

DECISION no. 43 of 01.07.2021 on the approval of the list of countries / territories of high epidemiological risk, the criteria on the basis of which they are established, as well as the rules for applying the quarantine measure on persons arriving from them in Romania

Considering the adoption of measures for the implementation of the European framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of the EU digital certificate on COVID to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the proposals made during the meetings of the Technical and Scientific Support Group ,

having regard to the proposals of the National Institute of Public Health regarding the countries / areas / territories with a high epidemiological risk for which the quarantine measure is established on persons arriving in Romania from them,

In accordance with Art. 4 para. (1) lit. c) and art. 81 of the O.U.G. no. 21/2004 on the National Emergency Management System, with subsequent amendments and completions,

pursuant to the provisions of art. 4 and art. 11 para. (1) of Law no. 136/2020 republished, regarding the establishment of measures in the field of public health in situations of epidemiological and biological risk, of art. 20 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 21/2004 on the National Emergency Management System, approved with amendments and completions by Law no. 15/2005, with subsequent amendments and completions, and of art. 2 and art. 4 of the Government Decision no. 94/2014 on the organization, functioning and composition of the National Committee for Special Emergency Situations,

The National Committee for Emergency Situations adopts

Art.1 - (1) The list and classification of countries / territories of epidemiological risk are approved in order to establish the persons on whom the measure of 14-day quarantine is established regarding those who arrive in Romania from them, provided in the annex to this decision.

(2) The criterion on the basis of which the classification of countries / territories of high epidemiological risk is established, is represented by the cumulative incidence rate of new cases of disease in the last 14 days compared to 1,000 inhabitants.

(3) Based on the criterion provided in par. (2), the National Institute of Public Health, based on indicators published by the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), updates weekly and proposes to the National Committee for Emergency Situations the approval of the classification of countries / territories for which the quarantine measure is established. arrive in Romania from them, according to art. 2.

(4) The classification provided in par. (3) is published on the website www.insp.gov.ro.

Art.2 - (1) The classification of countries / territories of epidemiological risk, depending on the cumulative incidence rate at 14 days, is performed in 3 categories as follows:

a) Green Zone - where the cumulative incidence rate of new cases of disease in the last 14 days per 1,000 inhabitants is less than or equal to 1.5;

b) Yellow Zone - where the cumulative incidence rate of new cases of illness in the last 14 days per 1,000 inhabitants is between 1.5 and 3;

c) Red Zone - where the cumulative incidence rate of new cases of disease in the last 14 days per 1,000 inhabitants is greater than or equal to 3.

(2) The classification from the yellow or green zone to the red zone, as well as the classification from the green zone to the yellow zone, shall enter into force 24 hours from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of Romania of the Decision of the National Committee for Emergency Situations. approved the list of countries / territories at epidemiological risk.

(3) The classification from the red zone to the green or yellow zone, as well as the classification from the yellow zone to the green zone, enters into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of Romania of the Decision of the National Committee for Emergency Situations. territories of epidemiological risk.

Art.3 - (1) Depending on the classification of the countries / territories of epidemiological risk provided in art. 2, at the entry of persons on the territory of Romania, the following measures shall be applied:

a) For the persons arriving on the territory of Romania from the area provided in art. 2 lit. a) the quarantine measure is not established;

b) For the persons arriving on the territory of Romania from the areas provided in art. 2 lit. b) and c) the quarantine measure is established at home, at the declared location or the special space intended for a period of 14 days.

(2) By exception from the provisions of par. (1), for foreign citizens and stateless persons, defined according to the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 194/2002 on the regime of aliens in Romania, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions, arriving in Romania from third countries (other than the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation), the quarantine measure is established for a period of 14 days regardless of the area of the country of arrival, with the following exceptions:

a) persons vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus and for whom 10 days have elapsed from the completion of the complete vaccination scheme until their entry into Romania;

b) persons who remain on the national territory for a period of less than 3 days (72 hours) and present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed at most 72 hours before boarding (for those traveling by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means). If the persons do not leave the national territory within 3 days (72 hours), with the information of the Public Health Directorate of the county where they live or where they have the address declared at the entrance to the country, they will be quarantined for a period of 14 days , starting with the fourth day following the entry on the Romanian territory;

c) persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to entry into the country, for whom at least 14 days have elapsed from the date of confirmation to the date of entry into the country;

d) children aged 3 years or less, without the need to present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection;

e) children over 3 years of age and under 16 years of age, if they show a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those who travel by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means);

f) persons in transit, if they leave Romania within 24 hours from the entry on the territory of the country;

g) cross-border workers entering Romania from Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine or the Republic of Moldova, as well as Romanian citizens employed by economic operators from the mentioned countries, who upon entering the country prove the contractual relations with the respective economic operators;

h) pupils / students citizens with domicile or residence outside Romania, who attend courses in educational institutions in Romania or abroad, commute daily to them and present supporting documents, or who have to take entrance exams or to complete their studies or who start their studies in educational units / institutions on the territory of the country or travel for activities related to the beginning, organization, attendance or completion of studies, as well as their companions in the situation when they are minors;

i) persons handed over to the Romanian authorities on the basis of Readmission Agreements, returned in an accelerated procedure.

(3) For foreign citizens and stateless persons, defined according to the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 194/2002 on the regime of aliens in Romania, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions, arriving in Romania from the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation, the quarantine measure is established under the conditions of par. (1).

Art.4 - (1) They are exempted from the quarantine measure established regarding the persons arriving from the countries / territories of high epidemiological risk provided in art. 2 lit. b) the following categories that do not show symptoms associated with COVID-19, in compliance with the legal provisions in force regarding the use of individual protective materials against COVID-19:

a) persons vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus and for whom 10 days have elapsed from the completion of the complete vaccination scheme until their entry into Romania;

b) persons who have a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those traveling by public transport) or entering the national territory (for those who travel with their own means);

c) persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to entry into the country, for whom at least 14 days have elapsed from the date of confirmation to the date of entry into the country;

d) children aged 3 years or less, without the need to present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection;

e) children over 3 years of age and under 16 years of age, if they show a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those who travel by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means);

f) persons in transit, if they leave Romania within 24 hours from the entry on the territory of the country;

g) cross-border workers entering Romania from Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine or the Republic of Moldova, as well as Romanian citizens employed by economic operators from the mentioned countries, who upon entering the country prove the contractual relations with the respective economic operators;

h) pupils / students, Romanian citizens or citizens with domicile or residence outside Romania, who attend the courses of some educational institutions in Romania or abroad, commute daily to them and present supporting documents, or who have to take entrance exams either for completing their studies or starting their studies in educational units / institutions on the territory of the country or traveling for activities related to the beginning, organization, attendance or completion of studies, as well as their companions if they are minors;

i) persons handed over to the Romanian authorities on the basis of Readmission Agreements, returned in an accelerated procedure.

Art.5 - (1) They are exempted from the quarantine measure established regarding the persons arriving from the countries / territories of high epidemiological risk provided in art. 2 lit. c) the following categories that do not show symptoms associated with COVID-19, in compliance with the legal provisions in force regarding the use of individual protective materials against COVID-19:

a) persons vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus and for whom 10 days have elapsed from the completion of the complete vaccination scheme until their entry into Romania;

b) persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to entry into the country, for whom at least 14 days have elapsed from the date of confirmation to the date of entry into the country;

c) persons who remain on the national territory for a period of less than 3 days (72 hours) and present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed at most 72 hours before boarding (for those traveling by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means). If the persons do not leave the national territory within 3 days (72 hours), with the information of the Public Health Directorate of the county where they live or where they have the address declared at the entrance to the country, they will be quarantined for a period of 14 days , starting with the fourth day following the entry on the Romanian territory;

d) children aged 3 years or less, without the need to present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection;

e) children over 3 years of age and under 16 years of age, if they show a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those who travel by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means);

f) cross-border workers entering Romania from Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine or the Republic of Moldova, as well as Romanian citizens employed by economic operators from the mentioned countries, who upon entering the country prove the contractual relations with the respective economic operators;

g) pupils, students, Romanian citizens or citizens with domicile or residence outside Romania, who attend the courses of some educational institutions in Romania or abroad, commute daily to them and present supporting documents, or who have to take entrance exams either for completing their studies or starting their studies in educational units / institutions on the territory of the country or traveling for activities related to the beginning, organization, attendance or completion of studies, as well as their companions if they are minors;

h) persons in transit, if they leave Romania within 24 hours from the entry on the territory of the country;

i) persons handed over to the Romanian authorities on the basis of Readmission Agreements, returned in an accelerated procedure.

Art.6 - (1) The exemption from the quarantine measure established regarding the direct contact persons of a confirmed person shall apply for the persons vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus and for which 10 days have passed from the completion of the complete vaccination scheme until on the date of direct contact.

2. The exemption from the quarantine measure established in respect of persons in direct contact with a confirmed person shall also apply to persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to contact, for whom they have passed at least 14 days from the date of confirmation to the date of contact.

Art.7 - (1) The proof of administration of the vaccine, including the date of completion of the complete vaccination schedule, necessary for the application of the exceptions provided in this decision, is made by means of the green vaccination certificate or the document issued by the health unit that administered it. Romania or abroad and presented in the language of the country where the vaccine was administered and in English.

(2) Proof of positive confirmation for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, required for the application of the exceptions provided for in this Decision, shall be obtained by means of a green certificate of cure, or a positive RT-PCR test at the date of diagnosis by the competent authority, from Romania or abroad and presented in the language of the country where the test was performed and in English.

3. Proof of testing for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, required to apply the exceptions provided for in this Decision, shall be provided by means of a green test certificate, or by the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection. CoV-2, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those traveling by public transport) or entering the national territory (for those traveling by own means) and presented in the language of the country where the test was performed and in English.

(4) The persons provided in art. 2 lit. b), if they do not show the negative result of an RT-PCR test upon entering the country, they may be quarantined if they perform an RT-PCR test, and their result is negative and does not show specific symptoms.

(5) The persons provided in art. 2 lit. c) they can leave the quarantine after the 10th day, if they perform an RT-PCR test on the 8th day of the quarantine, and its result is negative and does not show specific symptoms.

Art.8 - (1) For special situations involving participation in family events related to birth, marriage or death, travel for medical interventions / treatments in cases that do not support procrastination such as oncological diseases, chronic renal failure in hemodialysis program, without being limited to them, exchange of identity documents, leaving the country, presentation at the vaccination center according to the schedule for vaccination, etc., the temporary suspension of the quarantine measure can be analyzed, based on the supporting documents.

(2) The analysis of the situations provided in par. (1) is carried out at the level of the county centers for coordination and management of the intervention and, the cases considered as justified, may be subject to the temporary suspension of the quarantine measure, by individual decision, issued by the Public Health Directorate.

(3) The suspension decision shall obligatorily mention the time period for which it applies and the measures to prevent the spread of the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

Art.9 - For persons arriving on the territory of Romania from Great Britain, Brazil, Nepal, South Africa and India, only the following exceptions from the quarantine measure apply:

a) persons vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus and for whom 10 days have elapsed from the completion of the complete vaccination scheme until their entry into Romania;

b) persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to entry into the country, and for whom at least 14 days have elapsed from the date of confirmation to the date of entry into the country;

c) children aged 3 years or less, without the need to present the negative result of an RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection;

d) children over 3 years of age and under 16 years of age, if they show a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, performed no more than 72 hours before boarding (for those who travel by public transport) or entry into the national territory (for those traveling by their own means);

Art.10 - Starting with the date of the present decision, HCNSU no. 28 of 14.05.2021 with subsequent amendments and completions.

Art.11 - This decision is published in the Official Gazette of Romania Part I and is communicated to all components of the National Emergency Management System, for implementation by order and administrative acts of their leaders.

CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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