



EMBASSY OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

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To: **Ethiopian Airlines**  
**Addis Ababa**

Dear Sir /Madam,

The Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil presents its compliments to the Ethiopian Airlines and has the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, an ordinance on the exceptional and temporary restriction on the entry of foreigners of any nationality in to Brazil as a measure taken for the prevention and control of COVID-19 Pandemic in the country.

The Embassy of Brazil in Addis Ababa avails itself of the opportunity to renew to Ethiopian Airlines the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Encl: A copy of the Ordinance

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INTERMINISTERIAL ORDINANCE CC-PR/MJSP/MS No. 654, PUBLISHED ON MAY 28, 2021

It provides for the exceptional and temporary restriction on the entry of foreigners of any nationality into the country, as recommended by the National Health Surveillance Agency ["Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária"] - Anvisa.

THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF THE CIVIL HOUSE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC, OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SECURITY AND OF HEALTH, in the use of the powers conferred on them by art. 87, sole paragraph, items I and II, of the Constitution, and art. 3, art. 37 and art. 47 of Law No. 13,844, of 18 June 2019, and in view of the provisions of art. 3, caput, item VI, of Law No. 13,979, of 6 February 2020, and

Considering the declaration of public health emergency of international importance by the World Health Organization on 30 January 2020, due to the human infection by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (covid-19);

Considering that it is a principle of the Public Security and Social Defense National Policy, foreseen in item VI of the caput of art. 4 of Law No. 13,675, of 11 June 2018, efficiency in preventing and reducing risks in emergency situations that may affect people's lives;

Considering the need to make health measures effective in order to respond to the covid-19 pandemic as provided for in Ordinance No. 356/GM/MS, of 11 March 2020, of the Ministry of Health;

Considering that transit and international passenger transportation and transportation, storage, delivery and logistics of cargo in general are defined as public services and essential activities, as described in items V and XXII of § 1 of art. 3 of Decree nº 10.282, of March 20, 2020; and

Considering the recommendation of the National Health Surveillance Agency - Anvisa to exceptionally and temporarily restrict the entry into the country, and

Considering the epidemiological impact that the new SARS-CoV-2 strain, identified in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the republic of South Africa and the Republic of India may cause in the current scenario experienced in the country, resolve:

Art. 1. This Ordinance provides for the exceptional and temporary restriction on the entry of foreigners of any nationality into the country, pursuant to the provisions of item VI of the caput of art. 3 of Law No. 13,979, of February 6 2020, as a result of a technical and reasoned recommendation from the National Health Surveillance Agency - Anvisa for health reasons related to the risks of contamination and dissemination of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (covid-19).

Art. 2. The entry into the country of foreigners of any nationality, by road, by any other terrestrial means or by water transport is restricted.

Art. 3. The restrictions referred to in this Ordinance do not apply to:

- I - Brazilian citizens, by birth or naturalized;
- II - immigrant holding permanent residence in Brazilian territory, for a fixed or indefinite period;



III - foreign professional on a mission in the service of an international organization, as long as duly identified;

IV - foreign employee accredited to the Brazilian Government; and

V - foreigner:

a) who is the spouse, partner, son, father or legal guardian of a Brazilian citizen;

b) whose entry is specifically authorized by the Brazilian Government in view of public interest or for humanitarian reasons; and

c) who is the bearer of the National Migration Registry ["Registro Nacional Migratório"]; and

VI - cargo transportation.

§1. The restrictions provided for in this Ordinance do not prevent the disembarkation, authorized by the Federal Police, of maritime crew for medical assistance or for connection of air returning to the country of origin in relation to operational issues or termination of employment contract.

§2. The authorization referred to in § 2 is subject to a term of responsibility for the expenses resulting from the transshipment signed by the maritime agent, with the prior consent of the local health authorities, and the presentation of the corresponding air tickets.

§3. In the event of entry into the country by road, other land or waterway transport, the exceptions referred to in item II and paragraphs "a" and "c" of item V of the caput do not apply to foreigners from the Bolivarian Republic from Venezuela.

Art. 4. The restrictions mentioned in this Ordinance do not prevent:

I - the execution of cross-border humanitarian actions previously authorized by the local health authorities;

II - the traffic of border residents in twin cities, upon presentation of a border resident document or other supporting document, provided that reciprocity in the treatment of Brazilians by the neighboring country is guaranteed; and

III - the free traffic of road cargo transportation, even if the driver does not fit the roll referred to in art. 3, in the manner provided for in the legislation.

Single paragraph. The provisions of item II of the caput do not apply to the border with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Art. 5. Exceptionally, the foreigner who is in a land border country and needs to cross it to board a flight back to his country of residence may enter the Federative Republic of Brazil with authorization from the Federal Police.

Single paragraph. In the predicted in the caput hypothesis:

I - the foreigner must go directly to the airport;



II - there must be an official demand from the embassy or consulate of the country of residence;  
and

III - the corresponding air tickets must be presented.

Art. 6. The restrictions referred to in this Ordinance do not prevent foreigners from entering the country by land, between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Paraguay, provided that the migratory requirements appropriate to their condition are observed, including that of having an entry visa, when required by the Brazilian legal system.

Art. 7. The restrictions referred to in this Ordinance do not prevent foreigners from entering the country by air, provided that the migratory requirements appropriate to their condition are observed, including that of having an entry visa, when required by the Brazilian legal system.

§1. For the purpose of the caput, the passenger of international origin, Brazilian citizen or foreigner, must present to the airline responsible for the flight, before boarding:

I – Documentary evidence of a RT- PCR laboratorial test, for purposes of tracking of infection by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), with negative or non-reagent result, undertaken 72 hours prior boarding, observing the following criteria:

- a) The document must be presented in Portuguese, Spanish or English;
- b) The test must be conducted by a laboratory recognized by the health authorities of the country of boarding;
- c) In the hypotheses of a flight with connections or transit in which the passenger remains in the restricted area at the airport, the period of 72 hours must be considered in view of the time of boarding in the first part of the journey;
- d) The passenger who spends more than 72 hours since undertaking the RT-PCR test in immigration and customs procedures must present documentary evidence of a new test with negative or non-reagent result for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) in order to embark to the Federal Republic of Brazil;
- e) Children under twelve years of age travelling accompanied are exempt from presenting documentary evidence of a RT- PCR laboratorial test, as long as all of their companions present documentary evidence of a RT- PCR laboratorial test with negative or non-reagent result for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), undertaken 72 hours prior boarding;
- f) Children who are two years old or older and younger than twelve years old travelling unaccompanied must present documentary evidence of a RT- PCR laboratorial test with negative or non-reagent result for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), undertaken 72 hours prior boarding;
- g) Children under two years of age are exempt from presenting documentary evidence of a RT-PCR laboratorial test to travel to the Federative Republic of Brazil;
- h) airline crew are exempt from presenting proof of laboratorial test RT-PCR, as long as they comply with the following protocol:
  1. Absence of social contact and self-isolation while on Brazilian soil during transport between the airport and the hotel, when necessary – the airline operator must provide the transport between the aircraft and the crew's individual accommodations in a private means of transportation and guarantee that the hygiene measures are taken and that physical distancing among people is assured from the origin to the destiny.



2. Absence of social contact and self-isolation while staying on Brazilian soil in the accommodation – the crew must remain in residence or hotel room, in the latter case, the following must be observed:
    - 2.1. the accommodation will be occupied by only one crew member;
    - 2.2. the accommodation will be sanitized before and after its occupation;
    - 2.3. the crew will not use the common facilities of the hotel;
    - 2.4. the crew will have their meals inside their accommodation;
    - 2.5. in case room service is not available, the crew member will request “to go” meals;
  3. Care with health and self-monitoring – the crew must:
    - 3.1. regularly monitor symptoms, including fever and other symptoms associated with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19);
    - 3.2. avoid contact with the public and other crew members;
    - 3.3. remain in their hotel room, except to seek medical care or to execute essential activities;
    - 3.4. wash their hands frequently with water and soap, whenever possible, or use hand sanitizer;
    - 3.5. wear masks, and
    - 3.6. observe physical distancing whenever it is necessary to leave the hotel;
  4. In the case of symptoms – in case the crew presents symptoms associated with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) within the Brazilian territory, they must:
    - 4.1. communicate the fact to the airline operator;
    - 4.2. seek medical assistance in order to evaluate the possible contamination by coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19); and
    - 4.3. in the case of a positive result, cooperate with additional monitoring, in accordance with the protocols adopted by the local health system;
  5. Occupational health – the following measures will be adopted:
    - 5.1 the responsible for the occupational health programs aimed at the airline operators will maintain permanent contact with the crews, as to assure the self-monitoring to be executed by their collaborators as well as the execution of health protocols that reduce the risk factors associated with the exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19); and
    - 5.2. the airline operator will implement an education program with the goal of orienting the crews about health measures to be adopted while combating SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19);
  6. Management plan for crew members health – it is the airline operator’s responsibility:
    - 6.1. elaborate and maintain a permanent management plan for crew members health, with risk evaluation regarding exposure of crew to SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19);
    - 6.2. demonstrate, whenever requested, documental proof of the implementation of mitigation measures regarding SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), without prejudice to inspection actions, monitoring and control to be executed by the competent authorities; and
- II. Documental proof, printed or in electronic format, of the “Declaração de Saúde do Viajante – DSV”, to be filled out within 72 hours before boarding to the Federative Republic of Brazil, in accordance with the health measures that must be observed during their time in the country.



§ 2. The traveler referred to in this article will be exempt from observing the measures set in § 1 in the hypothesis of technical stops, within Brazilian territory, of aircrafts coming from abroad, provided there is no disembarkation of travelers without prior authorization by the health authorities.

§3. International flights destined to the federative republic of Brazil, coming or passing through the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the republic of South Africa and the Republic of India are temporarily forbidden.

I. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the operation of cargo flights, manipulated by personnel wearing individual protection equipment (IPE), in which case the crew must comply with the following specific protocols:

- a) filling out the “Declaração de Saúde do Viajante -DSV” as provided in article 7, item II of this ordinance, being exempt from presenting proof of a laboratorial RT-PCR test, as long as they comply with the protocol from article 7, item I, item h, if applicable;
- b) the disembarkation of crew members is not authorized, except in case of emergency, previously authorized by the local health authority, situation that will require a 14 days quarantine, under the guidance and monitoring of the health authorities of the respective federation state or municipality. In case the emergency disembarkation only comprises transit within the airport, the crew member must constantly wear a facial mask and social distance;
- c) if necessary, the supply of food and water will be provided by workers wearing individual protection equipment (IPE), resting forbidden the disembarkation of trolleys that transport the crew's food;
- d) the removal of solid residues and effluents generated aboard is not allowed, as well as procedures of cleaning or disinfection of the aircraft, except in cases to be determined by the local health authority; and
- e) in case the presence of local workers is required aboard, the captain of the aircraft must assure that all applicable mitigating measures are observed.

§4 The authorization for boarding to the Federative Republic of Brazil of foreign travelers, coming from or passing through the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the republic of South Africa and the Republic of India within the past 14 days, is temporarily suspended.

§5 The migration authority, when provoked by the health authority, may prevent the entry into the Brazilian territory of people not listed in article 3 who do not comply with the requirements provided by §1 or those who do not comply with what is provided by §4.

§6 The traveler who fits into what is provided by article 3, with origin or history of passage through the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the republic of South Africa and the Republic of India within the past 14 days, when entering Brazilian territory, must remain in quarantine for 14 days.

Art. 8. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance will imply, for the offending agent:

I - civil, administrative and criminal liability;



II - repatriation or immediate deportation; and

III - disqualification of asylum applications.

Art. 9. Norms and technical orientation may be elaborated by the Ministries in order to complement the provisions of this ordinance, as long as the scope of competence of each Ministry is observed.

§1. The regulatory bodies may edit norms complementary to the provisions of this Ordinance, including sanitary rules on procedures, vessels and operations.

§2. The technical orientation provided by the Ministries and regulatory agencies before the entry into force of this ordinance remain valid.

Art. 10. The Ministries may forward to the Ministry of Presidential Chief of Staff, in a reasoned manner, cases omitted in this ordinance and requests for exceptional cases regarding the compliance with health determinations, the public interest or humanitarian issues.

§1. The Ministry of Presidential Chief of Staff will request, in a timely manner, the manifestation:

- I. of the National Health Agency;
- II. of other agencies that pertain to the case, if necessary; and
- III. of the Ministries that co-sign this ordinance.

§2. The decision, by consensus, of the co-signing Ministries, will be conveyed by the Ministry of Presidential Chief of Staff.

Art. 11. The Ministries must adopt the necessary measures to comply with what is established in this Ordinance, within their respective attributions.

Art. 12. Ordinance No. 653, of May 14, 2021, of the Ministers of State Chief of Staff to the Presidency of the Republic, Justice and Public Security and Health is hereby revoked.

Art. 13. This Ordinance comes into force on the date of its publication

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