



New, more permissive rules on travel restrictions introduced due to COVID-19 in Hungary

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New government decrees introduced due to COVID-19

The following **two government decrees** entered into force introducing new rules in relation to the protective measures taken against COVID-19:



ENTRY INTO HUNGARY OF HUNGARIAN CITIZENS ARRIVING FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND OR THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, AND THE ENTRY INTO HUNGARY OF CITIZENS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND OR THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

- Effective as of **1 September 2020**
- Expiring on **1 October 2020**



AMENDMENT OF GOVERNMENT DECREE 408/2020 ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF STATE OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PREPAREDNESS

- Effective as of **5 September 2020**



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Rules on business travel

Entry of Hungarian citizens

Hungarian citizens may return to Hungary without any restrictions, if

- ✓ they prove upon return that the purpose of travel was to carry out **business / economic activities** abroad.

If it is **suspected** that the business / economic purpose of travel may not be valid upon entry of the border, the **general restrictions** on entry of Hungarian citizens shall be applied based on Government decree 408/2020. (VIII. 30.).

The new rules introduced a more permissive regulation, as unrestricted entry is granted not just in case of affiliated enterprises but any other company, if the business purpose of travel is appropriately proved upon entry to Hungary.

Entry of foreign citizens

Foreign citizens may enter Hungary without any restrictions, if

- ✓ they prove upon entry that the purpose of travel is to carry out **business / economic activities** in Hungary.

If it is **suspected** that the business / economic purpose of travel may not be valid upon entry of the border, the authorities may **refuse the entry of foreign citizens** to Hungary.





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Accepting foreign COVID test results

An **examination** complying with the professional rules of healthcare **shall also be taken into account** as the first molecular biological examination (SARS-CoV-2 PCR test), if

- ✓ it was carried out in any country belonging to the **Schengen area**, or in the **USA** or in **Canada**, and
- ✓ the person concerned **certifies its results** by furnishing a document to that effect in **Hungarian or English**.

Employees of a Hungarian cultural institution

The following persons shall receive **the same treatment as Hungarian citizens**:

- ✓ persons employed by a **Hungarian cultural institution**, when entering the territory of Hungary after having **participated, as a performer or as a member of the technical staff, in a cultural event organized abroad**.

Spectators of a Hungarian sports / cultural event

Spectators of an international sports event or a cultural event organized in Hungary **may enter Hungary**, however, they may be subjected to a **health examination**, required to present the **ticket** of the event, and shall certify that, at the time of examination, the SARS-CoV-2 **coronavirus could not be detected** in them.

Spectators shall leave Hungary **within 72 hours** of the entry.



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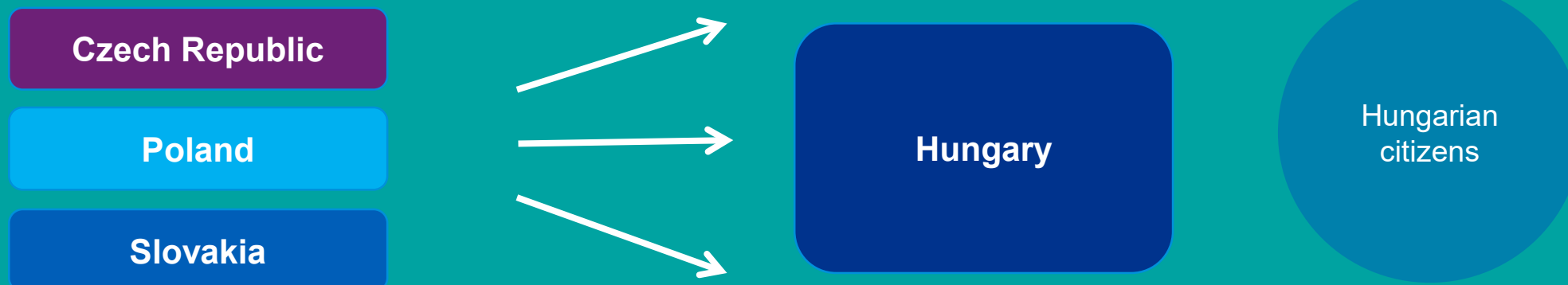


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Permissive rules on entering from certain countries 1.



The authorities shall grant exemption from ordering quarantine to Hungarian citizens and their relatives, if

- ✓ they entered Hungary from the **Czech Republic, Poland or Slovakia**,
- ✓ they had a **reservation at an accommodation** within the territory of one of the above states before 1 September 2020 for the day preceding the day of their return, and
- ✓ a **PCR test** carried out on a single occasion in Hungary following their return certifies that at the time of the examination, the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus could not be detected in them.



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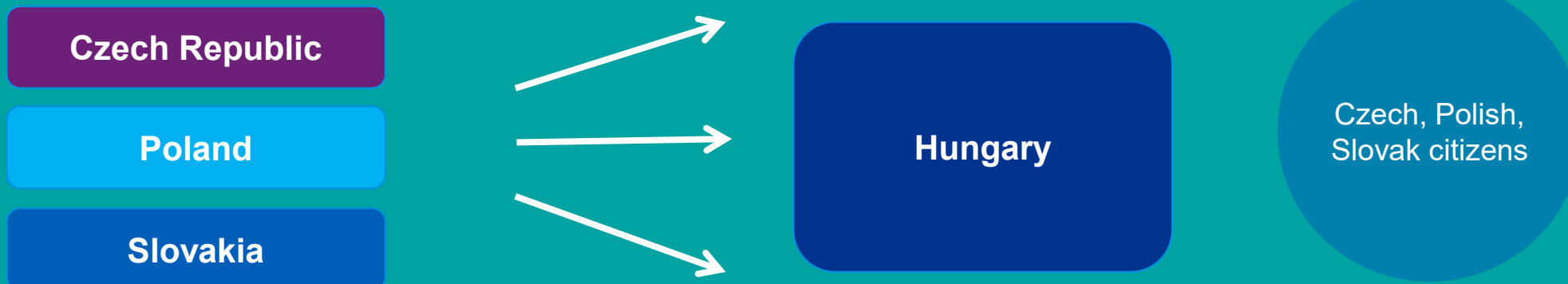


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Permissive rules on entering from certain countries 2.



Czech, Polish and Slovak citizens may enter Hungary, if

- ✓ they produced evidence of having a **reservation for at least one day at an accommodation in Hungary** for a date not later than 30 September 2020, provided that the reservation was made before 1 September 2020, and
- ✓ they certify that at the time of the examination, the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus could **not be detected** in them by furnishing a document in Hungarian or English that contains the results of a **SARS-CoV-2 PCR test** carried out on a single occasion within 5 days before the entry.



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