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Ministry of Health

Minister of Health

ORDER

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Signed by: Aneta Lyubeniva Todorova

Pursuant to Art. 61, para. 2, Art. 63, para. 4, 5 and 11 and Art. 63c of the Health Act, Art. 73 of the Code of Administrative Procedure, and in relation to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and Council of Ministers Decision № 426 of 26 May 2021 extending the term of the announced by Council of Ministers Decision № 325 of 14 May 2020 emergency epidemic situation, extended by Decision № 378 of the Council of Ministers of 12 June 2020, Decision № 418 of the Council of Ministers of 25 June 2020, Decision № 482 of the Council of Ministers of 15 July 2020, Decision № 525 of the Council of Ministers of 30 July 2020, Decision № 609 of the Council of Ministers of 23 August 2020, Decision № 673 of the Council of Ministers of 25 September 2020, Decision № 855 of the Council of Ministers of 25 November 2020, Decision № 72 of the Council of Ministers of 26 January 2021 and Decision № 395 of the Council of Ministers of 28 April 2021 and a proposal of the Chief State Health Inspector,

ORDER:

1. I introduce the following temporary control measures regarding the entry of persons arriving from other countries on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 19.07.2021 to 31.07.2021, according to an assessment of the spread of COVID-19 in the respective country according to criteria and placing the countries in color zones as follows:

1. Criteria for assessing the spread of COVID-19 in the respective country:

1.1. 14-day morbidity rate - the total number of newly registered cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days per 100 000 population in the respective country;

1.2. weekly positivity of the conducted laboratory tests - relative share in % of the positive samples in the country in relation to all conducted PCR tests and rapid antigenic tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection during the last week (last 7 days);

1.3. level of testing in the country - number of tests conducted for SARS-CoV-2 infection per 100 000 people in the last week (last 7 days);

1.4. identification of a variant of SARS-CoV-2 identified as a “variant of concern” (VOC);

1.5. lack of sufficient information about the country, periodic updating of information or a reliable source of information.

2. Color zones:

1. Green zone:

2.1.1. if at the time of assessment, the 14-day morbidity rate per 100 000 population is lower than 75 per 100 000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests conducted is higher or equal to 4%; or

2.1.2. if at the time of assessment, the 14-day morbidity rate per 100 000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100 000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests conducted is less than 4%.

2.2. Orange zone:

2.2.1. if at the time of assessment, the 14-day morbidity rate per 100,000 population is between 75 and 200 per 100 000 population and the weekly positivity of the laboratory tests conducted is higher or equal to 4%; or

2.2.2. if at the time of assessment, the 14-day morbidity rate per 100 000 population is between 200 and 500 per 100 000 population.

2.3. Red zone:

2.3.1. if at the time of assessment, the 14-day morbidity rate per 100 000 population is higher than or equal to 500 per 100 000 population; or

2.3.2. lack of sufficient information on the country, periodic updating of information or a reliable source of information, or if the level of the survey is lower than 300 samples per 100 000 population; or

2.3.3. if a “variant of concern” of SARS-CoV-2 is spreading in the respective country, taking into account the sequencing volumes and their level of transmission.

2.4. If there is information about a significant negative change in the epidemic situation in the respective country from a green or orange zone or in some of its territories, before the official change of the color zone of the country with regard to persons arriving in the Republic of Bulgaria, specific anti-epidemic measures may be applied, announced in Annex № 1.

3. The list of countries by color zones, countries for which a significant negative change in the epidemic situation under item 2.4 has been established, as well as countries with which the Republic of Bulgaria has reached an agreement for free passage on a reciprocal basis is contained in Annex № 1.

3.1. The list under item 3 is determined on the basis of information published by the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) - for the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EU and EEA), by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control - Atlanta, USA - for all countries and the spread of “variants of concern”.

3.2. All countries, outside the European Union and the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, which do not fall into the red zone, according to the information under item 3.1., are considered to be orange zone countries.

3.3. The list under item 3 shall be reviewed at least once a week and, if necessary, updated, and in the event of a deterioration of the epidemic situation in the respective country, it may be updated more frequently.

3.4. The information under item 3 is monitored and prepared by the National Center for Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.

4. Temporary anti-epidemic measures for arrivals according to color zones:

4.1. Green zone - permitted on the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, for recovery from the illness or for conducted testing, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, such as:

4.1.1. 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 they have indicated that they will reside, with a recommendation issued by the Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate or Deputy Director authorized by him;

4.1.2. 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 № 2. The recommendation shall be removed within 24 hours upon presentation of the document showing a negative test result.

4.2. Orange zone – permitted on the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination, for recovery from the illness or for conducted testing, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

4.2.1. 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.

4.2.2. Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent, long-term or continuous residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families who do not present a document under item 4.2 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 Deputy Director authorized by him.

4.2.3. The Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate may revoke the issued recommendation for quarantine of the persons under item 4.2.2, upon submission by e-mail of a document, showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test conducted within 24 hours of entry into the country to prove COVID 19 or from a rapid antigen test as specified in Annex II. The recommendation shall be revoked within 24 hours of the presentation of the document showing a negative test result.

4.3. Red zone - on the territory of the country are permitted only persons who are:

4.3.1. Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent, long-term or continuous residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families;

4.3.2. medical professionals, medical researchers, social workers and their supervisors, where the purpose of the journey is related to the profession they are exercising;

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

4.3.4. 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 services and public order, and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties, as well as their family members;

4.3.5. 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;

4.3.6. seasonal agricultural workers and workers in the field of tourism;

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

4.3.8. persons 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.

4.4. The persons under item 4.3. are permitted on the territory of the country upon presentation of a negative result from a conducted polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19, certified by a valid EU digital COVID certificate or a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

4.5. Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent, long-term or continuous residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and their family members who do not present a document under item 4.4 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 Deputy Director authorized by him.

4.6. The Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate may revoke the issued recommendation for quarantine of the persons under item 4.5, upon submission by e-mail of a document, showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test conducted within 24 hours of entry into the country to prove COVID 19. The recommendation shall be revoked within 24 hours of presentation of the document showing a negative test result.

5. On the territory of the country are permitted, without the need to present documents for COVID-19, persons who are:

5.1. bus drivers and stewards engaged in the international carriage of passengers;

5.2. truck drivers who perform or complete international transport of cargo and goods upon entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

5.3. 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;

5.4. members of the crew of an aircraft operating flights to and from airports for public use on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the persons engaged in maintenance of aircraft;

5.5. frontier 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 North Macedonia, for the purpose of pursuing an activity

as an employee or as 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);

5.6. pupils and students living in the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia and Romania and traveling daily or at least once a week to the Republic of Bulgaria for educational purposes, as well as pupils and students living in the Republic of Bulgaria and travel daily or at least once a week to the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia and Romania for educational purposes;

5.7. persons passing in transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, in the cases when the immediate departure from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed;

5.8. children up to the age of 12, arriving from the green and orange zone;

5.9. persons arriving from countries with which the Republic of Bulgaria has reached an agreement for free passage on a reciprocal basis, in accordance with Annex № 1.

6. Persons, with the exception of those under item 5, shall be permitted to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only through the following Border Checkpoints (PCs): Burgas Airport Border Checkpoint; Varna Airport Border Checkpoint; Plovdiv Airport Border Checkpoint; Sofia Airport Border Checkpoint (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2); Border Checkpoint "Port of Burgas"; Border Checkpoint "Port of Varna"; Vidin Border Bcheckpoint; Vrashka Chuka Border Checkpoint; Durankulak Border Checkpoint; Gueshevo Border Checkpoint; Zlatarevo Border Checkpoint; Ilinden Border Checkpoint; Kalotina Border Checkpoint; Kapitan Andreevo Border Checkpoint; Kapitan Petko Voivoda Border Checkpoint; Kulata Border Checkpoint; Lesovo Border Checkpoint; Makaza Border Checkpoint; Malko Tarnovo Border Checkpoint; Oltomantsi Border Checkpoint; Oryahovo Border Checkpoint; Ruse Border Checkpoint; Stanke Lisichkovo Border Checkpoint, Somovit-Nikopol Border Checkpoint and Strezimirovtsi Border Ccheckpoint.(in the hour interval 08.00 to 20.00).

7. 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, due to a ban by a border state of the Republic of Bulgaria, cannot leave the country.

8. When a passenger with COVID-19 is found on board of an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the cabin crew members who served the passenger with COVID-19 shall not be planned for the next flight, and are quarantined for a period of 10 days with a recommendation issued by the Director of the respective Regional Health

Inspectorate or by his Deputy Director.

9. For the purposes of this order:

9.1. 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.

9.2. "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 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.

9.2.1. A completed vaccination course is considered to be the administration of an appropriate number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine listed in Annex № 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.

9.3. "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).

9.3.1. 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.

9.4. "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.

II. Order № ПД-01-547 of 30.06.2021, amended and supplemented with Order № ПД-01-553/ 05.07.2021 is revoked.

III. The Order enters into force as of 19.07.2021, with the exception of item I, 6 in respect of the Strezimirovtsi Border Checkpoint, which enters into force upon the publication of the order on the website of the Ministry of Health.

IV. The Order ought to be published on the website of the Ministry of Health.

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

16.7.2021

X Stoicho Katsarov

Signed by: Stoicho Todorov Katsarov

DR. STOICHO KATSAROV

Minister of Health

List of countries by color zones and countries with a reciprocal basis, the countries for which there is information about a significant negative change in the epidemic situation and countries with a reciprocal basis

Green zone:

Republic of Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Estonia, Iceland, Republic of Lithuania, Republic of Malta, Republic of Poland, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Republic of Finland, Republic of Croatia, Kingdom of Denmark, Italian Republic, Republic of Slovenia, French Republic, Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of San Marino Principality of Monaco, Vatican City State, Swiss Confederation and Czech Republic.

Orange zone:

All countries outside the green and red zone.

Red zone:

Republic of India, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Myanmar, Kingdom of Bhutan, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Maldives, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Botswana, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Seychelles,, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Zambia, Republic of Tunisia, Oman, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Chile, Eastern Republic of Uruguay, Republic of Argentina, Federal Republic of Brazil, Republic of Paraguay, Multinational State of Bolivia, Republic of Peru, Republic of Suriname, Republic of Panama, Republic of Costa Rica, The Republic of Guatemala, Belize, the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Cuba and the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, Fiji and the Emirate of Kuwait.

Countries with which the Republic of Bulgaria has reached an agreement on free passage on a reciprocal basis:

Romania.

Countries for which there is information about a significant negative change in the epidemic situation and the application of specific anti-epidemic measures for those

arriving from them:

Russian Federation and the Portuguese Republic - arrivals are permitted on the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for testing or a similar document showing a negative result from a polymerase chain reaction test conducted up to 72 hours before entry into the country (PCR) for COVID-19 from the date of sampling entered in the document. For Bulgarian citizens and persons with the status of permanent, long-term or continuous residence on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the members of their families, item 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 shall apply."

Annex № 2 to items I, 4.1.2

Test name	Test manufacturer
COVID-VIRO® Rapid antigen test COVID- 19	AAZ-LMB
Panbio™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test	Abbott Rapid Diagnostics
Flowflex SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	ACON Laboratories, Inc
AESKU.RAPID SARS-CoV-2	AESKU.DIAGNOSTICS GmbH & Co, KG A
AMP Rapid Test SARS-CoV-2 Ag	AMEDA Labordiagnostik GmbH
Novel Coronavirus 2019- nCoV Antigen Test (Colloidal Gold)	Beijing Hotgen Biotech Co., Ltd.
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test	Hangzhou AllTest Biotech Co., Ltd
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Colloidal Gold immunochromatography)	Beijing Lepu Medical Technology
BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag BSS	BIOSYNEX SA
CerTest SARS-CoV-2 CARD TEST	CerTest Biotect S.L.
Coretests COVID-19 Ag Test	Core Technology Co., ltd
DIAQUICK COVID -19 Ag Cassette	DIALAB GmbH
GENEDIA W COVID-19 Ag	Green Cross Medical Science Corp
Wondfo 2019-nCoV Antigen Test (Lateral Flow Method)	Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech Co., Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co., Ltd.
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab)	Healgen Scientific Limited
HUMASIS COVID-19 Ag test	Humasis Co. Ltd
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (Colloidal Gold)	Joinstar Biomedical Technology Co. Ltd
QuickProfile™ COVID-19 ANTIGEN Test	LumiQuick Diagnostics Inc.
LumiraDx SARS-CoV-2 Ag Test	LumiraDX
MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	MEDsan GmbH
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card	MP Biomedicals
NADAL COVID -19 Ag Test	nal von minden GmbH,
PCL COVID19 Ag Rapid FIA	PCL Inc
Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA	Quidel Corporation
BIOCREDIT COVID-19 Ag - SARS-CoV 2 Antigen test	Rapigen Inc
SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test	Roche (SD BIOSENSOR)
COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit (Swab)	Safecare Biotech Hangzhou Co
STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag FIA	SD BIOSENSOR, Inc.
STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Test	SD BIOSENSOR, Inc.
SARS-COV-2 Antigen test Kit (colloidal gold)	Shenzen UltraDiagnostics Biotec Co.
SARS-CoV-2 Ag Diagnostic Test Kit (Colloidal Gold)	Shenzhen Watmind Medical Co., Ltd
CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test	Siemens Healthineers
TODA CORONADIAG Ag	TODA PHARMA
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test card	Xiamen Boson Biotech Co
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette (Swab)	Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech Co. Ltd

Annex № 3 to item I, 10.2.1.

Commercial name of the vaccine according to the EU marketing authorization/WHO list	Name of manufacturer/marketing authorization holder	Completed vaccination scheme
Comimaty/ (/ BNT162b2 Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine)	BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH/ Pfizer-Biontech	2 doses
Vaxzevria/ AZD1222	AstraZeneca AB	2 doses
- / AZD1222	SK Bioscience Co Ltd	2 doses
Spikevax/ COVID -19 VACCINE Moderna / mRNA- 1273	MODERNA BIOTECH	2 doses
Janssen / Ad26.COVS.2.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
- / COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated/Coronovac	Sinovac	2 doses
- / Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac Component I Gam-COVID-Vac Component II)	The Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology	2 doses