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Brazil – COVID-19: News for Short-Stay Travelers, Travel Restrictions Extended

On August 26, the Brazilian authorities published a note in the country's Official Gazette extending the restriction on foreign nationals entering Brazil for 30 more days.¹ The extended restriction will last until September 26.

The note specifies that foreign nationals who come for business/tourism purposes for short stays (up to 90 days) must present proof of medical insurance meeting certain minimum requirements.

The Brazilian government has updated the list of locations that cannot receive international flights. Foreign nationals with a granted Brazilian entry visa (e.g., work visa, student visa, etc.) may still fly to Brazilian territory.

Depending on the Brazilian Federative Unit, the Federal Police are accepting requests for visa registrations as they are including time slots on their website for new applications, as part of a plan to gradually resume their usual timeframes and activities.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The Brazilian government is continuing to take steps toward re-opening of Brazil's borders and rebooting its economy. The new rules directly affect short-stay visitors coming as business/tourism travelers by imposing specific requirements in terms of the medical insurance that must be presented to enter Brazilian territory. Travelers planning to enter the country will need to make sure their proof of insurance meets the criteria.

More Details

Medical Insurance Requirements

The medical insurance presented at the Brazilian border:

1. must be valid for the entire period of the trip;
2. must have minimum coverage of BRL 30,000.00; and
3. must be issued in Portuguese or English.

Entering through Specific Airports

No international flights are permitted into airports located in the following Brazilian Federative Units: Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins during this restriction. The Paraíba Federative Unit is now open to receive international flights.

Federal Police

Depending on the progression of the coronavirus in some cities in Brazil and the sanitary/health protocols of each jurisdiction, some specific Federal Police units might remain closed² or attend only to urgent or scheduled cases.

KPMG NOTE

Travelers seeking to enter Brazil should regularly check the latest information made available by the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate about entry and exit from the country and the restoration of passport and visa services.

The KPMG International member firm in Brazil continues to monitor the situation around travel and border restrictions and will endeavor to keep readers of *GMS Flash Alert* apprised of any new developments.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See the Brazilian government announcement of August 26, [Portaria N° 419/2020](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 26/08/2020, Edição: 164-A. For prior coverage of travel restrictions, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2020-348](#) (August 7, 2020), [2020-312](#) (July 10, 2020), [2020-284](#) (June 17, 2020) and [2020-119](#) (March 26, 2020).

2 See (in Portuguese) “Polícia Federal altera o atendimento do passaporte e aos estrangeiros em virtude da pandemia” (*publicado em 24/03/2020; atualizado em 17/04/2020*) in the [Federal Police news](#).

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