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Brazil – COVID-19: Health Insurance Policies No Longer Required for Visitors

On October 5, the Brazilian authorities published a new note (or “ordinance”) in the country’s Official Gazette extending the restriction on foreign nationals entering Brazil for 30 more days, until November 4, 2020.¹ Additionally, this new ordinance has withdrawn the prior requirement of presenting a health insurance policy for visitors.

In a previous ordinance,² the Brazilian government established no restrictions for travelers who had been granted Brazilian entry visas to fly into and out of Brazilian territory. Therefore, there are currently no further requirements for individuals holding previously-granted Brazilian visas, but visitors without valid visas may not enter the country until further notice.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The ordinance dated October 5 facilitates traveling to Brazil, as it removed the health insurance policies requirement for visitors entering or leaving Brazil, providing they have already been granted a Brazilian visa.

However, it should be noted that the flight restrictions to Brazil continue for those without a previously-granted visa.

KPMG NOTE

The authorities are constantly updating the rules in response to the changing pandemic situation. Travelers seeking to enter Brazil should regularly check the latest information made available by the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate about entry into 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 October 5, [*Portaria N° 470/2020*](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 05/10/2020, *Edição*: 191. For prior coverage of travel restrictions, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2020-417](#) (October 1, 2020), [2020-389](#) (September 4, 2020), [2020-348](#) (August 7, 2020), [2020-312](#) (July 10, 2020), [2020-284](#) (June 17, 2020) and [2020-119](#) (March 26, 2020).

2 See the Brazilian government announcement of September 24, [*Portaria N° 456/2020*](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 24/09/2020, *Edição*: 184-A.

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