

Order No. RD-01-547 of 30.06.2021 on Determining the Rules and Conditions of Entry into the Territory of the Republic of Bulgaria

Pursuant to Art. 61, para. 2, Art. 63, para. 4, 5, and 11 and Art. 63c of the Health Act, Art. 73 of the Administrative Procedure Code, and in connection with Decision No. 426 of the Council of Ministers of 26 May 2021 to extend the emergency epidemic situation announced by Decision No. 325 of the Council of Ministers of 14 May 2020, extended by Decision No. 378 of the Council of Ministers Council of 12 June 2020, Decision No. 418 of the Council of Ministers of 25 June 2020, Decision No. 482 of the Council of Ministers of 15 July 2020, Decision No. 525 of the Council of Ministers of 30 July 2020, Decision No. 609 of the Council of Ministers of 23 August 2020, Decision No. 673 of the Council of Ministers of 25 September 2020, Decision No. 855 of the Council of Ministers of 25 November 2020, Decision No. 72 of the Council of Ministers of 26 January 2021 and Decision No. 395 of the Council of Ministers of April 28, 2021

ORDER:

I. I introduce the following temporary anti-epidemic measures regarding the entry of persons arriving from other countries on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 01.07.2021 to 31.07.2021, according to an assessment of the spread of COVID-19 in the respective country according to criteria and placing the countries in colour zones as follows:

- 1.** Criteria for assessing the prevalence of COVID-19 in the country concerned:
 - 1.1.** 14-day morbidity - the total number of newly registered cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days per 100,000 population in the respective country;
 - 1.2.** weekly positivity of the performed laboratory tests - relative share in % of the positive samples in the country compared to all performed PCR tests and rapid antigenic tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last week (last 7 days);
 - 1.3.** level of research in the country - number of tests performed for SARS-CoV-2 infection per 100,000 people in the last week (last 7 days);
 - 1.4. identification of a variant** of SARS-CoV-2 identified as one causing ‘concern’;
 - 1.5. lack of sufficient information on the state**, periodic updating of information, or a reliable source of information.
- 2.** Colour zones:
 - 2.1.** Green area:
 - if at the time of assessment the 14-day morbidity per 100,000 population is lower than 75 per 100,000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests performed is higher or equal to 4%; or

- if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100,000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests performed is less than 4%.

2.2. Orange area:

- if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100,000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests performed is higher or equal to 4%; or

- if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is between 200 and 500 per 100,000 population.

2.3. Red zone:

- if at the time of assessment the 14-day incidence per 100,000 population is higher than or equal to 500 per 100,000 population; or

- lack of sufficient information on the country, periodic updating of information or a reliable source of information, or if the level of the survey is lower than 300 samples per 100 000 population; or

- If a variant of SARS-CoV-2 causing 'concern' is spread in the country, taking into account the sequencing volumes and their level of transmission.

3. The list of countries by colour zone is given in **Annex No. 1**. The list shall be determined on the basis of information published by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) - for the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EU and EEA), the World Health Organisation, and the Centres for Disease Control - Atlanta, USA - for all countries and the spread of variants of "concern", and in the absence of data or inconsistencies in the data, official information can be collected through the data published on the websites of national health authorities. The list shall be reviewed at least once a week and, if necessary, updated on Monday, and may be updated more frequently if the epidemic situation in the country deteriorates. The updated list shall take effect as of 00.00 hrs on the next day.

3.1. The information under item 3 shall be monitored and prepared by the National Centre for Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.

4. Interim anti-epidemic measures for persons arriving from EU and EEA Member States and the Swiss Confederation, according to colour zones:

4.1. Green zone - allowed on the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease, or testing, or a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, such as:

4.1.1. in the absence of a valid EU digital COVID certificate or a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, the person shall be quarantined for 10 days at home or other accommodation where they have indicated that they will reside, with a prescription issued by the director

of the respective regional health inspection or a deputy director authorised by them;

4.1.2. the director of the respective regional health inspection may revoke the issued order for quarantine upon submission by e-mail of a document showing a negative result of a polymerase chain reaction test conducted within 24 hours of entering the country to prove COVID-19 or by a rapid antigen test as specified in **Annex No. 2**. The prescription shall be revoked within 24 hours from the presentation of the document showing a negative result from the conducted examination.

4.2. Orange zone - allowed on the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, disease or testing, or a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate. In the case of at least a total of 5 percent of all persons entering from orange-zone countries, a COVID-19 test shall be performed by a rapid antigen test.

4.3. Red zone - not allowed on the territory of the country.

5. Interim anti-epidemic measures for persons arriving from countries other than the EU, EEA, and the Swiss Confederation:

5.1. All persons arriving from countries other than the EU, EEA, and the Swiss Confederation and not falling under item 5.2. shall be considered to arrive from orange zones and shall be admitted to the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID vaccination certificate, a certificate for illness or for a test performed, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

5.2 . Red zone - not allowed on the territory of the country.

6. Exceptions to the measures under items 4 and 5 are allowed, as follows:

6.1. Persons arriving from the countries of red zones shall be allowed on the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination or illness or on a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, and at the same time upon presenting a negative result of conducted a polymerase chain reaction study for COVID-19, which are:

- (a) medical professionals, medical researchers, social workers, and their supervisors, where the purpose of the journey is related to the profession they are pursuing;

- (b) workers involved in the supply of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment, medical equipment, including its installation and maintenance;

- (c) officials (heads of state, members of governments, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, members of the administrative and technical staff of foreign missions, employees of international organisations, military personnel, members of the security services, and the public order and

humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties, as well as members of their families;

d) persons travelling for humanitarian reasons within the meaning of § 1, item 16 of the additional provisions of the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria;

e) representatives of the trade, economic, and investment activities and persons directly related to the implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analyses of projects of potential investors and other activities relevant to the economy of the country, as well as the members of their families, certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy; persons directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and safety of the strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as persons engaged in shipbuilding and ship repair, as well as their family members, certified by a letter from the Minister responsible for the respective activity. The letter of the respective minister shall be submitted to the border control bodies;

(f) seasonal agricultural and tourism workers;

(g) persons travelling for training purposes, as well as persons participating in examination boards, provided that the examination cannot be conducted remotely in an electronic environment;

h) organizers and participants in international sports competitions - for the time of the respective sports event, athletes from abroad coming to the country for a certain trial period; athletes and coaches from abroad arriving in the country to participate in training camps, family members of foreign athletes and coaches, holders of Bulgarian long-stay visa type "D", certified by a letter from the Minister of Youth and Sports, which indicates the names of the persons and the place (address) of their residence in Bulgaria. The letter shall be submitted to the border control authorities;

i) foreign nationals, for receiving a decree under the Bulgarian Citizenship Act for acquired Bulgarian citizenship, certified by a letter of the Ministry of Justice;

j) organisers and participants in international cultural events - for the time of the respective cultural event, certified by a letter from the Minister of Culture, in which the names of the persons and the place (address) of their residence in the Republic of Bulgaria are indicated. The letter shall be submitted to the border control authorities.

6.2. Except for the cases under item 6.1, on the territory of the country, persons arriving from countries of red zones shall be admitted with the approval of the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister authorised by them on the basis of a motivated written proposal of the respective ministry, when required by particularly important specific reasons, applying to these persons specific anti-epidemic measures set out in the approval.

7. On the territory of the country shall be admitted, without the need to present documents for COVID-19, persons who are:

- (a) bus drivers and stewards engaged in the international carriage of passengers;
- b) truck drivers who perform or terminate international transport of goods and goods upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- c) members of the crews of vessels and the persons engaged in the maintenance of the vessels, who upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria perform their official duties;
- d) members of the crew of an aircraft operating flights to and from airports for public use on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the persons engaged in maintenance of aircraft;
- e) frontier workers (persons living in the Republic of Bulgaria and traveling daily or at least once a week to a Member State of the European Union, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, or the Republic of Northern Macedonia, in order to pursue an employed or self-employed activity person, as well as persons who live in the indicated countries and travel daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of exercising activity as an employed or as a self-employed person);
- f) pupils and students living in the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania and traveling daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for study purposes, as well as pupils and students living in the Republic of Bulgaria and travel daily or at least once a week to the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania for training purposes;
- g) persons passing in transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, in the cases when the immediate departure on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed;
- h) children up to the age of 12;
- i) persons arriving from countries with which the Republic of Bulgaria has reached an agreement for free passage on a reciprocal basis, in accordance with Annex No. 1

8. Bulgarian nationals and persons with the status of permanent, continuous, or long-term residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and their family members who do not present a document under item 4 or 5 or arrive from a country from the red zones shall be quarantined for a period of 10 days in the home or other place of accommodation in which the person has indicated that he/she will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspection or a deputy director authorised by them.

9. The director of the respective regional health inspection may revoke the issued prescription for quarantine of the persons under item 8, upon presentation of a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test conducted within 24 hours of entry into the country. of COVID-19 or by a rapid

antigen test as specified in Annex No. 2. The prescription shall be revoked within 24 hours of the presentation of the document showing a negative test result.

10. The persons, with the exception of those under item 7, shall be admitted on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only through the following border checkpoints (BCP): Burgas Airport Border Checkpoint; Varna Airport Border Checkpoint; Plovdiv Airport Border Checkpoint; Sofia Airport Border Checkpoint (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2); Border Checkpoint "Port of Burgas"; Port of Varna Border Checkpoint; Vidin border checkpoint; Vrashka Chuka border checkpoint; Durankulak border checkpoint; Gueshevo border checkpoint; Zlatarevo border checkpoint; Ilinden border checkpoint; Kalotina border checkpoint; Kapitan Andreevo border checkpoint; Captain Petko Voivoda border checkpoint; Kulata border checkpoint; Lesovo border checkpoint; Makaza border checkpoint; Malko Tarnovo border checkpoint; Oltomantsi border checkpoint; Oryahovo border checkpoint; Ruse border checkpoint; Stanke Lisichkovo border checkpoint and Somovit-Nikopol border checkpoint.

11. The Road Infrastructure Agency shall determine the place where the lorry and the driver must stay until the relevant ban is lifted in cases where the drivers of lorries transporting goods and goods destined for other countries due to a ban by a state, border of the Republic of Bulgaria, cannot leave the country.

12. When establishing a passenger with COVID-19 on board an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the cabin crew members serving the passenger with COVID-19 shall not be planned for the next flight by being quarantined for term of 10 days with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspection or by their deputy director.

13. For the purposes of this order:

13.1. "State (territory) from which the person arrives" means the State (territory) - the starting point of their departure, regardless of the stay associated with their transit through other countries during their movement.

13.2. "Valid EU COVID vaccination certificate" or a similar document means a document for a completed vaccination course against COVID-19. The completion of a vaccination course is considered to be the administration of an appropriate number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed in Annex No. 3 and the expiry of a 14-day period from the date of administration of the last dose. The combination of one dose of Vaxzevria / AZD1222 with one dose of the Comirnaty / BNT162b2 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered to be a completed vaccination course. The document must contain the names of the person, written in Latin, according to the identity document with which they travel, date of birth, the date on which the last received dose of COVID-19 vaccine has been given, serial number of the dose, and the total number of doses in vaccines that are given twice,

13.3. " Valid EU COVID certificate" or similar document means a document showing a positive result of a polymerase chain reaction test or a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 - for persons suffering from COVID-19 valid for the period from the 11th to the 180th day, as of the date of the examination entered in the document. The document must contain the names of the person, written in Latin, according to the identity document with which they travel, date of birth, date of the first positive result of NAAT test (for EU certificate) or rapid antigen test (for similar to the certificate of EU document) and a positive result (Positive), details of the medical institution that carried out the study (name, address or other contact details) or of the issuing authority,

13.4. " Valid EU COVID test certificate" or similar document means a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test performed up to 72 hours before entry into the country or a negative result from a rapid antigen test performed up to 48 hours before entry into the country, as of the date of sampling, entered in the document. The document must contain the names of the person written in Latin, according to the identity document with which they travel, date of birth, type of test, written in Latin method (PCR or RAT) and negative result (Negative), date and time of collection test sample, trade name, and manufacturer of the test (mandatory for rapid antigen tests), name of the laboratory / medical establishment that performed the test, country,

II . Order No. ПД-01-416 of 006.2021, supplemented by Order No. ПД – 01–467 / 14.06.2021 and Order No. ПД – 01–498 / 15.06.2021 shall be revoked.

III . This order shall enter into force on 1 July 2021.

IV . This order shall be published on the website of the Ministry of Health.

This order shall be subject to appeal within one month from its publication on the website of the Ministry of Health, before the relevant administrative court under the Administrative Procedure Code.

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Annex No. 1 to items I, 3 and 7

List of countries by colour zones and countries with a reciprocal basis

Green area:

Austria, Germany, Estonia, Iceland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, Croatia, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Slovenia, France, Norway, Republic of San Marino, Principality of Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Vatican City State.

Orange area:

All countries outside the green and red zone.

Red zone:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Brazil, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Botswana, United Republic of Tanzania, Seychelles, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Zambia, Tunisia, Oman, Malaysia, Republic of Mongolia The Republic of Chile, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, the Republic of Argentina, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay, the Multinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of Guatemala, Belize, the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

Countries with which the Republic of Bulgaria has reached an agreement on free passage on a reciprocal basis:

Romania, Czech Republic.

Annex No. 2 to items I, 4.1.2 and 9

| Name of the test | Manufacturer |
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| COVID-VIRO® Rapid antigen test COVID-19 | AAZ-LMB |
| Panbio™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test | Abbott Rapid Diagnostics |
| Flowflex SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test | ACON Laboratories, Inc. |
| AESKU.RAPID SARS-CoV-2 | AESKU.DIAGNOSTICS GmbH & Co, KG A |
| AMP Rapid Test SARS-CoV-2 Ag | AMEDA Labordiagnostik GmbH |
| Novel Coronavirus 2019- nCoV Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold) | Beijing Hotgen Biotech Co., Ltd. |
| COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test | Hangzhou AllTest Biotech Co., Ltd |
| SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold immunochromatography) | Beijing Lepu Medical Technology |
| BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag BSS | BIOSYNEX SA |
| CerTest SARS-CoV-2 CARD TEST | CerTest Biotect SL |
| Coretests COVID-19 Ag Test | Core Technology Co., Ltd |
| DIAQUICK COVID -19 Ag Cassette | DIALAB GmbH |
| GENEDIA W COVID-19 Ag | Green Cross Medical Science Corp |
| Wondfo 2019-nCoV Antigen Test (Lateral Flow Method) | Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech Co., Ltd |
| COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit | Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co., Ltd. |

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| Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab) | Healgen Scientific Limited |
| HUMASIS COVID-19 Ag test | Humasis Co. Ltd. |
| COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold) | Joinstar Biomedical Technology Co. Ltd. |
| QuickProfile™ COVID-19 ANTIGEN Test | LumiQuick Diagnostics Inc. |
| LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 Ag Test | LumiraDX |
| MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test | MEDsan GmbH |
| Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card | MP Biomedicals |
| NADAL COVID -19 Ag Test | nal von minden GmbH, |
| PCL COVID19 Ag Rapid FIA | PCL Inc |
| Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA | Quidel Corporation |
| BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag - SARS-CoV 2 Antigen test | Rapigen Inc. |
| SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test | Roche (SD BIOSENSOR) |
| COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kit (Swab) | Safecare Biotech Hangzhou Co. |
| STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag FIA | SD BIOSENSOR, Inc. |
| STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test | SD BIOSENSOR, Inc. |
| SARS-COV-2 Antigen test Kit (colloidal gold) | Shenzen UltraDiagnostics Biotec Co. |
| SARS-CoV-2 Ag Diagnostic | Shenzhen Watmind Medical Co., Ltd |

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| Test Kit (Colloidal Gold) | |
| CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test | Siemens Healthineers |
| TODA CORONADIAG Ag | TODA PHARMA |
| Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card | Xiamen Boson Biotech Co. |
| Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab) | Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech Co. Ltd. |

Annex No. 3 to item I, 13.2

| Trade name of the vaccine according to the EU marketing authorization / WHO list | Name of the manufacturer / marketing authorization holder | Completed vaccination course |
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| Comirnaty / (/ BNT162b2 Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) | BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH / Pfizer-Biontech | 2 doses |
| Vaxzevria / AZD1222 | AstraZeneca AB | 2 doses |
| - / AZD1222 | SK Bioscience Co. Ltd. | 2 doses |
| COVID-19 VACCINE Modern / mRNA-1273 | MODERN BIOTECH | 2 doses |
| Janssen / Ad26.COV2.S | Janssen-Cilag International NV | 1 dose |
| - / Covishield (ChAdOx1_nCoV-19) | Serum Institute of India | 2 doses |
| - / SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV) | Sinopharm / BIBP1 | 2 doses |

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| - / SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV) | Sinovac Biotech Ltd. | 2 doses |
| - / Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-VacComponent I Gam-COVID-Vac Component II) | The Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology | 2 doses |