

Dear All,

Having checked with the Korea Centre for Disease Control (KCDC), we are advised that foreigners entering Korea from the below 8 countries, a document confirming negative COVID-19 PCR test result (within 48 hours prior to departure) from designated clinic/centre is required for boarding of flight & entry into Korea. Details of the designated clinics/centre should be obtained from the Korean embassy of respective country of departure.

List as updated on 12th August 2020

- Pakistan
- Bangladesh
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Uzbekistan
- Philippine
- Russia
- India

KCDC would not confirm whether other countries not listed above would require similar documentation and instead, guided us to check with the Korean embassy of each respective country for most updated details regarding documentation requirements. KCDC warns that the list and conditions are continuously changing on a weekly basis and enquiries to the embassies should be made sufficiently in advance.

Please also note that the previous restrictions on entry/visa/passport regarding Hubei province of China have been lifted as of 10th August 2020.

In respect to disembarkation of crew at Korean ports (i.e. not passenger), due to different standards applied by each regional National Quarantine Stations (NQS), we cannot provide comments on general disembarkation procedures to be expected. We would recommend that the Member check with the local agent of the calling ports for details on the vessel quarantine procedures of the specific port in question. However, we can advise that upon successfully disembarking the vessel following the vessel quarantine standard applied, the crew will be transported to a government designated facility specific for seafarers for isolation/quarantine of 10-14 days. These facilities are not always available due to lack of rooms and in such case, the crew must wait on board the vessel until a room becomes available.

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