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New entry restrictions in Romania due to Covid-19

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

As expected, the state of alert in Romania was extended by further 30 days, starting from 11.02.2021.

The legal basis is the Government Decision No 35/ 2021. The National Committee for Emergency Situations (CNSU) adopted Decision No. 9/2021 re. the new entry restrictions on 11.02.2021 and Decision No. 11/ 2021 re. the updated list of risk areas on 19.02.2021.

In addition to these restrictions, particularly relevant are the obligations of providers of international transport services from these areas to Romania.

Most restrictions such as home and telework, the protective mask in all public places, he restrictions on the movement of persons between 23:00 and 05:00, etc. remain valid.

- **Entry restrictions and quarantine provisions**

The list of countries/ territories with an increased risk of epidemics (so-called yellow zones) has been updated. It contains, among other, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Hungary and the USA.

We note that Germany is no longer on this list.

Persons who enter Romania from these countries and present a negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 are subject to quarantine for 10 days. The test must not be older than 72 hours before boarding public transport or (in case of arrival by car) before entry on Romanian territory, performed by an approved laboratory (*laborator autorizat*), written in the national language and in English and contain the identification data of the persons who carried out the test.

Passengers travelling to Romania from the above-mentioned countries who do not carry out a SARS-CoV-2 test must spend 14 days in quarantine.

- **Special rules for travelers from the UK and Northern Ireland**

Persons entering Romania from the UK must present a negative result of an RT-PCR tests for SARS-CoV-2 carried out in the last 72 hours before boarding public transport or before entering Romania. After that, they must spend 14 days in quarantine.

- **Exceptions to the quarantine obligation**

One of the exceptions to the quarantine requirement, which remains in force, is for travelers from the yellow zones that spend less than 72 hours on Romanian territory and have a maximum 72-hour old negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 as described above. However, this exception does not apply to travelers from the UK and Northern Ireland.

Another exception concerns persons who have been affected by Covid-19 in the last 90 days prior to the entry if at least 14 days have elapsed between the date of detection of the disease and the entry. The past illness can be proved by the (old) positive SARS-CoV-2 test or by a subsequent test for antibodies against SARS-CoV-2.

A new exemption from the quarantine requirement applies to persons who have already received both doses of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, if at least 10 days have elapsed between the second dose of vaccination and the entry.

- **New obligations for international transport providers**

As a protective measure for Romanian citizens, the government has enforced an obligation for providers of international transport services related to persons from countries of the yellow zone arriving in Romania. These providers must deny their customers entry to public transport if the latter do not show one of the following certificates:

- a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-Cov-2 carried out no more than 72 hours before boarding the means of transport;
- proof of vaccination with both doses of vaccination against SARS-CoV-2, whereas 10 days have elapsed between the second dose of vaccination and the entry;
- proof that the person has had the Covid disease in the last 90 days prior to the entry on Romanian territory and that at least 14 days have elapsed from the date of positive assessment of the disease and the entry in Romania. The past illness may be proved by the (old) positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 or by a subsequent test for antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Yours sincerely,

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