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Brazil – COVID-19: No More Travel Ban, Antigen Test Now Allowed

The Brazilian authorities published a new note (or “ordinance”) in the country’s official gazette on October 5, 2021, updating the travel restrictions for foreign nationals arriving in Brazil.¹ The decrease in SARS-CoV-2 cases in Brazil, and the current advance on the vaccination of the population worldwide, led to an update regarding travel restrictions.

India, United Kingdom and South Africa have been removed from the travel ban list. Therefore, there is no country with travel restrictions regarding travel to Brazil.

The new ordinance has also introduced the possibility of presenting a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test issued no later than 24 hours before the travel date. The individual may choose between presenting this test result, or to present a negative RT-PCR test issued no later than 72 hours before the flight date.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The new decision should bring relief to all travelers planning a flight to Brazil. It also affects employers and their globally-mobile employees as they do not have to consider any travel ban list so far.

In addition, the possibility of presenting a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test – as an alternative do the RT-PCT test – may help those individuals who have scheduled trips to the country, by introducing greater flexibility.

More Details

In addition to the travel-ban-list update and the test alternatives, the new ordinance confirms that the Traveler’s Health declaration continues to be required. It should be filled in accordance to the model provided by the Brazilian sanitary

authorities and presented to the airlines before boarding.²

Also, the updated ordinance indicates the possibility that the Brazilian authorities could restrict travelers who do not comply with the adopted measures, forcing them, potentially, to leave Brazilian territory.

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° 658/2021](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 05/10/2021, Edição: 189-C.

2 For prior coverage of travel restrictions, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2021-223](#) (August 30, 2021), [2021-147](#) (May 24, 2021), [2021-094](#) (March 25, 2021), [2021-047](#) (February 5, 2021), [2021-025](#) (January 15, 2021), [2021-007](#) (January 5, 2021), [2020-501](#) (December 22, 2020), [2020-469](#) (November 25, 2020), [2020-425](#) (October 9, 2020), [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).

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