



Two safety inspectors in hazmat suits work on a passenger aircraft at Shanghai's Pudong airport.

Quarantine shortened for crew on international flights

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CHINA'S civil aviation regulator has shortened the quarantine period by half for pilots and flight attendants on international flights to the Chinese mainland.

Pilots and other crew members will undergo a week-long central quarantine and a three-day health observation along with several nucleic acid tests after operating an inbound overseas flight, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said.

Moreover, pilots who have

not gotten off the plane overseas are only subject to a week-long health observation after landing and can operate other international or domestic flights during the observation period.

Previously, they were subject to a two-week central quarantine and another week of health observation.

All inbound flights from overseas are rated as high risk. All crew members must receive a COVID-19 vaccination booster shot before operating the flights.

Meals for the crew should

be prepared domestically.

If the meals are cooked overseas, they must be fully heated and the surface of the trolley must be thoroughly disinfected.

For passenger services, new protocol stipulates that only pre-packed food and bottled water can be provided on inbound international flights.

The in-flight ventilation must be turned to the maximum throughout the flight, while the lavatories must be cleaned and disinfected every half an hour or after being used by three passengers.

Taiwan's return to motherland a historical inevitability: Chinese FM

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Wednesday made clear China's solemn position on Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region.

Wang, who was attending meetings on East Asia cooperation and on a visit to Cambodia, told reporters that Pelosi's tour is a complete farce.

Wang said the US side, under the guise of so-called "democracy," is doing the heinous deeds of violating China's sovereignty.

Such "Taiwan independence" secessionist forces represented

by Tsai Ing-wen, riding the US coattails, have betrayed the righteousness of the great national cause, said Wang.

These perverse practices will not change the international consensus that there is only one China, nor will they change the historical trend that Taiwan will return to the motherland, Wang said.

Those who play with fire will not end up well, and those who violate China's sovereignty will certainly be penalized, he added.

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PLA conducts joint exercises around Taiwan Island

THE Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army on Wednesday organized joint combat training exercises in the northern, southwestern and southeastern waters and airspace off the Taiwan Island.

The exercises involved troops from the Navy, Air Force, Rocket Force, Strategic Support Force and Logistic

Support Force under the Eastern Theater Command.

The exercises focused on key training sessions including joint blockade, sea target assault, strike on ground targets, and airspace control operation, and the joint combat capabilities of the troops got tested in the military operations.

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