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UPDATE: ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS INTO ISRAEL DURING COVID-19

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As reported in the Israeli press, and following our discussions with the relevant Government regulators, Israel is planning to expand the list of countries under the category "COVID-19 Travel Warning" effective August 11th, with 18 additional nations, including Italy, The Netherlands, Czech Republic, USA, France, Germany, Greece, Ukraine and other countries. Travelers arriving from a COVID-19 Travel Warning country are subject to mandatory isolation of seven days upon arrival (and two negative PCR Tests in Israel), including those who were vaccinated in Israel for COVID-19 or who recovered from COVID-19.

This decision was approved yesterday by the Israeli parliament (the Knesset Labor, Welfare and Health Committee) following the recommendation of the Ministry of Health, and reviewed by the Israeli government's COVID-19 committee.

We would like to highlight the two principal categories of travel warning countries, as updated from time to time by the Israeli government, which form the core of Israel's entry regulations:

Countries with the Highest COVID-19 Risk (Temporary Entry Ban)
Entry to Israel is prohibited for foreign nationals from a Highest COVID-19 Risk country.

1. Israeli citizens and permanent residents who wish to travel to a destination categorized as Highest COVID-19 Risk must request prior permission from the Exceptions Committee.
2. All travelers (and in the case of foreign nationals – those who holds an updated Specific Entry Permission) arriving in Israel from a Highest COVID-19 Risk location must enter isolation, including those who were vaccinated in Israel for COVID-19 or who have recovered from COVID-19.
3. Currently, obtaining a Business Visitor Visa ("BV") or Work Visa for foreign nationals from Highest COVID-19 Risk countries is restricted due to the temporary entry ban.
4. The countries currently in the category of Highest COVID-19 Risk are: Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Cyprus, Georgia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Russia, Turkey, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

Countries with COVID-19 Travel Warning (mandatory quarantine for all travelers)

1. All travelers arriving from a location with a COVID-19 Travel Warning must enter isolation, including those who were vaccinated for COVID-19 in Israel or who have recovered from COVID-19.
2. All travelers entering Israel from COVID-19 Travel Warning countries will be required to isolate for a minimum of 7 days and will be subject to two negative PCR Tests.
3. Obtaining a Business Visitor Visa ("BV") or Work Visa for foreign nationals from COVID-19 Travel Warning countries is possible, subject to the mandatory isolation as noted above.

Should you plan to travel to Israel, we recommend checking the Israeli Government database, which details the status of each country:
<https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/DynamicCollectors/green-red-countries?skip=0>

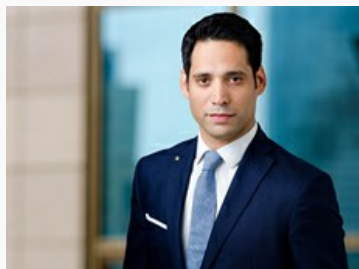
We wish to remind you that foreign nationals from all countries, regardless of their category, are required to obtain in advance permission for entry into Israel.

We also wish to emphasize that during September a number of holidays will be celebrated in Israel during which Israeli government offices (including the Immigration Authority) will be closed:

- Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) – From September 6th until September 8th (inclusive).
- Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – From September 15th until September 16th (inclusive).
- Sukkot – From September 20th until October 28th (inclusive).

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