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COVID-19 Regulations – Applications for entry of foreign BUSINESS VISITORS to Israel

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Israel's immigration authority has announced a new service allowing business visitors to Israel from abroad to submit entry applications from **green** and **red** countries during the covid-19 outbreak.

1. Entry of foreign business visitors to Israel from **green** countries:

A. This permit is designed for foreign nationals whose contribution to Israeli companies or the economy is vital, and who are coming to Israel to enable their proper functioning and prevent damage during the coronavirus crisis. The Ministry of Economy and Industry will review applications and decide whether to recommend an entry permit. Recommendations are passed on to the Population and Immigration Authority which decides whether to grant entry.

B. Conditions for obtaining the permit:

- Not an Israeli citizen
- Coming for business
- Planning to stay for less than 7 days
- Have been invited by an Israeli company
- You weren't in a "red" country during the 14 days before entering Israel
- If you were on a connecting flight, the layover was less than 12 hours
- You didn't leave the airport during the layover

C. Entering Israel:

- 24 hours before entering Israel, need to complete "the entry to Israel declaration".
- On entry to Israel, need to present the Population and Immigration entry permit.
- In Israel, you don't need to be in isolation, in accordance with the regulations regarding travelers from "green" countries.

2. Entry of foreign business visitors to Israel from **red** countries:

A. This permit is designed for foreign nationals coming to Israel on urgent economic business, whose contribution to the Israeli economy goes beyond the interests of the inviting company. The Ministry of Economy and Industry will review applications and decide whether to recommend an entry permit. Recommendations are passed on to the Population and Immigration Authority which decides whether to grant entry.

B. Conditions for obtaining the permit:

- Not an Israeli citizen
- Coming for business
- Planning to stay less than 4 days
- Have been invited by an Israeli company
- Coming from a "red" country

C. Before entering Israel and on arrival you must take the following steps:

- 48 hours before the flight, must take a PCR test (you cannot board your flight if the test is positive).
- Email the results to the inviting company.
- Print the results and carry them with you when you enter Israel.
- During the 24 hour period before entering Israel, you must complete "the Israel declaration".
- On entry to Israel you must carry with you – (1) Your Population and Immigration entry permit. (2) A health insurance policy that covers treatment for Covid-19. (3) A negative PCR test taken no earlier than 48 hours before boarding your flight.

For any requests relating to work permits or entry permits for business visitors, please contact our team at any time

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