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## Argentina - Quarantine in Buenos Aires and Travel Restrictions Extended

On 27 February, Argentina's government published in the *Boletín Oficial*, a series of measures extending until 12 March 2021, the lockdown for the Buenos Aires metropolitan region,<sup>1</sup> and travel restrictions into the country by keeping Argentina's borders for tourism closed until 12 March 2021.<sup>2</sup>

Border closures continue for bordering countries and Great Britain by land, air and sea until 12 March 2021. Additionally, the frequency of flights from the United States, Mexico and Europe will remain in a 30-percent capacity, and from Brazil, 50 percent.

(For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2021-004](#), 5 January 2021.)

The measures aim to protect the Argentine population and control and prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

The quarantine measures for Buenos Aires mean that remote working will continue for globally-mobile employees, as well as social distancing, using face masks and gel-alcohol, and avoiding meetings in closed spaces, to prevent the spread of the virus.

The extended travel restrictions will continue to inconvenience globally-mobile employees, their families and employers.

Awareness of these measures is important to help minimize disruptions to operations and to manage associated risks and costs.

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# Travel

The measures to reduce the circulation of individuals in the country include:

1. Borders are closed until 12 March;
2. Flights from the United States, Mexico and Europe have been reduced up to a 30 percent;
3. Flights from Brazil have been reduced up to 50 percent;
4. The ports of entry are: Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Ezeiza), San Fernando International Airport and Buenos Aires Port (Buquebus);
5. For individuals returning to the country, it is necessary to have a negative PCR test and a 7-day quarantine, along with a sworn declaration stating in which country they have been travelling during the last 14 days before the arrival in Argentina.

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## KPMG NOTE

The travel restrictions might be extended or reduced depending on how the spread of COVID-19 evolves around the world.

Investigations and penalties may result from non-compliance with the new rules.

Any individuals impacted by the travel restriction extension may wish to consult with their global mobility advisers and immigration legal counsel as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

The KPMG International member firm in Argentina is tracking these matters closely. We will endeavor to keep readers of *GMS Flash Alert* posted on any important developments as and when they occur.

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## FOOTNOTES:

1 See the “Decreto 125/2021” published (in Spanish) in the *Boletín Oficial* at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/241290/20210228>.

2 See the “Administrative Decision N° 155/2021” published in the *Boletín Oficial* (in Spanish) at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/241291/20210228>, and the “Disposition N° 449/2021” published in the *Boletín Oficial* (in Spanish) at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/241295/20210228>.

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