

The Entry Of Foreign Businesspersons Into Israel During Covid-19

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Effective April 11th 2021, the Ministry of Economy ("MOE") has re-opened the possibility of submitting applications for foreign businesspersons to enter the State of Israel in urgent cases, subject to their obtaining prior permission.

The application is for foreign businesspersons who comply with the following criteria:

- Foreign nationals;
- Hold a <u>COVID-19 vaccine certificate or an official certificate indicating recovery</u> from <u>COVID-19</u>;
- Wish to come to Israel for economic-business purposes, and are able to show that
 the purpose of the visit is for an urgent reason that has a significant effect on the
 Israeli market, extending beyond the personal interests of the applicant.

The duration of the planned stay in Israel must be limited.

The application is required to be submitted between 15-20 working days before the planned arrival date.

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After receiving approval for entry, the businessperson will need to follow the obligatory updated entry orders:

(a) A person entering Israel is required to present a negative PCR result taken up to 72 hours before the departure date. Note that this applies also to those who have a vaccination certificate (confirmation of having been vaccinated against COVID-19) or a recovery certificate (a copy of a positive COVID-19 test and a letter from their medical provider documenting recovery and clearance to travel). Passengers must print out a copy of their PCR negative test result in order to present it to the Israeli authorities upon arrival in Israel.

(b) All passengers entering Israel must complete an online inbound passenger statement, which includes personal details and where they will be quarantining, as well as a health declaration. The statement must be completed no more than 24 hours before the scheduled departure.

(c) Note that all passengers entering Israel must stay in quarantine. Nonetheless, in order to shorten the quarantine period the visitor may perform a serological test in Israel (this procedure can be done only after entering Israel, and subject to the Ministry of Health approval). Note that a serological test (antibodies) must be performed in Israel in one of the laboratories recognized by the Ministry of Health, and after sending the results to the Ministry of Health and receiving formal confirmation of exemption from the Ministry of Health.

(d) The entry of foreign nationals into Israel is subject to presenting confirmation of valid health insurance which includes coverage for COVID-19 medical treatment. For more information regarding the Israeli Ministry of Health "Entering and leaving the State of Israel" please check the MOH site.

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