UPDATES ON BORDER MEASURES FOR TRAVELLERS AND EXTENDING VACCINATED TRAVEL LANES

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The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has been closely monitoring the global COVID-19 situation and regularly reviews Singapore's border measures to manage the risk of importation from travellers and onward local transmission. We will be updating our border measures for travellers from a number of countries/ regions. The updated border measures would apply to all travellers from the identified countries/ regions arriving from 1 December 2021, 2359 hours. We will also be extending the Vaccinated Travel Lanes to Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey.

Review of Country/Region Classifications

Category II countries/regions

2. We have reviewed the COVID-19 situation in **Argentina**, **Kuwait**, **Mexico**, **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, **Nepal**, **Oman**, **Pakistan**, **Romania**, **and Thailand**, and will place these countries in Category II from **1 December 2021**, **2359 hours**.

Category III countries/regions

- 3. Based on the worsening situation in Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, and Slovakia, these countries will be placed in Category III from 1 December 2021, 2359 hours.
- 4. We have also reviewed the COVID-19 situation in Belize, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay, and these countries will be placed in Category III from 1 December 2021, 2359 hours.
- 5. The updated country/region classification and its corresponding border measure may be found in Annex A (https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/pressroom/press-releases/annex-a-(1)253cc60cbcb44eb986dd991c10fb0e2a.pdf?sfvrsn=88889f_0). The full list of Safe Travel Lanes for travel to Singapore and prevailing border measures under each lane for different categories and changes to border measures will be updated on the SafeTravel website (https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/).

Not all lanes may utilise the Category I/II/III/IV health measure framework. Travellers are advised to visit the website to check the latest border measures for their country/region which will apply upon entry into Singapore

Extension of Vaccinated Travel Lanes

- 6. To-date, we have launched Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTLs) with Australia, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. We will also be launching VTLs with India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Finland and Sweden from 29 November 2021, and Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates from 6 December 2021. Travellers under the VTLs are not subject to Stay-Home Notice (SHN) on arrival. Instead, they will be required to produce a negative pre-departure test taken within two days prior to departure and undergo an on-arrival Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test¹.
- 7. We will launch VTLs with **Thailand from 14 December 2021** and with **Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Turkey from 16 December 2021**. Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) applications for Short-Term Visitors and Long-Term Pass Holders will commence on **7 December 2021** for travellers from Thailand; and **9 December 2021** for travellers from Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Turkey. Returning Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents who are fully vaccinated will not need to apply for VTP in order to make use of the VTLs for travel. Travellers intending to travel from Singapore to these VTL countries/ regions are advised to check the prevailing entry requirements of the destination.
- 8. The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore will provide more details separately.

Regular Review of Border Measures

9. As the global situation evolves, we will continue to adjust our border measures in tandem with our roadmap to becoming a COVID resilient nation. Any changes to border measures will be updated on the <u>SafeTravel website</u> (https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/). Travellers are advised to visit the website to check the latest border measures for the associated country or region before entering Singapore; and be prepared to be subjected to the prevailing border measures upon entry.

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