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**CIRCULAR NOTE**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary presents its compliments to the Diplomatic and Consular Missions, as well as the Representations of International Organizations accredited to Hungary and has the honour to draw your attention to some relevant points of Government Decree 341/2020 (VII. 12.) on entry conditions to apply during State of Pandemic Preparedness, which might be of your interest.

**1. General Measures**

§ 1. (1) This Decree applies to non-official border crossings, realized with ordinary passports, or any other ordinary travel documents.

(2) Concerning this Decree following categories are treated as equivalent to Hungarian citizens

a.) those who have the right to reside permanently in Hungary, their family members, if the family relationship is justified with an official document,

b.) those who have any kind of permission for staying in the territory of Hungary for more than 90 days, and this capacity is justified on entry,

(3) This Decree doesn't apply to

a.) cargo shipments,

b.) border crossings with official passports, determined in section (1) §11 of Act XII. of 1998. on travelling abroad,

c.) those who justify at the moment of entry, that had gone through COVID-19 disease in the last 6 months.

(4) Concerning this Decree border crossing with ordinary passport or other ordinary travel document is considered official border crossing, if its purpose is of business or official nature.

**2. Country classification**

§ 2. (1) Countries, where on the basis of actual COVID-disease (hereinafter: pandemic) situation

a.) the level of contamination is low, are classified with green colour;

b.) the level of contamination is less severe, are classified with yellow colour;

c.) the level of contamination is severe, are classified with red colour.

(2) It is the Chief Medical Officer of Hungary, who – on the basis of global actual pandemic contamination – publishes the classification of red and yellow countries.

(4) Countries that are not classified with red or yellow colours by point (2), are to be considered “green countries”.

#### **4. Entry regulation for non-Hungarian citizens**

§ 4. (1) Non-Hungarian citizens can enter Hungary arriving from a “green country” without any restrictions,

(2) Having detected COVID-suspicion in 14 days after entry by point (1) to Hungary, it is forbidden to leave current residence or accommodation and it is obligatory to contact pandemic authorities by phone.

§ 5. (1) Non-Hungarian citizens entering Hungary arriving from a “yellow country” will be tested on a mandatory basis – if other decree or law does not state differently.

(2) If test by (1) shows possible COVID infection, entry will be denied.

(3) If test doesn’t show possible COVID infection, one must go to 14-day authority-designated quarantine, or – in adequate circumstances and if pandemic risk is not foreseen – stay in authority-mandated home quarantine.

(4) Persons in authority-designated quarantine, or authority-mandated home quarantine will be registered.

(5) No pandemic measures will be done to persons of point (1), if she/he proves that she/he had been COVID-tested twice in the last 5 days, with at least 48 hours of difference by molecular SARS-CoV-2 test, and proves by official medical report – written in Hungarian or in English – that coronavirus was not detected at the moment of taking the test.

(6) Pandemic authority might give permission to persons of point (3) to get molecular SARS-CoV-2 tested twice, at least with 48 hours of difference.

(7) If first molecular SARS-CoV-2 test by point (6) doesn’t detect SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the body of the person in quarantine, pandemic authority will waive the quarantine.

(8) Persons in point (6) are obliged to pass a second molecular SARS-CoV-2 test. If second test result is positive, competent pandemic authority orders authority-mandated home quarantine again.

§ 6. Non-Hungarian citizens arriving from a “red country” in passenger traffic are not allowed to enter Hungary.

#### **5. Special measures**

§ 7. (1) Exemption from regulations of §5 and §6 can be requested upon points of section (2) from the competent police authority according to the point of entry to Hungary, in the case of an entry at the Liszt Ferenc Budapest International Airport, the XVIII. District Police Headquarters of the BRFK (hereinafter: police).

(2) Police, in accordance with section (1) – and with the exception of section (8) – grants entry if applicant justifies that the purpose of the entry is:

- a) personal presence in any judicial or official administrative procedure, proof of which is required in written form by the relevant authority;
- b) business or any other working activity, that is ordered in a letter of invitation by a central administrative authority, an independent entity or an autonomous administrative authority;
- c) attendance at health-care institution(s), required by medical certification;
- d) attendance at academic exams, proven by the certification of the academic institution;
- e) shipping activity related to cross-border movement, when the purpose of the entry is access to the starting point, or return from the destination of the shipment (to be certified by the employer's certification);
- f) attendance at direct family member's events (marriage, funeral, baptism);
- g) taking care of relatives, determined by Act V. of the 2013. Civil Law;
- h) attendance at international events of high relevance of sports-, cultural- or religious character;
- i) any other reason, that is not listed in points a.) –h.) and can be legitimate.

(3) Request of point (1)

- a) is to be presented exclusively by e-application in Hungarian or English language;
- b) can be presented by a legal representative or through a representative authorized by a private document of equivalent probative value;

(4) A duly authorized person can present several others' application if the purpose of the entry and the date of the entry is the same for all of the applicants

(5) Taking into consideration section (4) one single application can be presented in the case of those close family members who share common residence, if the purpose of the entry and the date of the entry is the same for all of the applicants;

(6) Purpose of entry must be indicated as section (2) states, types of travel documents and their numbers have to be stated, and the following documents must be attached to the application:

- a. copy of the justification of the purpose of the entry by section (2);
- b. authorization – if the request is presented by an authorized person.

(7) Request, stated in section (1) can exclusively be presented:

- a. on the internet-based application form, through the „cégkapu”, or „ügyfélkapu” ;
- b. or by filling in the internet-based application form on the official website of the Police.

(8) Request is refused by the Police, if:

- a. there is doubt about the real purpose of the entry by section (2);
- b. the entry raises concerns of
  - ba. epidemiologic,
  - bb. public security, or
  - bc. national security nature.

(9) Appeals against the decision of the Police will be handled by the competent county (capital) Police Headquarter.

- § 8. (1) In order to prove the purpose of the request, the original copy of the document, upon section (2) of § 7. and section (6) of § 7. (hereinafter: justification) must be presented by the admitted person to the police upon entry to Hungary, if requested.
- (2) If the original copy of the justification is not presented, or it is of doubtful origin, entry must be refused
- (3) Admitted persons are obliged to be subject to testing at the entry,
- a. if testing detects possible COVID-19 infection, entry to Hungary is denied;
  - b. if testing does not detect possible COVID-19 infection, admitted persons will be directed to authority-designated quarantine or authority-mandated home quarantine.
- (4) Admitted persons in designated quarantine will be registered.
- (5) Persons in authority-mandated home quarantine by point b) of section (3) might request pandemic authority to get molecular SARS-CoV-2 tested twice, at least with 48 hours of difference if she/he entered Hungary from a “yellow country”.
- (6) If first molecular SARS-CoV-2 test by point (5) doesn’t detect SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the body of the person in quarantine, pandemic authority will waive the quarantine.
- (7) Persons in point (5) are obliged to pass a second molecular SARS-CoV-2 test. If second test result is positive, competent pandemic authority orders authority-mandated home quarantine again
- (8) Persons in authority-mandated home quarantine by point b) of section (3) might request pandemic authority to get molecular SARS-CoV-2 tested twice, at least with 48 hours of difference if she/he entered Hungary from a “red country”.
- (9) If none of the two molecular SARS-CoV-2 test by point (8) doesn’t detect SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the body of the person in quarantine, pandemic authority will waive the quarantine.

§ 20. This Decree enters into force on July 15.

**Please Note:**

- Point a.) of section (3) of §7: request can be presented in English as well.
- Points a.), b.) and c.) of section (1) of §2: Classification will be revised and published periodically by the Chief Medical officer of Hungary.
- For further information please contact [coronavirus@mfa.gov.hu](mailto:coronavirus@mfa.gov.hu)
- See attached list of classification of countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic and Consular Missions, as well as the Representations of International Organizations accredited to Hungary the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attached: 2 PDFs.

Budapest, 13. July, 2020



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