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Brazil - COVID-19: Travel Restrictions Eased and Immigration Deadlines Extended

The Brazilian authorities published new notes (or “ordinances”) in the country’s official gazette on March 16, 2022¹ and April 1, 2022,² easing some travel restrictions for individuals interested in travelling to Brazil and extending some immigration deadlines.

In response to a more favorable SARS-CoV-2 pandemic scenario in Brazil, the new ordinances eased the requirements for all travelers as of April 1. They may now:

- present a vaccination certificate with at least one shot of an approved vaccine taken 14 days before the travel date; or
- present negative antigen or RT-PCR tests issued no later than 24 hours before the travel date – when not possible to present a vaccination certificate.

Moreover, the ordinances confirm that immigration documents which expired after March 16, 2020, will be considered valid and useable until September 15, 2022, if the foreign national is currently residing in Brazil and has not traveled outside of Brazilian territory for more than 30 days.

WHY THIS MATTERS

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.

Also, the extension of the immigration deadlines affects all foreign travelers who arrived in Brazil during the pandemic and remain living in the country currently. It also affects employers and their globally-mobile employees as they now have an additional period to regularize their workforce and bring them into compliance.

More Details

The ordinances continue to indicate the possibility that the Brazilian authorities could restrict travelers not complying with the adopted measures, potentially forcing them to leave the Brazilian territory.

Additionally, foreign individuals who regularize their immigration documents within the extended period will not be penalized for delays in undertaking the required procedures.

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 (in Portuguese) the Brazilian government announcement of March 16, 2022, [Portaria N° 28/2022](#), as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 16/03/2022, Edição: 51.

2. See (in Portuguese) the Brazilian government announcement of April 1, 2022, [Portaria N° 670/2022](#), as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 01/04/2021, Edição: 63-B.

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