISIA	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
TURKEY	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
UAE	SURGICAL MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
ITALY	FFP2 MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY
AUSTRIA	FFP2 MASK	MANDATORY	MANDATORY