

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Brazil

Brazil introduces new quarantine requirement for unvaccinated travelers, lifts prohibition on entry by land for fully vaccinated travelers

Executive summary

The Brazilian Government recently announced that, effective immediately, inbound travelers who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 must quarantine for five days on arrival. In addition, individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may now enter Brazil by land.

Key issues

Travelers are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they received all of the required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that was approved by Brazil's Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), the World Health Organization or the governments of the countries where the vaccine was administered, at least 14 days prior to travel to Brazil.

Effective immediately, inbound travelers who do not meet these criteria and are not considered to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, must quarantine in their final destination in Brazil for five days on arrival. They must also get tested for COVID-19 following the five-day period, and provide their COVID-19 test result to the local health authorities. Previously, only admissible travelers (i.e., Brazilian citizens and residents) seeking to travel to Brazil from the following locations, or who were present in, or transited through, any of these locations in the 14 days preceding their travel to Brazil, were required to quarantine upon arrival in Brazil: South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe. Admissible travelers who departed from these locations, or were recently present in any of these locations, must still quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Brazil.

All inbound travelers are still required to complete an online [health declaration](#) no more than 24 hours prior to travel, and take either a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, or an antigen COVID-19 test no more than 24 hours prior to travel, and test negative, before being admitted to Brazil.

Entry by land

The Brazilian Government recently announced that, effective immediately, inbound travelers who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, may now enter the country via authorized land ports of entry, provided they comply with COVID-19 testing and quarantine requirements and complete their online health declaration.

Travelers who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are still generally prohibited from entering Brazil by land. However, they may be permitted to enter Brazil by land if: (1) their sole purpose for entering the country is to travel to a Brazilian airport to board a flight to their country of residence, (2) they purchased airline tickets and can present the same to Brazilian border officers, and (3) they received advance approval from the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in the country from which they are seeking to travel to Brazil.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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