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

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the Ministry of Health wish to inform that the **additional health measures** to be observed by persons over 12 years and 2 months old entering the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg **by air are repealed on 22 April 2022.**

Consequently, **from 22 April 2022**, travelers are **no longer required to present upon boarding a vaccination certificate, a certificate of recovery or the negative result** of a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA 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.

It should be noted that, even if the obligation to present one of the three documents is no longer applicable for entries by air, the presentation of a vaccination certificate or a recovery certificate remains one of the means of proving the right to enter Luxembourg under the temporary restrictions that apply to third country nationals.

Indeed, the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel to the Grand Duchy for third-country nationals remain in force. These restrictions apply to all travel to Luxembourg, regardless of the means of transport.

Third country nationals are not allowed to enter the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, except in one of the following cases:

- if they are in possession of a residence permit or a residence permit for family members of a Union citizen, including persons falling under the provisions of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, as well as any other person holding a right of residence or a national long term visa in accordance with the national law of a Member State of the European Union or of the countries associated with the Schengen area.
- or if they meet one of the following conditions:
 - if they are in possession of a **certificate proving a complete vaccination pattern** that is considered equivalent in Luxembourg¹;
 - or if they are in possession of a **recovery certificate** that is considered equivalent in Luxembourg²;

¹ See **Annex B** for the list of vaccination certificates accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

² See **Annex C** for the list of recovery certificates accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

- or if they are **residents of third countries** included on the list of third countries whose residents should not be affected by a temporary restriction at the external borders³ (and who are authorised to enter Luxembourg, including for non-essential travels);
- or if their **travel is considered essential** or if they fall under one of the **exceptions provided for family members of Luxembourg residents**. The persons concerned must however have a **specific certificate** issued by the Luxembourg authorities.

At the same time, the Luxembourg authorities inform that following the recent equivalence decisions by the European Commission, **the vaccination certificates issued by the authorities of Colombia and Malaysia are from now on to be considered as equivalent**. Thus, third-country nationals with a certificate proving a complete vaccination schedule issued **by Colombia or Malaysia will henceforth be authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as long as the administered vaccine is accepted in the Grand Duchy**.⁴

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>

³ See **Annex A** for the list of third countries whose residents are authorized to enter the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, including for non-essential travel

⁴ See **Annex B** for the list of vaccination certificates accepted by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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 certificates 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 complete⁵;
- 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
 - Colombia
 - El Salvador
 - Faroe Islands
 - Georgia
 - India
 - Israel
 - Japan
 - Jordan
 - Lebanon
 - Malaysia
 - Moldova
 - Monaco
 - Montenegro
 - Morocco
 - New Zealand
 - Panama
 - Republic of North Macedonia
 - San Marino

⁵ 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.

- Serbia
 - Singapore
 - 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**.

Annex C
Recovery certificates 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

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.