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## Uruguay - Updated Travel Restrictions Imposed Due to COVID-19

On 31 August, the Uruguayan government issued a decree modifying the conditions to enter the country under the national emergency declared as a consequence of COVID-19.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the already-approved exceptions to enter the country (Uruguayan citizens, permanent residents, family reunification cases; and duly and previously-authorized transitory entrances regarding labor, economic, business or judicial affairs), the new decree authorizes foreign nationals (accompanied by spouse or concubine and family members through the second straight line of consanguinity) to enter the country as from 1 September 2021, provided they own real estate located in Uruguay or are shareholders of companies which own real estate located in Uruguay. They must be able to prove this ownership with a notary certificate or sworn statement and a signed affidavit. All foreign nationals entering Uruguay under this new exception must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and perform a COVID-19 test on the seventh day after entering the country or undergo a 14-day quarantine.

All other foreign nationals are still forbidden to enter Uruguay.

(For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-287](#), 18 June 2020.)

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

Travel restrictions have considerable impact on globally-mobile employees between Uruguay and the world. Employees and their families continue to experience disruption in their work and travel plans.

Although travel restrictions due to the pandemic are still in place, it is expected that new exceptions to the prohibition on entering the country will be authorized soon. Awareness is vital to help manage disruptions to operations, along with associated risks and costs.

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## KPMG NOTE

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

The KPMG International member firm in Uruguay 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 decree on the website of Uruguay's Presidency (in Spanish): [https://medios.presidencia.gub.uy/legal/2021/decretos/08/min\\_199.pdf](https://medios.presidencia.gub.uy/legal/2021/decretos/08/min_199.pdf).

See comments of the Tourism Minister: <https://www.gub.uy/presidencia/comunicacion/noticias/tramites-para-ingreso-extranjeros-propiedades-pais-se-realizaran-internet>.

For a media report of the updated decree (in Spanish), see "¿Cómo tienen que hacer los extranjeros para ingresar a Uruguay" in *El País* (online) 30 August at: <https://www.elpais.com.uy/informacion/sociedad/extranjeros-ingresar-uruguay.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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