Dear colleagues,

we would like to inform you that an amendment to the entry regulations of the Ministry of Health will come into force on January 15, 2021.

This provides for mandatory electronic registration (pre-travel clearance, PTC) before entering Austria from January 15, 2021, 00:00. The electronic PTC registration form will be available in German and English. Entrants are obliged to present the confirmation of transmission from the PTC system electronically or in print out during an inspection. No registration is required if the entry is made for unforeseeable, urgent reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration within the family. The registration requirement also does not apply to transit passengers or passengers passing through, commuter traffic, animal care, the maintenance of goods and passenger traffic and individual other exceptions. You can find detailed information about the exemptions in the FAQs of the Ministry of Health.

Registered data will be deleted after 28 days after entry. Furthermore, people who have stayed in regions that are subject to a travel warning due to the COVID-19 pandemic must start a ten-day (home) quarantine immediately after entering Austria. The quarantine can be ended if a PCR or antigen test is carried out no earlier than the fifth day after entry and the test result is negative (the day of entry is considered day 0).

Excluded from the quarantine obligation are, among other things, entries for professional reasons, people who are in transit, and people who travel as companions in medical emergencies. They are allowed to enter the country with a negative PCR or antigen test without being obliged to quarantine. This test must not be older than 72 hours at the time of entry.

Due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), travel warnings apply to almost all countries in the world. This does not apply to Australia, Finland, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea and the Vatican as well as Ireland and Uruguay until January 15, 2021. From January 15, 2021, 00:00 a.m., Australia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Korea and the Vatican are excluded from the travel warning. NOTAM and TIMATIC will be updated in due course.

Links:

- PTC German: https://www.sozialministerium.at/PTC-Formular-de
- PTC English: https://www.sozialministerium.at/PTC-Form-en
- FAQ: https://tinyurl.com/ENTRYREQAT2021

With best regards,
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