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No. 26011/06/2015-OCI
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road
New Delhi, the 8th June, 2015

To

The Director General
Directorate General of Civil Aviation
Technical Centre
Opp. Safdarjung Airport
Aurobindo Marg
New Delhi – 110003

Subject : Allowing foreign nationals carrying Person of India Origin (PIO) Card to board the flights.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 26.2.2015 on the above mentioned subject and to say that vide this Ministry's notification no. 25024/9/2014-F.I dated 9th January, 2015, the Person of India Origin (PIO) Card scheme has been rescinded w.e.f. 9th January, 2015. Further, vide this Ministry's notification no. 26011/01/2014-IC.I dated 9th January, 2015, the Central Government has specified that on and from 9th January, 2015, all the existing PIO cardholders are deemed to be Overseas Citizen of India cardholders.

2. All the existing Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholders are being advised to apply for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card in lieu of the PIO card. As issue of OCI card in lieu of the PIO card will take some time, DGCA is requested to sensitize all the airlines through the Travel Information Manual that the erstwhile PIO cardholders are allowed to travel either on the PIO card or on the OCI card and that they should honor both and allow them to board the flights.

3. Action taken in this regard may kindly be intimated to this Ministry at the earliest.

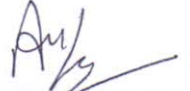
Yours faithfully


(Anjana)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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1. Joint Secretary (CPV) [Shri P.Kumaran], Ministry of External Affairs
2. Joint Secretary (DS) [Shri T.K.Manoj Kumar], Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
3. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation with the request to issue suitable instructions in this regard to all airlines.
4. Joint Director [Shri P.K.Bhardwaj], Bureau of Immigration – with the request that instructions may be issued to immigration officers at all Immigration Check Posts to honor both the valid PIO cards and OCI cards in such cases.



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Under Secretary (Foreigners)