

**COVID-19 POLICY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
FOR CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS GENERAL CASES**

The LOC will be happy to prepare a special request to the Minister of Health through the Minister of Youth and Sport for the approval of the participation of persons from countries in the red zone as special cases (4.3.9.). It is very important all NF to immediately contact the LOC with detailed information about their delegation members providing information about their status (having completed full vaccination process, having recovered from illness or being able to provide a negative PCR).

Ministry of Health

Temporary control measures regarding the entry of persons
arriving from other countries on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 29.07.2021 to 31.08.2021

General cases

Updates on the countries colors are regularly published on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
<https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737>

Temporary control measures for arrivals according to the color zone of the countries valid from 29.07.2021 to 31.08.2021	
GREEN ZONE AS OF 04.08.2021	
Countries	Requirements according to the Order of the Minister of Health
AUT, CRO, CZE, DEN, EST, FIN, GER, HUN, ITA, LTU, LUX, NOR, POL, SLO, SMR, SUI, SVK	<p>4.1. Green zone – allowed on the territory of the country upon presentation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ a valid EU digital COVID certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for vaccination or • for recovery from the illness or • for conducted testing or ➔ a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, such as: <p>4.1.1. <i>In the absence of a valid EU digital COVID certificate or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, the person shall be quarantined for 10 days at home or in another place of accommodation where he/she has indicated that he/she will reside, with a recommendation issued by the Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate or a Deputy Director authorized by him;</i></p> <p>4.1.2. <i>The Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate may revoke the issued order for quarantine upon submission by e-mail of a document showing a negative result from 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 recommendation shall be removed within 24 hours upon presentation of the document showing a negative test result.</i></p>

ORANGE ZONE AS OF 04.08.2021	
All countries outside the green and red zone.	<p>4.2. Orange zone – allowed on the territory of the country only upon presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ of a valid EU digital COVID certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ for vaccination or ➔ for recovery from the illness or ➔ for conducted testing or ➔ similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate. <p>4.2.1. <i>Not less than 5 percent of the entrants from countries in orange zones are tested for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen test by the border health authorities.</i></p>
RED ZONE AS OF 04.08.2021	
AND, ARG, BAN, BOL, BRA, CHI, COL, CRC, CUB, CYP, DOM, ESA, ESP, FIJ, GBR, GEO, GUA, IND, KGZ, MAS, MGL, MLT, MON, MYA, NAM, NEP, PAN, PAR, PER, RSA, SRI, TKM, URU	<p>4.3. Red zone - on the territory of the country are allowed only persons who are:</p> <p>...</p> <p>4.3.2. citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation and their family members arriving from a Member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation;</p> <p>...</p> <p>4.3.5. 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 organizations, military personnel, members of the security and public order services, and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties, as well as their family members;</p> <p>...</p> <p>4.3.9. persons other than those specified in items 4.3.1 - 4.3.8., who have received approval from the Minister of Health, or a Deputy Minister authorized by him, made on the basis of a motivated written proposal of a Minister, when this is required for particularly important specific reasons. Specific control measures specified in the approval may be applied for these persons.</p> <p>4.5. The persons under item 4.3.2. - 4.3.9., who do not present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ a valid EU digital COVID certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ for vaccination or ➔ certificate of recovery or ➔ a similar document <p>may be admitted on the territory of the country only after presenting a negative result from a test conducted up to 72 hours before entering the country by the method of polymerase chain reaction for COVID-19, certified by a valid EU digital COVID certificate for testing or a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate for testing and they shall be quarantined for a period of 10 days at home or in another place of accommodation, in which the person has indicated that he/she will reside, with a recommendation issued by the Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate or a Deputy Director authorized by him.</p>

10.1. The "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.

10.2. "Valid EU digital COVID vaccination certificate or a similar document" shall mean a document for a completed vaccination course against COVID-19. The document must contain the names of the person written in Latin, according to the identity document with which he/she is traveling, date of birth, date on which the last received dose of COVID-19 vaccine was given, serial number of the dose, and the total number of doses regarding vaccines which have two applications, the trade name of the vaccine against COVID-19, the name of the manufacturer/holder of the marketing authorization, the country of issue and the name of the issuing competent authority and, for the EU certificate – including its unique identifier.

10.2.1. A completed 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 Comirnaty/BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine) is also considered a complete vaccination course.

10.3. "Valid EU digital COVID certificate for recovery from the illness" shall mean a document certifying that the person has recovered from COVID-19 and which is valid for the period from the 11th to the 180th day, as of the date of the conducted test entered in the document. The certificate must contain the names of the person, written in Latin, according to the identity document with which he/she travels, date of birth, date of the first positive result of NAAT test (Positive), data of the authority issuing the document, the country in which the test was conducted and its unique identifier. "NAAT test" means a molecular test for nucleic acid amplification, such as polymerase chain reaction with reverse transcriptase (RT-PCR), cyclic-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) and transcription-mediated amplification (TMA) techniques used to detect the presence of ribonucleic acid of SARS-CoV-2 (RNA).

10.3.1. A document similar to the EU digital COVID certificate for recovery shall mean a document certifying that a person has recovered from COVID-19 and which is valid for the period from the 11th to the 180th day, as of the date of the conducted test entered in the document. The document **must contain** the names of the person, written in Latin, according to the identity document with which he/she travels, date of birth, date of the first positive result of PCR test or rapid antigen test and positive result (Positive), data about the medical institution which has conducted the test (name, address or other contact details) or the issuing authority and the country in which the test was conducted.

10.4. "Valid EU COVID certificate for testing" or a similar document shall mean a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test conducted up to 72 hours before entry into the country or a negative result from a rapid antigen test conducted up to 48 hours before entry into the country from 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 he/she travels, date of birth, type of test, written in Latin method (PCR or RAT) and negative result (Negative), date and time of collection of the test sample, trade name and manufacturer of the test (mandatory for rapid antigen tests), name of the laboratory/medical institution which has conducted the test, country in which the test was conducted and authority that has issued the certificate/document, and for the EU certificate - its unique identifier.**