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**Press release from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
on the temporary immigration restrictions**

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs wishes to inform that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has acted on the recent decisions to modify Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction. Thus, the list of third countries, whose residents are not affected by a **temporary restriction at the external borders on non-essential travel** to the Grand Duchy, has therefore been updated, **removing, with effect from 6 December 2021, Jordan and Namibia from the list. At the same time, Indonesia will be added to the list.**

Consequently, as of 6 December 2021, third-country nationals residing in Jordan and Namibia are not any longer allowed to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for non-essential travel.

On the contrary, as of the aforementioned date, third-country nationals residing in Indonesia are once more allowed to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel.

Proof of residence is the responsibility of the third-country national.

The updated list of third countries whose residents are authorised to enter the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, **including for non-essential travel**, thus reads as follows:

- i. States
 - Argentina
 - Australia
 - Bahrain
 - Canada
 - Chile
 - China (subject to confirmation of reciprocity at EU level)
 - Colombia
 - Indonesia
 - Kuwait
 - New Zealand
 - Peru
 - Qatar
 - Rwanda

- Saudi Arabia
 - South Korea
 - United Arab Emirates
 - Uruguay
- ii. Special administrative regions of the People's Republic of China
- Hong Kong SAR
 - Macao SAR
- iii. Entities and territorial authorities not recognized as States by at least one Member State of the European Union
- Taiwan

Third-country nationals residing in a country which does not appear on the aforementioned list, are not authorised to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy, **with the exception of third country nationals holding a certificate proving a complete vaccination pattern considered as equivalent in Luxembourg.**

Following the recent decisions of the European Commission, **certificates issued by the authorities of El Salvador, Singapore and Togo are to be considered as equivalent.** Thus, third-country nationals holding a certificate proving a complete vaccination pattern issued by **El Salvador, Singapore or Togo will henceforth be authorized 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
- El Salvador
- Faroe Islands
- Georgia
- Israel
- Moldova
- Morocco
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Panama
- Republic of North Macedonia
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Singapore

- Togo
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Ukraine
- Vatican

Please note 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.

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 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 3bis 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.

By way of derogation, certain categories of people are **exempt from these sanitary requirements**:

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.

- Health professionals, health researchers and care professionals for the elderly in the course of their work;
- People on duty employed in the transport sector;
- Persons making a return journey by air, for less than 72 hours, from the Grand Duchy to a country which is a member of the Schengen area or the European Union, provided they have not left the Schengen area or the territory of the EU Member States during this period;
- Diplomats, staff of international organisations and people invited by international organisations whose physical presence is required for the well-functioning of these organisations, military personnel, development cooperation personnel, humanitarian aid workers and civil protection personnel in the exercise of their functions, as well as family members travelling together with the persons concerned.

Finally, it is highlighted that additional health measures are applicable, until 14 January 2022 inclusive, for all travel from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

The details of the applicable rules and the exemptions 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>