

## TRAVEL RESTRICTION WORLDWIDE – 23 March 2020

### *South Africa*

Following the first confirmed case of Coronavirus in South Africa on 05 March 2020. The South African National Department of Health added the following requirements with immediate effect.

- Additional Health Screening points before immigration
- Passengers from the listed countries in the past 14 days will undergo Thermal checks on board before disembarking.

The flights concerned are:

- **CHINA, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, IRAN, SOUTH KOREA, SINGAPORE, VIETNAM, TAIWAN and HONG KONG**
- Cabin crew will provide surgical masks for passengers with respiratory symptoms i.e coughing, sneezing.

### **Update 16 March 2020**

**South African Department of Health** added more screening measures at international arrivals terminal. In order to conduct effective contact tracing, all international aircrafts are requested to provide Port Health with the passenger manifest and the General Declaration of Health. These documents must be sent to [ortia.operations@helath.gov.za](mailto:ortia.operations@helath.gov.za) as from the **16<sup>th</sup> March 2020** and there are no exceptions to this request to close all gaps. Should airlines have challenges with implementing the submission of electronic copy by the mentioned date, they are requested to provide a hard copy to the Port Health Officials on arrival.

### **Update 18 March 2020**

1. Passengers with a normal passport, who have transited or are arriving from China (People's Rep.), France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Korea (Rep.), Spain, Switzerland, USA or United Kingdom are not allowed to enter South Africa.

South Africa has cancelled any visas issued to persons from the following countries with immediate effect: Iran and Peoples Republic of China.

**Visa exemption of passport holders from medium risk countries has been withdrawn. Nationals of these countries will not be admitted to South Africa without a VISA. These countries are: Hong Kong, Portugal and Singapore.**

This does not apply to nationals and residents of South Africa.

2. Nationals and residents of South Africa returning from COVID-19 high-risk countries will be subjected to testing and self-isolation or quarantine.

3. A completed health questionnaire must be presented to Port Health upon arrival.

### **CLEARING OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ON ARRIVAL**

- Port Health Official must board the flight before disembarkation, and other operations can begin
- The crew must provide the Port Health Official with a completed and signed General Declaration of Health.
- Crew must communicate any health related concerns to the Port Health Official.

Update 19 March:

Nationals from the countries whose visa exemptions have been withdrawn who have not been to any of these countries since the announcement on 15 March, will be allowed to transit through an international airport (JNB or CPT) to return to their countries. Inbound transit arriving from these countries is not permitted.

### ***Argentina***

Argentina will have closed the borders as from 00:00LT/16MAR until March 31st. Only Argentina Nationals and Residents are allowed to disembark in the country.

### ***Travel to New Zealand***

You cannot enter New Zealand if you have been in mainland China or Iran in the last 14 days.

**Travellers to New Zealand from the rest of the world, except those coming from most Pacific Islands, must isolate themselves for 14 days.**

Ministry of Health self-isolation guidance

You will be required to register with Health line on arrival to New Zealand if you choose to travel.

If you do not want to isolate yourself for 14 days in New Zealand, you should reconsider your travel plans.

Update 19 March 2020:

Borders closed for all visitors. An additional category of transit passengers has been approved through a bilateral agreement between Australia and New Zealand. To help each country get their citizens home, Australia and NZ have agreed that their nationals may transit through each country in order to get home. So Australian citizens (who are not resident in NZ) are permitted to transit through NZ if they are going to Australia as their final destination. Similarly, NZ citizens (who are not resident in Australia) are permitted to transit through Australia if they are going to New Zealand as their final destination.

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### ***Republic of Mauritius***

During a press conference this morning, the MRU Prime Minister announced that:

- Passengers coming from EU countries, UK and Switzerland will not be allowed into MRU as from Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 20:00 hrs GMT
- Passengers from Reunion Island as from today Tuesday 17 March 2020 20 00hrs GMT

These restrictions do not apply to Mauritian citizens and those holding a resident permit for MRU but they will be put into Quarantine for fourteen days in MRU if coming from the above countries.

1. Any foreign national having resided in European Union, United Kingdom, Norway and Ireland, and Switzerland or with a history of travel to and from European union, United Kingdom and Ireland, and Switzerland within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry or transit in the republic of Mauritius.
2. Mauritian nationals, residents, their spouse and children Coming from European Union, United Kingdom and Ireland, and Switzerland or with a history of travel to and from European Union, United Kingdom and Ireland, and Switzerland within the Last 14 days within the last 14 days will be allowed entry in The republic of Mauritius and will be placed in quarantine.
3. Crew members from European Union, United Kingdom and Ireland, And Switzerland will be allowed entry in the republic of Mauritius, however, they shall be confined to their hotel rooms.

#### **Update 18 March 2020**

The Government of Mauritius just announced the closure of the air and sea borders to ALL passengers (residents and foreigners) as from 06h00 UTC on 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 20 until 06h00 UTC on 02 Apr 20.

No passengers will be allowed to enter Mauritius over that said period.

Passengers currently in Mauritius will be allowed to depart.

#### ***Reunion***

Any foreign national having resided in Reunion Island or with a history of travel to and from Reunion Island within the last 14 Days will not be allowed entry or transit in the republic of Mauritius (including Rodrigues island).

Mauritian nationals, residents, their spouse and children Coming from Reunion Island or with a history of travel to Reunion Island within the last 14 days will be allowed entry in The republic of Mauritius (including Rodrigues island) and will be placed in quarantine).

#### ***Angola***

In response to the ongoing outbreak of Novel Coronavirus in Wuhan Hubei Province – The Peoples Republic of China.

**All foreign passenger's non-residents in Angola, coming from all countries affected with Covid-19 will not be allowed entry into Angola. Only Angolans and foreigners with permanent residence that will be allowed but will be in quarantine for 14 days.**

Public health authorities require that all travellers complete a health declaration form before arrival. Your information will be used in accordance with local privacy laws to help fight the spread of the disease. Every traveller must complete a form. A parent or guardian may complete the form for a child.

## **Australia**

Australian Government require that all arriving passengers complete an incoming passenger card.

If traveller advise they have travelled or transited through mainland China on or since 01.02.2020 and are not Australian citizens or permanent resident (or their immediate family, legal guardian or spouse) the airline is required to contact Border Operations Centre at +61 1300 368 126.

In most circumstances, if traveller does not meet the above travel conditions, they will be denied uplift (the mechanism of which will be VISA cancellation).

Arrangements will be made to re-instate visas as appropriate following the lifting of these measures.

All travellers **must isolate for a period of 14 days after they have entered Australia**. If you need to transit domestically, you may complete this transit and then begin your precautionary 14-day self-isolation period. If you have a layover, you must remain in the airport or self-isolate in your accommodation for the transit period. Refer to the 'Isolation guidance' information sheet for further information.

If you have returned from a country or region that is at higher risk for COVID-19, you may also be required to undergo enhanced health screening on arrival in Australia.

Update 19 March:

The country's borders will be closed to all visitors, except for citizens and permanent residents and their close family members.

## **USA**

In an attempt to curb the spread of the Coronavirus (aka COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 Virus), the United States of America issued a directive, which restricts passengers who originated, transited or transferred from or through the following areas:

- a) China (**excluding Hong Kong and Macau**)
- b) Islamic Republic of Iran
- c) Korea
- d) Schengen Area, comprising the 26 European states that have officially removed border control at their mutual borders: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.
- e) Effective as from 06:00am 17 March 2020, please ensure that the US TSA restrictions apply to any passengers originating or transited through the UK and Ireland.

No passengers who visited, originated, transited or transferred through the above areas within 14x days prior to departure to the USA, may be accepted for carriage to the United States. Airlines are required to question all passengers on their itineraries and/or verify travel documentation to verify routing.

Exemptions will only apply to the following:

- a) Air Crews
- b) USA Citizens
- c) Lawful permanent residents of the USA, holding a Permanent Resident Card, or Letter of Parole

d) Any alien seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to the specifications below. Any person not complying to the specifications must first be cleared by US Customs and Border Protection

Any of the above exempted categories who has been identified as originating, transited or transferred through the listed areas, may continue to travel on SAA as both John F. Kennedy (New York) and Washington Dulles Airports are amongst eleven cleared airports to accept exempted passengers in the United States.

Alien seeking entry requirements:

1) Any alien who is the spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a US. passport; IR-visa package.*

2) Any alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident is unmarried and under the age of twenty-one. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a US. passport; IR-visa package.*

3) Any alien who is the sibling of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that both are unmarried and under the age of twenty-one. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a US. passport; IR-visa package.*

4) Any alien who is the child, foster child, or ward of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, or who is a prospective adoptee who is seeking to enter the United States pursuant to the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications. *Example of documentation: Passport or other information identifying individual as related to minor child with a US. passport; IR-visa package.*

5) Any alien traveling at the invitation of the United States Government for the purpose related to containment or mitigation of the virus. *Example of documentation: Letter of invitation on letterhead from the CDC.*

6) Any alien traveling as a non-immigrant under section 101(a)(15)(C) or (D) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(C) or (D), as a crewmember or any alien otherwise traveling to the United States as air or sea crew. *Example of documentation: Visa documentation contained in passport.*

7) Any alien seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to an A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-I through NATO-4, or NATO-6 visa. *Example of documentation: Visa documentation contained in passport.*

8) Any alien whose entry would not pose a significant risk of introducing, transmitting, or spreading the virus, as documented by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or his designee. *Example of documentation: Written documentation from CDC.*

9) Any alien whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees based on a recommendation of the Attorney General or his designee. *Example of documentation: Designated point of contact to verify basis of travel.*

10) Any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees. *Example of documentation: Standard process for verifying the admissibility of a passengers regarding status for entry into the United States.*

## ***Namibia – Windhoek***

The Minister of Health announced this morning that there are two confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Namibian soil. The health of Namibians is the first priority. Appropriate precautionary measures must be taken. To protect Namibians from being affected by this virus:

1. The Independence Celebrations that were scheduled for Independence Stadium are called off. However, the swearing-in-ceremony will take place at State House.
2. The financial outlay for Independence Celebrations will be diverted to the fight against the Coronavirus.
3. The Namibian Government is suspending inbound and outbound travel to and from Qatar, Ethiopia and Germany with immediate effect for a period of 30 days.
4. All big gatherings are suspended for a period of 30 days.
5. Lockdown of Windhoek Gymnasium with immediate effect for a period of two weeks.
6. Suspension of all travels by Namibian government officials, including State-Owned Enterprises.

**To curtail the spread of the COVID-19, Namibian Cabinet implemented the following additional measures:**

### **Points of Entry**

Suspension of the issuance of visa on arrival at the Hosea Kutako International Airport and implementation travel ban of foreign nationals (by air and sea) from affected countries, namely Schengen States, China, Iran, Korea, United Kingdom, United States of America and Japan. The travel ban to be reviewed regularly.

All leisure, business and social travel like tourists is suspended, and Namibians who are residents in other countries considering to visit Namibia to postpone such visits;

All scheduled passenger flights, including private chartered flights to and from countries where there is active local transmission be temporarily suspended for 30 days with immediate effect. This suspension is exclusive of cargo and emergency flights to and from Namibia.

## ***Zambia***

Due to the Corona outbreak the Ministry of Health in Zambia has intensified its case surveillance system at all its point of entry. Further, a number of measures have been put in place, one of which is comprehensive data collection using passenger screening forms to collect data from all passengers on-board. The Ministry of Health, has therefore, directed that all airlines should administer passenger surveillance forms on-board so as to reduce on the amount of time passengers will spend at points of entry on arrival.

Due to the ongoing outbreak of Corona virus, all airmen are requested to report suspected coronavirus cases by radio as early as possible before arrival to ATC.

## Hong Kong

Public health authorities require that all travellers complete a health declaration form before arrival. This information will be used in accordance with local privacy laws to help fight the spread of the disease. Every traveller must complete a form. A parent or guardian may complete the form for a child.

## Germany

I. The pilot responsible for an aircraft arriving from the People's Republic of China (including the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions) or the Italian Republic or the Republic of Korea or Japan or the Islamic Republic of Iran, including after a technical stop, must submit the health part of the aircraft general declaration upon landing at the first airport in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

II.

On all aircraft arriving in the Federal Republic of Germany from the people's republic of china (including the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions) or the Italian Republic or the Republic of Korea or Japan or the Islamic Republic of Iran, including after a technical stop, crews must provide information leaflets of the German Federal Ministry of Health about sars-cov-2 to all passengers during flight.

**The information leaflet is available at [www.rki.de/ncov-reisende](http://www.rki.de/ncov-reisende).**

III.

All travellers, crew members and operating personnel arriving in the Federal Republic of Germany by aircraft that have departed from the People's Republic of China (including the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions), including after a technical stop, must fill in the public health passenger locator form (plf) and a self-declaration.

**The plf and self-declaration is available at [www.rki.de/ncov-aussteigekarten](http://www.rki.de/ncov-aussteigekarten).**

IV.

All travellers, crew members and operating personnel arriving in the Federal Republic of Germany by aircraft that have departed from the Italian Republic or the Republic of Korea or Japan or the Islamic Republic of Iran, including after a technical stop, must fill in the public health passenger locator form

**The plf is available at <https://tinyurl.com/st7tvhy>**

V.

All plf and self-declarations must be provided and collected by the crew, checked and handed over to the public health authorities at the destination airport.

VI.

The crew of an en-route aircraft must inform upon identifying a suspected case of communicable disease or other public health risk on board the aircraft promptly the destination airport according to icao pans atm doc 4444.

VII.

Air carriers must keep the data available to them for flights from the people's republic of china (including the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions), the Italian Republic, the Republic of Korea, Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 30 days. This applies, in particular, to electronically stored data for identification and contact details of travellers as well as to seating plans.

Further information: website of the German Federal Ministry of transport and digital infrastructure [www.bmvi.de](http://www.bmvi.de) and [www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de](http://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de).

**Additional Measures – Travel Ban for Non – EU – Citizens to be implemented immediately  
Touristic entry to Germany is prohibited.**

Passport holders or passengers with permanent residency proof of the following countries are allowed to enter Germany ONLY with confirmed onward connection (flight ticket, train ticket, rental car confirmation etc):

- **All EU countries, UK, Swiss, Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein.**

Entry for all other nationalities will be refused and handled as inad.

Airlines to check all passengers on flights to Germany if the above criteria are met. If NOT, the passenger is not allowed to travel.

International transit (of countries outside EU and above mentioned exemptions) is still allowed.

German passport holders or passengers with proof of residency (Aufenthaltsgenehmigung) are not affected.

### ***Ghana***

**The Government of Ghana has issued a national travel advisory due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic.**

Any traveler, except for Ghanaian citizens and persons with Ghana residence permits, who, within the last 14 days, has been to a country that has recorded at least 200 cases of Covid-19 will not be admitted into Ghana. Airlines are instructed not to allow such persons to embark.

**The Government of Ghana will not accept interline passengers with point of origin in the USA (or in transit via the USA) until further notice.**

**The government will continue to accept passengers originating from JNB for now, as well as passengers originating from FNA/ROB/LOS/ABV and domestic Ghana points who are connecting from these locations to IAD or JNB, subject to compliance with ongoing restrictions.**

### ***Tanzania***

Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority has issued a national travel advisory for all airlines arriving in Tanzania. All airlines must ensure that passengers complete a Traveller Surveillance Forms before disembarkation.

### ***Botswana***

In response to COVID-19 outbreak, the Government of Botswana implemented the following measures:

All individuals coming to Botswana from the following high risk countries will not be allowed entry: China, Japan, South Korea, Iran, USA, UK, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and India.

Botswana residents returning from high risk countries will be subjected to 14-day mandatory quarantine as per protocol.

***Democratic Republic of Congo***

The DR Congo airspace will be closed for all passenger flights effective Friday, March 20, 2020 until further notice.