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## The Federal Ministry of Health

### Ordinance

#### **on protection against infection risks related to entry to Germany with regard to novel mutations of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus subsequent to the determination of an epidemic situation of national significance by the German Bundestag (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance [*Coronavirus-Schutzverordnung – CoronaSchV*])**

of 21 December 2020

The Federal Government herewith orders as follows on the basis of section 36 subsection (10), first sentence, number 1(c), as well as number 2(a), of the Infection Protection Act (*Infektionsschutzgesetz*) of 20 July 2000 (Federal Law Gazette [BGBl.] Part I p. 1045), recast by Article 1 number 18(d) of the Act of 18 November 2020 (Federal Law Gazette Part I p. 2397):

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#### Section 1

##### **Obligations incumbent on persons entering Germany subsequent to a stay in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or in the Republic of South Africa**

(1) Persons who have entered the Federal Republic of Germany since 22 December 2020 and have spent time in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or in the Republic of South Africa in the last ten days prior to entry to Germany shall be obliged, on entry, to submit proof within the meaning of subsection (2) to the competent health office (*Gesundheitsamt*), or to the other agency appointed by the *Land* as constituting the competent authority within the meaning of the Protection against Infection Act.

(2) Proof shall be deemed to be constituted by a negative test result with regard to the direct pathogen detection of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. Proof in accordance with the first sentence shall be presented on entry in paper form, or in an electronic document, in German or English. The test procedure on which the test result in accordance with the first sentence is based may have been carried out a maximum of 48 hours prior to entry, or must be carried out on entry to the Federal Republic of Germany. The test used must satisfy the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, which are published on its website at <https://www.rki.de/tests>.

(3) In the case of direct entry from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or from the Republic of South Africa, proof within the meaning of subsection (2) shall be presented during entry checking to the authority tasked with effecting cross-border immigration checks, for the purpose of verification.

(4) This shall be without prejudice to any obligation to isolate ordered in accordance with Land law subsequent to a stay in the territories designated in subsection (1).

#### Section 2

##### **Ban on transportation**

Enterprises conveying passengers by rail, bus, ship or air from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or from the Republic of South Africa shall be obliged to discontinue conveyance from the aforementioned countries to the Federal Republic of Germany. In derogation from the first sentence, persons with a domicile and a right of residence in Germany may be conveyed from 1 January 2021 onwards. To this end, planned flights must be reported three days in advance to, and approved by, the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, or to a lower authority designated by the latter.

#### Section 3

##### **Exceptions**

Section 2, first sentence, shall not apply in the following cases:

1. postal, freight or unladen transportation exclusively,
2. repatriation of aircraft, ships and crews,



3. conveyance of medical staff in the interest of public health; air ambulances and flights transporting organ transplants, as well as necessary accompanying staff,
4. flights undertaken for humanitarian reasons,
5. flights on behalf of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as of the United Nations and their organisations.

#### Section 4

##### **Administrative offences**

An administrative offence within the meaning of section 73 subsection (1a) number 24 of the Infection Protection Act shall be deemed to have been committed by anyone who, intentionally or negligently,

1. fails to submit proof, or to do so in good time, in contravention of section 1 subsection (1) or subsection (3), or
2. fails to discontinue conveyance in contravention of section 2, first sentence.

#### Section 5

##### **Entry into force; expiry**

The present Ordinance shall enter into force on 22 December 2020; it shall cease to be effective on rescission of the determination of an epidemic situation of national significance by the German Bundestag in accordance with section 5 subsection (1), second sentence, of the Protection against Infection Act, otherwise on expiry of 6 January 2021 at the latest.

Berlin, 21 December 2020

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