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Updates Regarding COVID-19 Ease of Entry Restrictions

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The Israeli government has recently updated the current entry policy into the State of Israel in light of the COVID-19 situation. Due to the Israeli elections taking place on March 23, 2021, Israeli citizens have priority to enter the country. For this reason, the number of foreign nationals being approved to enter Israel will be reduced, and their entry will be allowed in exceptional circumstances only.

The request for an entry permit into Israel for foreigners must be submitted via a new form, along with supporting documents. The requests will be examined in accordance with the current government guidelines regarding the entry of foreigners into Israel.

THE ENTRANCE OF FOREIGN EXPERT WORKERS INTO ISRAEL DURING COVID-19:

The Permits Committee will approve the entry of foreign expert workers needed in order to preserve the functional continuity of the Israeli market and economy. The request must be submitted by the employer of the foreign expert and it must include a recommendation from the relevant government ministry (*i.e.* the Health Ministry, Agriculture, Energy etc.) showing that there is a need for the foreign expert in order to preserve functional continuity of the company. The committee members will examine the request, along with the attached documents, and depending on the overall information, will reach a decision as to whether to permit the entry of the foreign expert worker. If the request is approved, the entry permit will be issued by the committee and it will be valid for 10 days from the date of issuance.

THE GUIDELINES FOR THOSE TRAVELLING TO ISRAEL AFTER RECEIVING THE APPROVAL OF THE PERMITS COMMITTEE:

A person entering Israel is required to present a negative PCR result taken up to 72 hours before the departure date. 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. All passengers entering Israel must complete the online inbound passenger statement, which includes providing 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. In addition, foreigners must also present the entry clearance provided to them by the Permits Committee. All passengers entering Israel must stay in quarantine for 14 days. The duration of quarantine can be shortened to 10 days, subject to two negative PCR test results taken at the beginning of quarantine and on the 9th day of quarantine.

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