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To: **Airlines**
Ground Handling Companies

Re: **Update of the Restriction of Entry and Exit from Israel Regulations**

1. Starting November 29, 2021 at midnight, the Restrictions on Exit from Israel Regulations, the Public Health (Home Isolation) Order and the Guidelines for Entry of Foreigners Into Israel will be updated.
2. Attached is a concentration of the guidelines and rules applying to the airlines and passengers under the orders and regulations.
3. Guidelines for passengers entering from red countries:
 - Foreigners are prohibited from entering Israel, except with the approval of the Population and Immigration Authority's Exceptions Committee.
 - Anyone who, in the past two weeks, has stayed in a red country is required to isolate at a state-sponsored COVID-19 motel until receiving a negative result of the PCR test administered at Ben Gurion International Airport, after which they may go on completing full isolation (14 days) or 7 days subject to an additional negative PCR test on the seventh day of isolation). The isolation will take place at a location where no people other than the isolating person reside or stay.
 - Verified patients arriving from red countries will continue their isolation period at a COVID-19 motel for verified patients.
4. Guidelines for passengers entering from other countries (non-red countries):
 - Vaccinated passengers or passengers holding a valid certificate of convalescence are required to isolate at home for 3 days subject to undergoing a PCR test and receiving a negative result on the third day of isolation.
 - Non-vaccinated or non-recovered passengers are required to isolate at home (7 days, subject to two negative tests or full isolation of 14 days).
 - A passenger who does not undergo the second test will be required to complete full isolation (14 days).
 - The list of red countries includes all *African* countries except Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Egypt, Ceuta and Melilla, Western Sahara, Sudan and Tunisia. For a full list, see the annex.

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5. Guidelines for departing passengers:

- Departing passengers are required to fill out a Departing Passenger Statement up to 24 hours before takeoff.
- Citizens and residents of Israel are prohibited from leaving Israel to travel to red countries, except with the approval of the Exceptions Committee.

6. Guidelines on entering and departing passenger processes

Departing passenger process:

- + Passengers departing Israel are required to provide a Departing Passenger Statement up to 24 hours from the time of the flight (citizens and residents of Israel over the age of 16).
- + Citizens and residents of Israel are prohibited from leaving the country to travel to maximum-risk countries in accordance with the announcement issued by the Ministry of Health, except with advance approval of the Exceptions Committee – responsibility of the air carrier.
- + PCR test documents, certificate of vaccination/recovery, other instructions according to the country of destination – are the air carrier's responsibility according to the requirement of the country of destination.
- + Entry into the terminal – entry of chaperones and welcomers is prohibited.
- + Masks – Everyone present in the terminal is required to wear masks.
- + Passengers not vaccinated/recovered in Israel are required to undergo a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the flight.

Entering passenger process:

- + Air carrier's responsibility: Passengers are required to fill out an Entry into Israel Statement up to 24 hours of takeoff.
- + On entering Israel, passengers will be checked by the Population and Immigration Authority according to the country where the passenger stayed during the 14 days preceding the flight, and will accordingly be directed to isolate at home or at a COVID-19 motel.
- + All entering passengers are required to undergo a PCR test as part of the entering passenger process at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- + Registration and payment for PCR tests is done in advance on the website of the sampling company – Femi Premium.
- + Masks – Everyone present in the terminal is required to wear masks.

Air carrier's responsibility:

- + Entering passenger:
- + Allowing foreign passengers to board the flight is prohibited, except those holding a certificate from the Exceptions Committee.
- + Passengers' Entry into Israel Statements will be checked in the country of origin before flying to Israel.
- + A valid negative PCR test administered within 72 hours prior to boarding the plane, or an antigen test administered within 24 hours prior to the flight.
- + Departing passenger:

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- ✚ Check passengers' Departing Passenger Statements and Exceptions Committee certificates (for passengers departing to a red country).
- ✚ Document checks for vaccinated and recovered passengers according to the requirement of the country of destination for a passenger leaving Israel.

Air crew members:

Air crews staying in another country for over 72 hours and arriving in Israel for a period of over 72 hours are required to undergo a negative PCR test administered within 72 hours before the flight or an antigen test within 24 hours before the flight.

A crew member entering Israel in their capacity, on a commercially operated aircraft, will not be required to undergo testing on entering Israel if they have a negative finding of a test administered to them within the seven days preceding the date of their entry into Israel.

IF arriving from a high COVID-19 risk country, the crew member will be exempt from PCR test upon arrival only if he/she did not leave the departure airport area between flights.

7. Links:

- Link to Departing Passenger Statement:
<https://www.gov.il/he/service/request-depart-from-israel-covid19>
- Link to Departing Passenger Exceptions Committee:
<https://govforms.gov.il/mw/forms/LeavingTheCountryApp@piba.gov.il#!applicantDetails>
- Link to Entering Passenger Exceptions Committee:
<https://govforms.gov.il/mw/forms/knialisrael@mofa.gov.il>
- Ministry of Health's guidelines for entering passengers:
<https://corona.health.gov.il/directives/air-travel-covid19-green/?tab=isolation>
- Link to Entering Passenger Statement:
https://corona.health.gov.il/flights/?utm_source=go.gov.il&utm_medium=referral

8. **General**

- The direct flights entering from red countries will undergo the entering passenger process in Terminal 1.
- Domestic flights will undergo the entering passenger process in Terminal 3.
- Entering private flights – the entering passenger process, border control and COVID-19 testing will take place in Terminal 3 only.
- Passengers directed to a COVID-19 motel who have left their car in the airport's parking lots will be exempt from paying for this period.

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RED COUNTRIES LIST ANNEX

Angola, Uganda, Seychelles, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Eswatini, Botswana, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Benin, Ghana, Gabon, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, South Africa, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo (Congo-Brazzaville), Zimbabwe, Zambia, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Tanzania, Cape Verde, Liberia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mali, Madagascar, Mozambique, Malawi, Lesotho, Nigeria, Niger, Namibia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Somalia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Saint Helena (UK), Chad, Comoros, Kenya, Cameroon, Réunion (France), Rwanda.