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Spain – COVID-19: Extension of Travel Restrictions to 30 April

Spanish authorities extended through 30 April 2021, the temporary restrictions placed on non-essential travel from third countries to the European Union (EU) and Schengen associated countries for public health reasons due to the COVID-19 health crisis.¹

Additionally, there are flight limitations and restrictions on travel from South Africa and Brazil until 27 April, with quarantining for international travellers coming from several countries; and the resumption of border controls between Portugal and Spain until 1 May.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The travel restrictions continue to affect employers and their globally mobile employees – especially business travellers – who are doing business in Spain in terms of disruption, inconvenience, new procedures and requirements, and changes to travel plans.

Individuals travelling to Spain and employers sending employees into and out of Spain should stay current with the latest travel restrictions and should consider consulting with their travel agents and/or immigration counsel when planning their travel.

New Extension of Travel Restrictions

The restrictions on non-essential trips will be in effect through 30 April 2021 (many continue to expect that another extension will happen). The notification of an extension is typically officially published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* two days before the end of the previous one. (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-075](#), 8 March 2021.)

Besides the travel restrictions on non-essential travellers and the health measures still in place,² there is a new one

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for those international travellers coming to Spain by land through France:

- Those who arrive from risk zones will need to show a negative PCR to enter Spain.³

Risk zones are those areas of France rated by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control with a risk level of dark red, red, orange or grey, based on the combined indicators set out in Council Recommendation (EU) 2021/119 of 1 February 2021 amending Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475 on a coordinated approach to restricting free movement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correspondingly, there are other measures for international travellers from the following countries:

- There are limitations on flights from Brazil and South Africa until 00:00 (peninsular time) of 27 April 2021 (extension possible as well).⁴
- Portugal and Spain decided to extend land border controls until 00:59 (peninsular time) of 1 May 2021 (extension possible as well).⁵
- Currently (until 24:00 hrs of 3 May) there is a quarantine of 10 days for all international travellers arriving at any airport located in the Kingdom of Spain, with or without intermediate stop-overs, coming from the following countries⁶:

America:

- Federative Republic of Brazil
- Republic of Colombia
- Republic of Peru

Africa:

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| • Republic of Botswana | • Republic of South Africa |
| • Union of Comoros | • United Republic of Tanzania |
| • Republic of Ghana | • Republic of Zambia |
| • Republic of Kenya | • Republic of Zimbabwe |
| • Republic of Mozambique | |

This quarantine will be in force for an initial period of 14 calendar days, which may be extended if the circumstances that underlie it continue.

KPMG NOTE

Any questions or concerns should be directed to your qualified professional adviser or a member of the GMS/People Services team with the KPMG International member firm in Spain (see the Contact Us section).

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 For the Spanish order, please visit: [Orden INT/294/2021, de 26 de marzo.](#)
- 2 For related coverage of the Health Measure, see our earlier report in [GMS Flash Alert 2020-459](#) (16 November 2020).
- 3 For the Spanish order, please visit: [Orden SND/292/2021, de 26 de marzo.](#)
- 4 For the Spanish order, please visit: [Orden PCM/324/2021, de 7 de abril.](#)
- 5 For the Spanish order, please visit: [Orden INT/361/2021, de 15 de abril..](#)
- 6 For the Spanish order, please visit: [Orden SND/363/2021, de 16 de abril.](#)

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