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Brazil – COVID-19: Travel Restrictions for Southern African Nations Lifted

The Brazilian authorities published new notes (or “ordinances”) in the country’s official gazette on January 21, 2022, removing the travel restrictions for foreign nationals of southern African Nations arriving in Brazil.¹

The African nations of Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe have been removed from the travel restriction list. Therefore, there are no longer countries with travel restrictions regarding travel to Brazil.

The ordinances continue to require a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test issued no later than 24 hours before the travel date or a negative RT-PCR test issued no later than 72 hours before the flight for foreign nationals and Brazilian individuals. They also confirm that the Traveler’s Health declaration continues to be required.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The relaxation on restrictions around travel may be welcome news for travelers from the above-noted – and other – southern African countries.

Individuals scheduling trips to the country and companies planning to resume their global-mobility programs need to be aware of the updates and current restrictions and conditions before traveling to Brazil.²

Also, any individuals scheduling trips to the country – regardless of their nationality – should be aware of the updates and current restrictions and conditions concerning the SARS-CoV-2 negative tests and vaccination certificates.

It is advisable that travelers – including mobile employees – consult with their travel agents and immigration counsel prior to making plans for travel to Brazil.

More Details

Furthermore, the ordinances continue to indicate the possibility that the Brazilian authorities could restrict travelers not complying with the adopted measures, forcing them 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 announcements of January 20, [Portaria N° 666/2022](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 01/21/2022, Edição 15, [Portaria N° 661/2021](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 12/08/2021, Edição: 231, and of December 10, [Portaria N° 662/2021](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 10/12/2021, Edição: 232-B.

2 For prior coverage of travel restrictions, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2021-311](#) (December 20, 2021), [2021-301](#) (December 3, 2021), [2021-257](#) (October 12, 2021), [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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