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Communication by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs concerning temporary travel restrictions

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs wishes to inform that the temporary entry restrictions to the territory of the Grand Duchy of third-country nationals residing outside the European Union or the Schengen area **have been extended until 30 June 2022 inclusive.**

Furthermore, following Russia's military aggression against Ukraine and the deterioration of the security situation in Ukraine, it is urgent to **support the evacuation of Ukrainian nationals** forced to flee their country and to **facilitate their access to the territory** of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by exempting them from the temporary external border restrictions linked to Covid-19. Therefore, Ukraine has been added to the list of third countries whose residents should not be affected by a temporary restriction at the external borders for non-essential travel to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.¹

Thus, third-country nationals residing in Ukraine are henceforth authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, without being subject to the temporary travel restrictions to Luxembourg put in place in the Covid-19 context. It should be noted, however, that they remain subject to the **health measures that apply in the event of entry by air** (see below).

At the same time, the Ministry informs that following the recent equivalence decisions of the European Commission, **the vaccination certificates issued by the authorities of Benin and Jordan are from now on to be considered as equivalent.** Thus, third-country nationals with a certificate proving a complete vaccination schedule issued **by Benin or Jordan will henceforth be authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel, as long as the administered vaccine is accepted in the Grand Duchy.**²

In addition, on the basis of an amendment to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction, Luxembourg will henceforward also allow **third-country nationals holding a recovery certificate to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy, including for non-essential travel.** In this context, **recovery certificates issued by a Member State of the European Union or the Schengen area (EU27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,**

¹ See **annex A** for the complete list of third countries whose residents are authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel.

² See **annex B** for the list of vaccination certificates accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Switzerland), or by a certain number of third countries, are accepted (see **annex C** for the complete list of recovery certificates accepted by the Grand Duchy).

Finally, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the Ministry of Health wish to inform that the health measures to be observed by people entering Luxembourg territory by air have been **extended until 30 April 2022 inclusive**.

Persons over the age of 12 years and 2 months, authorised to enter Luxembourg (regardless of nationality), **must present, before boarding a flight to Luxembourg:**

- either a **vaccination certificate** attesting to a complete vaccination pattern against Covid-19. Provided that the vaccine administered is accepted in the Grand-Duchy, vaccination certificates issued by a Member State of the European Union or the Schengen Area (EU27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), as well as certificates issued by certain third countries are accepted (see annex B for the third countries concerned).
- or a **recovery certificate** issued by a physician or national authority of an EU Member State or Schengen Area Member State (EU27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), as well as certificates issued by a number of third countries, for persons who have had a recent SARS-CoV-2 infection within 6 months prior to travel and who have completed the applicable isolation period in the respective country with resolution of all symptoms of infection;
- or the **negative result** (on paper or electronically) of a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the detection of **SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA** (PCR, TMA or LAMP methods) carried out **less than 48 hours before the flight** or of a **SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen test carried out less than 24 hours before the flight**, by a medical analysis laboratory or any other entity authorised for this purpose. The negative result of the test must be presented, if necessary, accompanied by a translation in one of the administrative languages of Luxembourg or in English, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese.

Details of the applicable rules and the derogations in place, as well as the exact terms of the procedures to be taken beforehand can be consulted by following the link below:

<https://covid19.public.lu/en/voyageurs/visiter-luxembourg.html>

Annex A

List of third countries whose residents are authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel

i. States

- Bahrain
- Chile
- China (subject to confirmation of reciprocity at EU level)
- Colombia
- Indonesia
- Kuwait
- New Zealand
- Peru
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- South Korea
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- Uruguay

ii. Special administrative regions of the People's Republic of China

- Hong Kong SAR
- Macao SAR

iii. Entities and territorial authorities not recognised as States by at least one Member State of the European Union

- Taiwan

Proof of residence is the responsibility of the third-country national.

Annex B
Vaccination certificate accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

In order to have a vaccination certificate recognised in Luxembourg, three cumulative conditions must be fulfilled:

- the vaccine administered must be accepted in the Grand Duchy (see list below);
- the vaccination pattern must be considered complete³;
- the certificate must be issued by a Member State of the European Union or the Schengen Area (EU27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), or by one of the following third countries:
 - i. States
 - Albania
 - Andorra
 - Armenia
 - Benin
 - Brazil
 - Cabo Verde
 - Canada
 - El Salvador
 - Faroe Islands
 - Georgia
 - India
 - Israel
 - Japan
 - Jordan
 - Lebanon
 - Moldova
 - Monaco
 - Montenegro
 - Morocco
 - New Zealand
 - Panama
 - Republic of North Macedonia
 - San Marino
 - Serbia
 - Singapore

³ A **complete vaccination pattern** means any pattern that defines the number and interval of injections necessary to achieve sufficient protective immunity and is complete upon administration of the required doses if multiple doses are given or, for single-dose vaccines, after a 14-day interval. For persons who have recovered and have been vaccinated within 180 days of the first positive NAAT test result, the vaccination pattern is complete 14 days after the administration of the single dose of any vaccine administered.

- South Korea
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- Vatican

- ii. Entities and territorial authorities not recognised as States by at least one Member State of the European Union
 - Taiwan

In this context, the 4 vaccines that have obtained marketing authorisation at European level, as well as 3 vaccines considered as bio-similars, are accepted in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:

- BioNTech Pfizer / Comirnaty
- Moderna / Spikevax
- AstraZeneca / Vaxzevria
- Janssen / Vaccine Janssen
- Covishield (Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd (SII))
- R-Covi (R-Pharm)
- Covid-19 vaccine (recombinant) (FIOCRUZ)

The validity period of the vaccination certificate is set at 9 months from the date when **the vaccination pattern is considered complete**. The validity of the certificate for **the booster vaccination is unlimited**.

It should be noted that **any person, regardless of their nationality and place of residence**, holding a vaccination certificate issued by one of the aforementioned States, can use this certificate to comply with the additional health measures applicable for travel by air to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Annex C
Recovery certificate accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

In order for a recovery certificate to be recognized in Luxembourg, it must be issued by a Member State of the European Union or the Schengen area (EU27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), or by one of the following third countries:

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Benin
- Cabo Verde
- El Salvador
- Georgia
- Israel
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Panama
- Republic of North Macedonia
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Ukraine
- Uruguay

It should be noted that **any person, regardless of their nationality and place of residence**, holding a recovery certificate issued by one of the aforementioned States, can use this certificate to comply with the additional health measures applicable for travel by air to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The **validity of the recovery certificate is 180 days**, namely for persons who have had a recent SARS-CoV-2 infection within 6 months prior to travel and who have completed the applicable period of isolation in the respective country with resolution of all symptoms of infection.