



# Vendor Relations Regional Reviews

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### ASIA

#### CHINA

##### General

China CAA will be closed during upcoming National holiday and mid-Autumn festival 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020. Office will open from 9<sup>th</sup> Oct and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct will be a shift working day.

##### General

China has updated their current entry policy on 23 Sept that starting from 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 00L, foreigners holding valid Chinese residence permits for work, private affairs and group clusters are allowed to enter, and relevant personnel do not need to reapply for a new visa. If the above-mentioned three types of residence permits held by foreigners expire after 0:00 on Mar.28, 2020, the holders can apply to the Chinese diplomatic and consular missions abroad with the expired residence permits and relevant materials provided that the reason for coming to China remains unchanged. The above-mentioned personnel must strictly abide by Chinese anti-epidemic management regulations. On March 26, it was announced that other measures will continue to be implemented. China will gradually and orderly resume personnel exchanges between China and foreign countries under the premise of ensuring the safety of epidemic prevention.

#### JAPAN

##### General

Japan will loosen its border enforcement measures and allow entry for all nontourist including medical service workers, cultural scholars or the one carrying out educational activities new visa applicants effect from October. This will apply to new residents with permission to stay more than 3 months, regardless where they are from. The decision to relax the entry restrictions comes as Japan is readying for the Tokyo Olympic Games starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2021. Pax must provide COVID-test with negative result within 72hrs before their departure. They will be retested on arrival and 14 days of self-isolated.

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## **SINGAPORE**

### **General**

Continuing lifting its restrictions to certain countries. With effect from 25 Sept 2020 0000hrs, residents of China, who are travelling from one of the six fast lane provinces and municipalities in China (Chongqing, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Tianjin and Zhejiang) to Singapore under the fast lane arrangement, are required to take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and be tested negative within 72 hours before departure from China. The test must be taken at one of the medical institutions designated by the relevant authorities in China for pre-departure COVID-19 testing. Please refer to the list of designated medical institutions at website : [bmfwww.gov.cn/hsjcgcx/index.html](http://bmfwww.gov.cn/hsjcgcx/index.html)

In total as of 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020, Singapore now implement Fast lane policy to 5 countries including: China (6 regions in mainland China), Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Korea, Japan.

## **THAILAND**

### **General**

Although Thailand has published new draft process for special tourist Visa, aiming to attract more tourists, however the entry restrictions, 14 – day mandatory quarantine ( COVID-19 test, fit-to-fly certificate, health insurance), are still in place. Until now, regular commercial flights haven't been allowed to resume, but only carter and private flights which requires coordination with the Royal Thai Embassy at the departure airport.

## **VIETNAM**

### **General**

CAAV announced a new requirement that IATA code shall be used for landing permit requests, and ICAO code will be used for overflight permit requests.

## NORTH AMERICA

### UNITED STATES

#### General

As of September 29th 2020, 70,000 residents in Northern California have been ordered to evacuate the area as massive wildfires burn in the region. New wildfires occurred on September 27th in the Napa/Sonoma area near San Francisco. Hundreds of structures have been destroyed by the wildfires and several of the fires in the region have a zero percent containment. Multiple casualties have been reported and the death toll will be determined once the fires are under containment. California's governor declared a state of emergency in the several counties due to the growing blazes. Air quality and visibility over large areas of CA remain hazardous and special TFRs to aid aerial firefighting aircraft continue to appear with little to no warning. Pilots are highly encouraged to continue to check for TFRs and receive flight briefings close to the hour of their departure if they plan on flying in the regions affected by the fires.

## CARIBBEAN

### ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

#### General

As of September foreigners are now allowed to entry the country. All passengers must register and require a negative COVID PCR test less than 7 days old. Persons with symptoms must isolate for 14 days at a private residence, hotel or government facility. Crew and transit passengers wishing to overnight must remain in their hotel until departure. The government has produced an excellent web site with FAQs and entry requirements and it can be found at: <https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/>

### SAINT VINCENT AND GRENADINES

#### General

All travelers are allowed to enter the country with rules that vary depending on where the person is travelling from prior to entry. Several countries which the government has determined to pose an elevated level of risk, like the USA, require a negative (and less than 5 days old) PCR test. Travelers must quarantine in an approved location for a minimum of five days and testing for COVID will continue to be monitored during their stay. Travelers from countries deemed a "medium risk" must self-isolate 72 hours while they await their test results from the swab test which occurs upon their arrival. Some countries deemed to be a low risk have no entry requirements. An exemption exists to the fore mentioned restrictions for anyone arriving via a private aircraft. Travelers on private aircraft having a negative PCR test require no quarantine (although it is encouraged that travelers do so to limit the risk of a potential spread of the virus). All crew members are exempt from the requirements but must self-isolate while staying in their hotel.

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## CENTRAL AMERICA

### BRAZIL

#### General

On 28 September 2020, the U.S. Embassy in Brazil issued a Health Alert regarding Brazil's extension of entry restrictions, which reads in part as follows: "Effective September 25, Brazil extended the restrictions on entry of foreigners by land (unless for transit) and sea, through at least October 23. The entry of foreign visitors traveling by air is currently permitted." Upon arrival foreigner passengers must present Immigration officers proof of travel health insurance for Brazil with a minimum coverage of \$6,000 USD valid to cover all dates for their entire stay. Passengers without travel health insurance will be denied entry. As of Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, no quarantine is required, nor are COVID PCR Test results.

## EUROPE

#### General

The European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) that was planned to come into effect on 1 Jan 2021, has now been delayed until the end of 2022. After this date ETIAS will not be mandatory for at least 6 months.

The ETIAS is planned to operate in much the same way as the ESTA system does in the US. Currently, all visitors who are eligible for visa-free travel can currently travel to Europe for up to 90 days without any sort of travel authorization being required. Once ETIAS comes into effect this will change. It will replace visa-free travel for most countries that currently have such an arrangement with the EU. You will have to apply for it online if travelling to any Schengen countries. Once approved the authorization will be valid for three years.

### FRANCE

#### LFPB/Paris Le Bourget France

The Aerodrome will be closed to all flights from 2200Z on the 04<sup>th</sup> October through 0400Z on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### SWITZERLAND

#### General

Passengers from fifteen new countries (including the UK, Belgium, Netherlands and Denmark) are now required to enter self-quarantine for 10 days on arrival. Citizens of EU Schengen states and the United Kingdom and any Countries on the current EU safe list can still enter, however if planning to enter from any Countries outside those listed above you will be required to self-isolate. The latest can be found in Notam LSAS A0642/20.

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## MIDDLE EAST

### ISRAEL

#### General

The Nationwide lockdown in Israel is set to continue, with the Government announcing that restrictions will continue until October 25<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. LLBG Airport remains open however all General and Business Aviation is still banned at this time. Full restrictions are referenced in LLLL Notam A1629/20.

## INDIA

### VABB/Mumbai

It has been reported that the Airport Authority has allegedly been stalling with staff salary payments. This has now led to the Workers Union issuing a strike notice. If the current talks and disputes cannot be resolved in the next two weeks, this could lead to a strike towards the middle or end of October, which would involve aerobridge operators, electrical/maintenance workers and cargo drivers.

## WORLD GENERAL

**With some countries beginning to lift certain COVID-19 regulations, and other extending their restrictions the below link to the ICAO public website is a great place to keep abreast of the latest changes. The website shows all the Notam'd COVID-19 regulations from around the world.**

<https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx>

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FAA/EASA advisories and restrictions remain in place for operations into, out of, and over the following countries and their associated FIRs.

SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, UKRAINE, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, EGYPT - SINAI PENINSULA, IRAQ, IRAN, LIBYA, RUSSIA

Full and up to date information on all of the above can be found on the FAA website, prohibitions restrictions and notices page, the CFMU Network Operations Portal, EASA website, or in the relevant NOTAMS.

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