Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in International Passenger Transport (COVID-19 Ordinance on International Passenger Transport Measures)

of 2 July 2020 (Status as of 20 August 2020)

The Swiss Federal Council, on the basis of Article 41 paragraph 3 of the Epidemics Act of 28 September 2012¹ (EpidA), ordains:

Art. 1 Subject matter and purpose
This Ordinance introduces measures in relation to international passenger transport to prevent the cross-border spread of the Sars-Cov-2 coronavirus.

Art. 2 Quarantine for persons entering Switzerland
Persons who enter Switzerland and who have within the previous 14 days stayed for any time in a country or area with an increased risk of infection with the Sars-Cov-2 coronavirus (country or area with an increased risk of infection) are required immediately on entry to go directly to their home or to other suitable accommodation. They must remain there continuously for 10 days following their entry (quarantine).

Art. 3 Country or area with an increased risk of infection
¹ There is an increased risk of infection with the Sars-Cov-2 coronavirus if at least one of the following requirements is satisfied:
   a. The number of new infections in the country or area concerned in the past 14 days is more than 60 per 100 000 persons.
   b. The available information from the country or area concerned does not allow a reliable assessment to be made of the risk situation, and there are indica-

¹ SR 818.101
tions that there is an increased risk of transmission in the country or area concerned.

c. In the past four weeks, there have been repeated instances of infected persons who have stayed in the country or area concerned entering Switzerland.

2 The list of countries or areas with an increased risk of infection is set out in the Annex. The Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA) shall update the list regularly in consultation with the Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP), the Federal Department of Finance (FDF) and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).

Art. 4 Exceptions to the quarantine requirement

1 The following persons are exempted from the quarantine requirement under Article 2:

a. persons who transport other persons or goods professionally by road, rail, ship or plane;

b. persons whose work is essential to maintain:
   1. the efficiency of the health service,
   2. public security and order,
   3. the efficiency of institutional beneficiaries as defined in Article 2 paragraph 1 of the Host State Act of 22 June 2007,3
   4. Switzerland’s diplomatic and consular relations;

c. persons who in the course of their professional activities for rail, bus, shipping or airline companies transport passengers across borders and in doing so have spent time in a country or area with an increased risk of infection;

d. persons who for professional or medical reasons enter Switzerland every day or for up to 5 days and whose visit cannot be postponed;

e. persons who as transit passengers have stayed less than 24 hours in a country or area with an increased risk of infection;

f. persons who enter Switzerland for the purpose of transiting the country and who intend and are able to travel on directly to another country.

2 The employer shall verify and certify that entering Switzerland is essential in terms of paragraph 1 letter b.

3 The competent cantonal authority may in justified cases permit further exceptions from the quarantine requirement or relax certain conditions.

4 For persons who display the symptoms of COVID-19, paragraph 1 does not apply unless the symptoms have a different cause.

2 SR 192.12
Art. 5  Duty to notify for persons entering Switzerland

Any person who is required to go into quarantine in accordance with this Ordinance must notify the competent cantonal authority within two days of his or her arrival in Switzerland and follow the instructions they are given by this authority.

Art. 6  Amendment of other legislation

The following enactments are amended as follows:

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Art. 7  Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on 6 July 2020 at 00.00.

4 The amendments may be consulted under AS 2020 2737.
List of the states and areas with an increased risk of infection

Albania
Andorra
Argentina
Armenia
Aruba
Bahamas
Bahrain
Belgium
Belize
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Cape Verde
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Eswatini (Swaziland)
Faroe Islands
Gibraltar
Guam
Guatemala
Honduras
India
Iraq
Israel

Kazakhstan
Kosovo
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Luxembourg
Maldives
Malta
Mexico
Moldova
Monaco
Montenegro
Namibia
North Macedonia
Occupied Palestinian Territory
Oman
Panama
Peru
Qatar
Romania
Sint Maarten
South Africa
Spain (with the exception of the Canary Islands)
Suriname
Turks and Caicos Islands
United States of America
(including Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands)