

Taiwan

Taiwan lifts transit ban, shortens quarantine period

Executive summary

The Taiwanese authorities recently lifted the ban on transit through Taiwan and reduced the mandatory quarantine period for eligible inbound travelers.

Background

The Taiwanese authorities introduced new measures in May 2021 to contain the spread of COVID-19, including banning all transit through Taiwan, requiring inbound travelers to quarantine for 14 days on arrival and then monitor their health for 7 days, and requiring certain travelers to obtain special permission from the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC).

Key issues

On 15 June 2022, the Taiwanese authorities introduced the following changes with immediate effect to stimulate the local economy, promote international exchange and address medical needs:

- Inbound travelers will be subject to a shorter, three-day
 quarantine followed by a four-day self-initiated epidemic
 prevention period. Individuals seeking to leave their
 accommodations during the self-initiated epidemic
 prevention period must test negative for COVID-19 in the
 two days preceding the departure from their
 accommodations
- Individuals aged two or above will receive two rapid home COVID-19 test kits upon arrival which must be taken if they experience COVID-19 symptoms during quarantine
- New entrants may rely on company and self-arranged vehicles to travel to the locations where they will quarantine, and are no longer required to take quarantine taxis

 Transit is now permitted subject to the policy of the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA) of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications

Certain COVID-19 related measures remain in effect. All eligible entrants are still required to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours before travel, and test negative, to gain admission. Travelers must continue to submit an online health declaration no more than 48 hours before arrival and undergo PCR COVID-19 testing on arrival.

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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