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Pursuant to the Article 2, Paragraph 1, Item 1a) and the Article 53, Paragraph 1, Item 5) of the Law on the Protection of Population from Infectious Diseases ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 15/16, 68/20 and 136/20), the Article 15, Paragraph 4 of the Law on State Administration ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 79/05, 101/07, 95/10, 99/14, 30/18 – other laws 47/18) and the Article 4, Paragraph 4 of the Regulation on Measures for Prevention and Suppression of Infectious Diseases ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia ", Number 151/20) , at the proposal of the Institute of Public Health "Milan Jovanović Batut",

The Minister of Health enacts the

INSTRUCTIONS

On the Manner for Applying Restrictions on the Entry into the Republic of Serbia of Persons Coming from Countries Affected by the Epidemic of Infectious Disease COVID-19

"Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 151 dated 15th December 2020, No. 158 dated 29th December 2020, No. 2 dated 13th January 2021 and No. 4 dated 20th January 2021

1. For the purpose of preventing bringing the infectious disease COVID-19 in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, these Instructions determine countries affected by the epidemic of this infectious disease in which the epidemiological situation is unfavourable (hereinafter referred as the: countries with unfavourable epidemiological situation) and regulate the implementation of the Regulation on Measures for Prevention and Suppression of the Infectious Disease COVID-19 (hereinafter referred as the: Regulation) with reference to restrictions on entering the Republic of Serbia of persons coming from countries with the unfavourable epidemiological situation.

2. For the purpose of preventing bringing infectious diseases in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, persons who are coming to the Republic of Serbia from countries with unfavourable epidemiological situation, such as:

– all countries in the world, **except from the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of North Macedonia and Montenegro,****

shall be allowed, in compliance with the Regulation, to enter the Republic of Serbia provided they have negative RT-PCR test for the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2 issued by the reference laboratory of the country from which they coming from and/or entering the Republic of Serbia, which is not older than 48 hours from the issue date of results.

If on the occasion of entering the Republic of Serbia there are some delays, which cannot be attributed to the fault of a passenger but, which are the consequence of some external event that could not have been foreseen, avoided or eliminated (delay/postponement of a flight, bus and/or train departure, etc.) then, the test can be older than 72 hours on the occasion of entering the Republic of Serbia.

For persons who are coming from the United States of America, a negative Antigen FIA Rapid test shall be accepted instead of a negative RT-PCR test under the same conditions.*

*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, Number 158/2020

**Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, Number 2/2021

3. The requirement for entering the Republic of Serbia referred to in the Item 2 of these Instructions shall be applicable to:

- 1) Foreign citizens who are in transit through the Republic of Serbia. The transit of foreign citizens is restricted to the period which is not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia;
- 2) Flight crew and cabin crew of an aircraft whose final destination is the Republic of Serbia;
- 3) Flight crew, staff and passengers who are in transit and/or transfer through international airports in the Republic of Serbia;
- 4) Accredited members of the staff of foreign diplomatic and consular missions and offices of international organisations, as well as members of their families who are holders of special identity cards, i.e., identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Secretariat of the Government;
- 5) Minors up to 12 years of age, if a parent, a guardian or some other person accompanying a child has a negative test referred to in the Item 2 of these Instructions, if necessary;
- 6) Foreign citizens who have been granted temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia;
- 7) Members of foreign military, police and other security services that are in transit through the territory of the Republic of Serbia or that are coming to the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of conducting official tasks with a prior notice.

3a Domestic and foreign citizens entering the Republic of Serbia due to business reasons, with a prior notice to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, are allowed to enter the Republic of Serbia provided that they deliver a negative RT-PCR test or antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus, issued by the reference laboratory of the Republic of Serbia, to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia within 24 hours of crossing the state border.*

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia shall deliver the announcement of crossing the state border referred to in the Paragraph 1 of this Item without any delays to the Ministry of Interior – Border Police Administration not later than 24 hours before the expected crossing of the state border.*

If the person referred to in the Paragraph 1 of this Item fails to deliver negative RT-PCR test or negative antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 within 24 hours after the time of crossing the state border or if the test is positive to the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia shall notify the institute of public health in charge at the territory without any delays thereof.*

*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, Number 4/2021

4. The requirement for entering the Republic of Serbia referred to in the Item 2 of these Instructions shall not apply to foreign citizens when they perform international transport for the purpose of taking over or unloading goods or for the purpose of transporting persons either to or through the Republic of Serbia when it concerns crews of:

1) Freight motor vehicles when performing international road transport. In the case of transit transport, it is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia;

2) Cargo ships transporting goods to one of domestic ports. In the case of transit navigation on the international waterway at the territory of the Republic of Serbia, it is limited to the period not longer than 90 hours for ships and 60 hours for self-propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of upstream navigation and/or to the period not longer than 72 hours for ships and 54 hours for self-propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of downstream navigation;

3) Shuttle bus services and international transport of passengers both in transit and in the case when the arrival or departure destinations are in the Republic of Serbia;

4) Railway vehicles and people who work on trains;

5) Humanitarian convoys arranged through the diplomacy.

5. The requirement for entering the Republic of Serbia referred to in the Item 2 of these Instructions shall not apply to citizens of neighbouring countries who live in border regions, who perform agricultural works and who have agricultural land at the territory of the Republic of Serbia and who, when crossing the state border to perform agricultural works on that land, are obliged to have proofs of ownership for agricultural land or the statement of the owner of agricultural land that this person performs works on his/her land provided there is a reciprocity.

6. The requirement for entering the Republic of Serbia referred to in the Item 2 of these Instructions shall not apply to citizens of neighbouring countries who live in border regions and who are employed at the territory of the Republic of Serbia and whose employer from the Republic of Serbia has issued a document on their work engagement provided there is a reciprocity.

7. Citizens of the Republic of Serbia and foreign citizens who have temporary residence or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia who are coming to the Republic of Serbia from countries with unfavourable epidemiological situation, such as:*

– all countries in the world,* except from the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of North Macedonia and Montenegro,**

and, who do not have negative RT-PCR test for the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2, issued by a foreign reference laboratory of the country from which they are coming and or entering the Republic of Serbia and/or persons who are coming from the United States of Amerika and, who do not have negative Antigen FIA Rapid test, not older than 48 hours from the issue date of results, on the occasion of passport control shall be given written notification – health warning on the obligation to comply with the quarantine measure at home in the duration of 10 days from the day of crossing the state border and shall be warned on the obligation to report to the competent COVID outpatient unit or to a territorially competent institute of public health within 24 hours after crossing the state border.*

Persons referred to in the paragraph 1 of this Item shall report to the COVID outpatient unit or to the institute of public health by means of electronic mail to the electronic address: www.e-zdravlje.gov.rs.*

The obligation to have negative RT-PCR test to the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2 and/or negative Antigen FIA Rapid test for persons coming from the United States of America and reporting to the competent COVID outpatient unit or to the institute of public health within 24 hours after the time of crossing the state border by means of electronic mail to the electronic address shall not apply to:*

1) Accredited members of the staff of foreign diplomatic and consular missions and offices of international organisations, as well as members of their families who are holders of special identity cards, i.e., identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Secretariat of the Government;*

2) Persons who live in border regions and who perform agricultural works and have agricultural land in the border region of the Republic of Serbia and/or border region of the neighbouring country and who are obliged, when crossing the state border in order to perform agricultural works on that land to have proofs of ownership for agricultural land or the statement of the owner of the agricultural land that this person performs works on his/her land;*

3) Persons who live in border regions and who are employed at the territory of the Republic of Serbia and/or at the territory of the neighbouring country and whose employer from the Republic of Serbia and/or the neighbouring county has issued a document on their work engagement;*

4) Flight crew and cabin crew of an aircraft whose final destination is the Republic of Serbia;*

5) Members of a crew when they perform international transport for the purpose of taking over or unloading goods or for the purpose of transporting persons either to or through the Republic of Serbia when it concerns crews of:*

– Freight motor vehicles when performing international road transport. If this concerns transit transport, it is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia,*

– Cargo ships transporting goods to one of the domestic ports. In the case of transit navigation on the international waterway at the territory of the Republic of Serbia, it is limited to the period not longer than 90 hours for ships and 60 hours for self-propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of upstream navigation and/or to the period not longer than 72 hours for ships and 54 hours for self-propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in case of downstream navigation,*

– Shuttle bus services and international transport of passengers both in transit and in the case when the arrival or departure destinations are in the Republic of Serbia,*

– Railway vehicles and people who work on trains;*

6) Humanitarian convoys arranged through the diplomacy.*

7) Minors up to 12 years of age;**

8) Persons who stayed outside the territory of the Republic of Serbia for less than 48 hours and who have a negative RT-PCR test for the presence of the virus SARS-CoV-2, issued by a reference laboratory in the Republic of Serbia not older than 48 hours from the time of issue. If there are delays when entering the Republic of Serbia, which cannot be attributed to the fault of the passenger but which are the consequence of an external event that could not

have been foreseen, avoided or eliminated (delay/postponement of a flight, bus or train departure, etc.) then, the test can be older than 72 hours on the occasion of entering the Republic of Serbia.**

*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, Number 158/2020

**Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, Number 2/2021

8. As at the date of coming into force of these Instructions, the Instruction on the Implementation of the Decision on Declaring the COVID-19 Disease Caused by the Virus SARS-CoV-2 a Contagious Disease shall cease to be valid in the part which refers to restrictions on entering the Republic of Serbia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No br. 108/20, 116/20 and 137/20)

9. These Instructions shall come into force as at the date they have been published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

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In Belgrade on 15th December 2020

Minister,

dr **Zlatibor Lončar**, m.p.

PROVISIONS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE "REVISED TEXT" OF THE INSTRUCTIONS

The Instructions on Amendments and Supplements to the Instructions on the Manner of Applying Restrictions on the Entry into the Republic of Serbia of Persons Coming from Countries Affected by the Epidemic of Infectious Disease COVID-19: "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", Number 158 / 2020-207

3. These Instructions shall come into force as at the date they have been published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

The Instructions on Supplementing the Instructions on the Manner of Applying Restrictions on the Entry into the Republic of Serbia of Persons Coming from Countries Affected by the Epidemic of Infectious Disease COVID-19: "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia ", Number 2/2021-18

3. These Instructions shall come into force as at the date they have been published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia"

The Instructions on Supplementing the Instructions on the Manner of Applying Restrictions on the Entry into the Republic of Serbia of Persons Coming from Countries Affected by the Epidemic of Infectious Disease COVID-19: "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia ", Number 4/2021-4

2. These Instructions shall come into force as at the date they have been published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".