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Communication from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs concerning temporary immigration restrictions

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs wishes to inform that following today's decision of the European Commission, the certificates issued by the authorities of **Georgia, Moldova, New Zealand and Serbia** are to be considered as equivalent from **16 November 2021**.

Consequently, as of today, third country nationals holding a certificate proving a complete vaccination pattern issued by Georgia, Moldova, New Zealand and Serbia will be authorised to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel.

Along with the vaccination certificates issued by a member State of the European Union or the Schengen Area, Luxembourg also recognizes certificates proving a complete vaccination pattern issued by the following third countries:

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Faroe Islands
- Georgia
- Israel
- Moldova
- Morocco
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Panama
- Republic of North Macedonia
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Ukraine
- Vatican

It is noted that **any person, regardless of nationality and place of residence**, holding a vaccination certificate issued by one of the aforementioned states, can use their certificate to meet the additional health measures applicable for all travel by air transport to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The list of third countries whose residents are authorised to enter the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel, **remains unchanged at this stage.**

Are also authorised to enter the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, third country nationals if their travel is considered essential. To this end, an **express request** is to be sent by e-mail (**service.visas@mae.etat.lu**) to the Passport, Visa and Legalization Office in Luxembourg in order to be issued **the relevant document.**

Furthermore, it is recalled that additional health measures are applicable for all travel by air transport to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Any person aged **12 years and 2 months or above**, is required to present, before boarding a flight to Luxembourg:

- Either a **vaccination certificate** attesting to a complete vaccination pattern¹ against Covid-19, established in accordance with article 3*bis* of the amended law of 17 July 2020 on measures to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, namely a vaccination certificate issued by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a Member State of the European Union or the Schengen Area. Certificates issued by certain third countries are also accepted (see above for the relevant third countries).
- Or a **recovery certificate** established in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, for people who have had a recent SARS-CoV-2 infection within 6 months prior to travel and who have completed the applicable isolation period in the respective country with resolution of all symptoms of infection;
- Or the **negative result** (on paper or electronically) of a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the **detection of SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA** (PCR, TMA or LAMP methods²) carried out **less than 72 hours before the flight** or of a **SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen test³ carried out less than 48 hours** before the flight, by a medical analysis laboratory or any other entity authorised for this purpose. The negative result of the test must be presented, if necessary, accompanied by a translation in one of the administrative languages of Luxembourg or in English, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese.

The details of the applicable rules, including the definition of essential travel and the derogations in place, as well as the exact procedures to be carried out beforehand can be consulted by following the link below: <https://covid19.public.lu/en/travellers/visiting-luxembourg>

¹ **a)** Any pattern that defines the number and interval of injections necessary to achieve sufficient protective immunity and is complete upon administration of the required doses if multiple doses are given or, for single-dose vaccines, after a 14-day interval. **b)** For persons who have recovered and have been vaccinated within 180 days of the first positive NAAT test result, the vaccination pattern is complete 14 days after the administration of the single dose of any vaccine administered.

² PCR: polymerase chain reaction; TMA: transcription-mediated amplification; LAMP: loop-mediated isothermal amplification.

³ In accordance with the World Health Organization criteria: antigen-detection in the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection using rapid immunoassays, Interim Guidance, 11 September 2020, and listed in the list of rapid antigen tests established on the basis of Recommendation 2021/C24/01 of 22 January 2021.