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Uruguay – COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Modified

On 2 June, the Uruguayan government issued a decree modifying the conditions to enter and leave the country under the national emergency declared as a consequence of COVID-19.¹ Beyond Uruguayan citizens and permanent residents, the new decree authorizes foreign nationals to enter the country in these situations:

- Family reunification cases involving parents, spouses, concubines or single children with incapacities; and
- Duly and previously authorized transitory entrances regarding labor, economic, business or judicial related affairs.

Currently, other foreign nationals are still forbidden to enter Uruguay.

This new decree aims to protect the Uruguayan population and control and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. (See GMS [Flash Alert 2020-133](#) (31 March 2020) for prior coverage of Uruguayan travel restrictions.)

WHY THIS MATTERS

Travel restrictions have considerable impact on globally-mobile employees between Uruguay and the world. Employees and their families from all over may experience some anxiety and inconvenience.

To stem the spread of the coronavirus, travel continues to be restricted, though it is expected that new exceptions will arise in due course.

Awareness is vital to help minimize disruptions to operations and to manage associated risks and costs.

KPMG NOTE

Due to the rapid development of the novel coronavirus situation, many companies have been undertaking business continuity planning to protect their staff and mitigate the impact on their business operations. In light of the concerns around international assignees – including business travelers – in affected areas, the KPMG People Services team in the People’s Republic of China developed a booklet, “[Coronavirus: Protect Your Staff and Your Business](#)” (February 2020), highlighting the key considerations for these issues from high level tax, legal, and immigration perspectives.

FOOTNOTE:

1 See the decree on the Uruguayan Presidency’s website (in Spanish): https://medios.presidencia.gub.uy/legal/2020/decretos/06/min_62.pdf.

For a media report of the updated decree (in Spanish), see “Gobierno actualizó decreto que establece que extranjeros pueden ingresar al país” in *El País* (online) 8 June 2020 at: <https://www.elpais.com.uy/informacion/politica/gobierno-actualizo-decreto-establece-extranjeros-ingresar-pais.html>. (Note that this is a 3rd party (non-governmental, non-KPMG) website. Providing this link does not represent an endorsement of this website by KPMG.)

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