



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Ministry of Health

Minister of Health

ORDER

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Signed by: Ivo Cvetanov Manchev

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 № 426 of the Council of Ministers of 26 May 2021 on extending the term of the extraordinary epidemic situation announced by Decision № 325 of the Council of Ministers of 14 May 2020, 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 by the Chief State Health Inspector

ORDER:

I. 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 01.07.2021 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 antigen 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:

2.1. Green zone:

- 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

- 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:

- 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

- 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:

- 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

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

- 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.

3. The list of countries by color zones is given in **Annex № 1**. The list 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”, and in cases of absence of data or inconsistencies in the data, official information can be collected through the data published on the websites of the national health authorities. The list is reviewed at least once a week and, if necessary, updated on Monday, and may be updated more frequently if the epidemic situation in the country deteriorates. The updated list takes effect from 00.00 p.m. the next day.

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

4. Temporary control measures for persons arriving from EU and EEA Member States and the Swiss Confederation, 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 other accommodation where they have indicated that they will reside, with a recommendation issued by the Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate or a 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. At least 5 percent of all persons entering from orange-zone countries are ought to be tested for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen test.

4.3. Red zone – not permitted on the territory of the country.

5. Temporary anti-epidemic measures for persons arriving from non-EU and EEA countries and the Swiss Confederation:

5.1. All persons arriving from non-EU and EEA countries and the Swiss Confederation and not falling under item 5.2. shall be considered to arrive from orange zones and are permitted to the territory of the country only upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID vaccination certificate, for recovery from the illness or for a test conducted, or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate.

5.2. Red zone – not permitted on the territory of the country.

6. Exceptions to the measures under items 4 and 5 are permitted, as follows:

6.1. Persons arriving from the countries of red zones are permitted on the territory of the country upon presentation of a valid EU digital COVID certificate for vaccination or for recovery of the illness or of a similar document containing the same data as the EU digital COVID certificate, and at the same time presenting a negative result of conducted a polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19, which are:

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

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, members of the security services and the public order 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 involved in the implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analyzes 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 members of their families, 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 authorities;

f) seasonal agricultural and tourism workers;

g) persons traveling for educational 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" visa), 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 the Republic of Bulgaria are indicated. The letter shall be submitted to the border control authorities.

6.2. Except for the cases under item 6.1, on the territory of the country, persons arriving from countries from red zones shall be permitted with the approval of the Minister of Health or a Deputy Minister authorized by him on the basis of a motivated written proposal of the respective ministry, when required by particularly important specific reasons, as specific anti-epidemic measures specified in the approval shall be applied to these persons.

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

- a) bus drivers and stewards 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 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;
- e) 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 Northern 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);
- 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 travel 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 educational purposes;
- g) persons passing in transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, in the cases when the immediate departure on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed;
- h) children under the age of 12;
- i) 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.

8. Bulgarian citizens and persons with permanent, long-term or continuous residence status on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families who do not present a document under item 4 or 5 or arrive from a country in the red zones shall be quarantined for 10 days in the home or other accommodation where 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.

9. The Director of the respective Regional Health Inspectorate may revoke the issued recommendation for placing under quarantine the persons under item 8, upon presentation 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 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.

10. Persons, with the exception of those under item 7, shall be permitted to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only through the following Border Checkpoints (BCs): 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 Checkpoint; 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 and Somovit-Nikopol Border Checkpoint.

11. 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.

12. 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 respectively quarantined for a period of 10 days with a prescription issued by the director of the respective regional health inspection or by his deputy director.

13. By the purposes of this order:

13.1. The "State (territory) from which the person arrives" shall mean the state (territory) - the starting point of their departure, regardless of the stay associated with their transit through other countries during their movement.

13.2. "Valid EU COVID vaccination certificate" or a similar document shall mean a document for a completed vaccination course against COVID-19. The completion of a vaccination course is considered to be the administration of an appropriate number of doses of a vaccine against COVID-19 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 to be a completed vaccination course. 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 in vaccines that are given twice, 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.

13.3. “Valid EU COVID certificate for recovery from the illness” or a similar document shall mean a document showing a positive result of a conducted polymerase chain reaction test or a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 - for persons who have recovered from COVID-19 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 they travel, date of birth, date of the first positive result of NAAT test (for EU certificate) or rapid antigen test (for similar to the certificate of EU document) and a positive result, details of the medical institution that conducted the test (name, address or other contact details) or of the issuing authority, name of the laboratory/medical institution that conducted the test, the authority that issued the certificate/document, the country in which the test was conducted, and for the EU certificate – including its unique identifier.

13.4. “Valid EU COVID test certificate” 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 they travel, date of birth, type of test, written in Latin method (PCR or RAT) and negative result (Negative), date and time of collection of the testing sample, trade name and manufacturer of the test (mandatory for rapid antigen tests), name of the laboratory/medical institution that conducted the test, the country in which the test was conducted and authority that issued the certificate/document, and for the EU certificate -including its unique identifier.

II. Order № ПД-01-416 of 04.06.2021, supplemented with Order № ПД-01-467/14.06.2021 and Order № ПД-01-498/15.06.2021 are revoked.

III. The order enters into force on July 1, 2021.

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.

30.6.2021

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Signed by: Stoicho Todorov Katsarov

DR. STOICHO KATSAROV

Minister of Health

Annex № 1 to items I, 3 and 7

List of countries by color zones and countries with passing on a reciprocal basis

Green zone:

Austria, Germany, Estonia, Iceland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, Croatia, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Slovenia, France, Norway, Republic of San Marino, Principality of Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Vatican City State.

Orange zone:

All countries outside of the green and the red zone.

Red zone:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Brazil, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Botswana, United Republic of Tanzania, Seychelles, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Zambia, Republic of Tunisia,, Oman, Malaysia, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Chile, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, the Republic of Argentina, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of Guatemala, Belize, the Republic of El Salvador, the Republic of Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

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

Romania, Czech Republic.

Annex № 2 to items I, 4.1.2 and 9

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, 13.2

Commercial name of the vaccine according to the EU marketing authorization/WHO list	Name of manufacturer/marketing authorization holder	Completed vaccination scheme
Comirnaty/ (/ 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
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 (Gam-COVID-Vac Component I Gam-COVID-Vac Component II)	The Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology	2 doses