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Ministry of Health

Minister of Health

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Pursuant to Art. 61, para. 2, Art. 63, para. 4, 5 and 11, and Art. 63c of the Health Act, Art. 73 of the Administrative Procedure Code, and in connection with Decision No. 395 of the Council of Ministers of 28 April 2021 to extend the emergency epidemic situation announced by Decision No. 325 of the Council of Ministers of 14 May 2020, extended by Decision No. 378 of the Council of Ministers Council of 12 June 2020, Decision No. 418 of the Council of Ministers of 25 June 2020, Decision No. 482 of the Council of Ministers of 15 July 2020, Decision No. 525 of the Council of Ministers of 30 July 2020, Decision No. 609 of the Council of Ministers of 23 August 2020, Decision No. 673 of the Council of Ministers of 25 September 2020, Decision No. 855 of the Council of Ministers of 25 November 2020 and Decision No. 72 of the Council of Ministers of 26 January 2021 and a proposal by the Chief State Health Inspector, I hereby

ORDER:

I. I introduce the following temporary control measures regarding the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 01.05.2021 to 31.05.2021 as follows:

1. I temporarily prohibit the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of persons arriving from India, Bangladesh, Brazil and countries and territories in Africa, except for persons who are Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent or long-term residence, or continuance in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, and the members of their families.

2. Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent or long-term residence, or continuance in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and their family members arriving from

India, Bangladesh, Brazil and countries and territories in Africa shall be quarantined for 10 days at home or in another place of accommodation where the person has indicated that he / she will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspectorate or a deputy director authorized by him / her.

3. Exceptions to the prohibition under item 1 shall be granted in respect of persons arriving from the Arab Republic of Egypt, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Republic of Tunisia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Niger, the Republic of Chad, the Republic of Sudan Republic of Ethiopia, Somali Republic, Central African Republic, Gabonese Republic, Republic of the Congo, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Benin, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of Gambia, Senegal, Republic of the Republic of Bulgaria Guinea, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the Republic of Madagascar, to which the requirements of paragraphs 5 to 12 apply.

4. For the purposes of this order, the country (territory) from which the person arrives is the country (territory) which is the starting point of his / her departure, regardless of the stay related to his / her transit through other countries during his / her movement.

5. Persons, other than those under item 1, who enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, regardless of their citizenship and the country from which they arrive, shall be admitted to the territory of the country upon presentation of one of the following documents:

(a) a document on the completed vaccination schedule against COVID-19. An appropriate number of doses of COVID-19 vaccines, as listed in Annex No. 1, and the expiry of a 14-day period from the date of administration of the last dose, is considered to be a complete vaccination schedule. 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, dates on which the corresponding doses of vaccine were given, trade name and batch number of the vaccine against COVID-19, name of the manufacturer / the holder of the marketing authorization, the country from which it was issued and the name of the issuing competent authority;

(b) a document showing a positive result of a polymerase chain reaction test or a rapid antigen test for COVID-19, for persons recovered from COVID-19 for the period from the 15th to the 180th day from the date of the laboratory test entered in the document. The document must contain the names of the person according to the identity document with which he / she is traveling, data about the medical institution that performed the test (name, address or other contact details), date of the polymerase chain reaction test or rapid antigen test for COVID-19, written in Latin, method (PCR or RAT) and positive result (Positive), allowing interpretation of the document.

6. Bulgarian citizens, citizens of Member States of the European Union (EU), Schengen Parties (including the Republic of San Marino, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the Vatican City State) and their family members (including persons who are in fact cohabiting with them); citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australian Union, Canada, United States of America, Japan, New Zealand, People's Republic of China, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Korea, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of Tunisia, Eastern Uruguay, United Arab Emirates , The Republic of Northern Macedonia, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Israel, the State of Kuwait, the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Turkey; the persons with the status of permanent or long-term residence or continuance in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the members of their families; persons holding a Bulgarian long-stay visa type "D", as well as persons holding a residence permit in a Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including the Republic of San Marino, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the City State Vatican) and their family members, except for the cases under item 1, may enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, besides with a document under item 5, also upon submission of a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test performed up to 72 hours before entering the country or a negative result from a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 conducted up to 48 hours before entry into the country, as of the date of the test entered in the document.

7. The document under item 6 must contain the names of the person according to the identity document with which he / she travels, data about the medical institution that performed the examination (name, address or other contact details), date on which the examination was performed, written on Latin, method (PCR) or rapid antigen test of those listed in Appendix No. 2 and a negative result, allowing interpretation of the document.

8. By the order of items 6 and 7 in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may enter, regardless of their citizenship, persons, arriving from countries other than those under items 1, who are:

(a) medical professionals, medical researchers, social workers and their supervisors, where the purpose of the journey is related to the profession they are pursuing;

(b) workers involved in the supply of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment, medical equipment, including its installation and maintenance;

(c) 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, employees of the security and the public order services, and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties, as well as members of their families;

d) persons traveling for humanitarian reasons within the meaning of § 1, item 16 of the additional provisions of the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria;

e) representatives of the trade, economic and investment activities and persons directly related to the implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analyses of projects of potential investors and other activities relevant to the economy of the country, as well as the members of their families, certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy; persons directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and safety of the strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as persons engaged in shipbuilding and ship repair, as well as their family members, certified by a letter from the minister responsible for the respective activity. The letter of the respective minister shall be submitted to the border control bodies;

(f) seasonal agricultural and tourism workers;

(g) persons traveling for training purposes as well as persons participating in examination boards, provided that the examination cannot be conducted remotely in an electronic environment;

(h) organizers and participants in international sports competitions - for the time of the respective sports event, athletes from abroad coming to the country for a certain trial period; athletes and coaches from abroad, arriving in the country to participate in training camps, family members of foreign athletes and coaches, holders of Bulgarian long-stay visa type "D", certified by a letter from the Minister of Youth and Sports, which indicates the names of the persons and the place (address) of their residence in Bulgaria. The letter shall be submitted to the border control authorities;

(i) foreign citizens, for receiving a decree under the Bulgarian Citizenship Act for acquired Bulgarian citizenship, certified by a letter of the Ministry of Justice;

(j) organizers and participants in international cultural events - for the time of the respective cultural event, certified by a letter from the Minister of Culture, in which the names of the persons and the place (address) of their residence in Bulgaria are indicated. The letter shall be submitted to the border control authorities.

9. The territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may be entered, without the need to present a document under item 5 or 6, by persons, regardless of their citizenship and the country from which they arrive, who are:

- (a) bus drivers engaged in the international carriage of passengers;
- (b) truck drivers who perform or complete international transport of cargo and goods upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- (c) members of the crews of vessels and the persons engaged in the maintenance of the vessels, who upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria perform their official duties;
- (d) members of the crew of aircrafts operating flights to and from airports for public use on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, and the persons engaged in the maintenance of the aircrafts;
- (e) border workers (persons living in the Republic of Bulgaria and traveling daily or at least once a week to a Member State of the European Union, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia or the Republic of Northern Macedonia, for the purpose of exercising activity as an employed or self-employed person, as well as persons who live in the indicated countries and travel daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of exercising activity as an employed or as a self-employed person);
- (f) pupils and students living in the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania and traveling daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for study purposes, as well as pupils and students living in the Republic of Bulgaria and traveling daily or at least once a week to the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia and Romania for study purposes;
- g) persons transiting through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

10. Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent or long-term residence, or continuance on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families who do not present a document under item 5 or 6 shall be placed in quarantine for a period of 10 days at home or otherwise place of accommodation in which the person has indicated that he / she will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspectorate or a deputy director authorized by him / her.

11. The director of the respective regional health inspection may revoke the issued prescription for quarantine of the persons under item 10, upon presentation of a document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test performed within 24 hours of entering the country for the detection of COVID-19 or from a rapid antigen test of those listed in Annex No. 2. The prescription shall be revoked within 24 hours from the presentation of the document showing a negative result of the tests.

12. Persons under items 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 are admitted to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria through the following border checkpoints: border checkpoint Burgas Airport; border checkpoint Varna Airport; border checkpoint Plovdiv Airport; border checkpoint Sofia Airport (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2); border checkpoint Port of Bourgas; border checkpoint Port of Varna; border checkpoint Vidin; border checkpoint Vrashka Chuka; border checkpoint Durankulak; border checkpoint Gueshevo; border checkpoint Ilinden; border checkpoint Kalotina; border checkpoint Captain Andreevo; border checkpoint Captain Petko Voivoda; border checkpoint Kulata; border checkpoint Lesovo; border checkpoint Makaza; border checkpoint Malko Tarnovo; border checkpoint Oryahovo; border checkpoint Ruse and border checkpoint Somovit-Nikopol.

13. The restriction under item 12 shall not apply to the persons under item 9.

14. The Road Infrastructure Agency shall determine the place where the truck and the driver must stay until the relevant ban is lifted in cases where the drivers of trucks transporting cargo and goods destined for other countries, cannot leave the Republic of Bulgaria due to a ban by a state bordering the Republic of Bulgaria.

15. When establishing a passenger with COVID-19 on board an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the cabin crew members taking care of the passenger with COVID-19 shall not be planned for the next flight by being quarantined for term of 10 days with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspectorate or by his / her deputy director.

II. Order No. RD-01-196 of 31.03.2021 of the Minister of Health has been revoked.

III. This Order enters into force on May 1, 2021.

IV. This order shall be published on the website of the Ministry of Health.

This order is subject to appeal within one month from its publication on the website of the Ministry of Health, before the relevant administrative court under the Administrative Procedure Code.

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Appendix No. 1 to item 5, letter "a"

Trade name of the vaccine according to the EU marketing authorization / WHO list	Name of the manufacturer / marketing authorization holder	Completed vaccination schedule
Comirnaty/ BNT162b2	BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH/ Pfizer-Biontech	2 doses
Vaxzevria/ AZD1222	AstraZeneca AB	2 doses
- / AZD1222	SK Bioscience Co Ltd	2 doses
COVID-19 VACCINE Moderna / mRNA-1273	MODERNA BIOTECH	2 doses
Janssen / Ad26.COV2.S	Janssen-Cilag International NV	1 dose
- / Covishield (ChAdOx1_nCoV-19)	Serum Institute of India	2 doses
- / SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV)	Sinopharm / BIBP1	2 doses
- / SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV)	Sinovac Biotech Ltd.	2 doses
- / Sputnik V	The Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology	2 doses

Appendix No. 2 to item 7

Name of the test	Manufacturer
Panbio™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test	Abbott Rapid Diagnostics
AMP Rapid Test SARS-CoV-2 Ag	AMEDA Labordiagnostik GmbH
BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2	Becton Dickinson
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold immunochromatography)	Beijing Lepu Medical Technology
BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag BSS	BIOSYNEX SWISS SA
CerTest SARS-CoV-2 CARD TEST	CerTest Biotect S.L.
Clungene COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab)	Healgen Scientific Limited
LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 Ag Test	LumiraDX UK LTD
NADAL COVID -19 Ag Test	nal von minden GmbH,
Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA	Quidel Corporation
STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag FIA	SD BIOSENSOR, Inc.
STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test	SD BIOSENSOR, Inc.
CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test	Siemens Healthineers
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test card	Xiamen Boson Biotech Co
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab)	Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech Co. Ltd