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#### Notice

Mulling over the gradual spread of the new variant of COVID-19 (Omicron) in various countries. Government of Nepal (Council of Ministers) has decided on 23th December 2021 to provision the following conditions for the passengers travelling to and from Nepal:

- 1. The travelers arriving Nepal from the countries; South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho, Iswatini, Mozambique, Malawi and Hong Kong as first port of embarkation or transits or with a travel history of such countries within past three weeks are still restricted to enter Nepal dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 midnight as per the previous travel advisory of this department dated 2nd December 2021.
- 2. Whatever is written above point number 1, Nepali passport holders, foreign nationals holding Diplomatic passport or Official passport or Residential visa of Nepal travelling from above mentioned nine countries as well as other countries with the risk of Covid-19 are permitted to enter Nepal as follows:
  - a. Nepali passport holders and foreign nationals holding diplomatic passport or official passport or residential visa of Nepal with completion of 14 days of full vaccination against COVID-19, and a negative PCR test report obtained within 72 hours are permitted to enter Nepal, and are subject to stay at home quarantine for 10 days.
  - b. Nepali nationals without full vaccination against COVID-19 or within 14 days of vaccination are subject to mandatory Antigen Test at the entry point. Those with positive report are sent to institutional isolation, while the negative report holders are granted arrival permission with mandatory 10 days home isolation.
  - Foreign nationals holding diplomatic passport or official passport or residential visa of Nepal without full vaccination against COVID-19 or within 14 days of vaccination are subject to mandatory Antigen Test at the entry point. Those with positive report are sent to institutional isolation or allowed for home isolation under the responsibility of the concerned diplomatic mission, while the negative report holders are granted arrival permission with 10 days hotel quarantine or 10 days home quarantine under the responsibility of the concerned diplomatic mission.
- 3. Ministry of Health and Population will further identify the countries with risk of Omicron spread and the Department of Immigration will re-issue travel advisory accordingly.
- 4. Except as mentioned above, in the case of other foreigners arriving in Nepal from abroad will be regulated as per the prior notice of the Department of Immigration dated 24th September 2021 published as per the Travel Management Order for the Travelers Arriving and Departing from Nepal, 2021.
- The Department of Immigration urges all the travelers not to visit such countries unless in case of emergency.

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Travel management order for the travelers arriving and departing from Nepal 2021, has been issued as per the decision of Government of Nepal (Council of Ministers) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, provisioning the following conditions. This notice has been issued by the Department of Immigration superseding all former related notices:

- 1. All foreigners arriving Nepal via immigration office at the airport or land border should submit the following documents in addition to the visa related documents for on-arrival-visa at the entry/exit point:
  - a) Evidence of completion of 14 days of full vaccination against COVID-19,
  - b) COVID-19 negative report (RT-PCR, Gene Expert, True NAAT or WHO accredited test) obtained within 72 hours of the departure from first port of embarkation or within 72 hours, if entering Nepal by land.
  - c) Copy of mountaineering / trekking permits or other related permits if any,
  - d) Proof of hotel reservation in Nepal,
  - e) Print copy of *International Traveler Online Arrival Form* obtained after online registration in <a href="https://www.ccmc.gov.np">www.ccmc.gov.np</a>
- 2. Foreigners without complete vaccination against COVID-19, must obtain the visa from the Nepali diplomatic missions abroad and are allowed to enter Nepal only through agencies. Such foreigners should submit the documents aforementioned in 1(b), (c), (d) & (e) and are subject to 10 days hotel quarantine at their own cost, and are permitted to work as per the purpose of their visit only if tested negative on the 11th day.
- 3. Non-resident Nepali originally from Nepal or their family members or foreigners married to Nepali citizen should submit the documents aforementioned in 1(b), (b) & (e) in addition to the visa related documents for on-arrival-visa.

However, those arriving Nepal in the case of the emergency enlisted below are permitted to move towards the destination only if tested antigen negative, else are subject to isolation following the health protocols:

- a) Those arriving with the recommendation letter of the local level to attend the funeral of their relative according to the religion, custom and tradition.
- b) Chronic patients, disabled and the persons accompanying them with the medical documents and recommendation letter of local level.
- c) Senior citizens above 75 years and their caregivers, minors below 5 years and their parents with the recommendation of the local level.
- d) Those arriving Nepal with medical documents and recommendation of the local level to look after their relative admitted in ICU or ventilator.

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4. Officials, employees and their relatives working in foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations in Nepal, should submit the documents aforementioned in 1(a), (b), & (e) in addition to the visa related documents to obtain visa-on-arrival at the entry/exit points.

However those without complete vaccination against COVID-19, must obtain a visa from the Nepali diplomatic missions abroad and are subject to 10 days mandatory quarantine at the specified residence, recommended by their

respective mission.

5. Indian nationals arriving Nepal through entry/exit points at land border should submit the documents aforementioned in 1(b), & (e) to ensure arrival

permission.

6. All passengers arriving Nepal via Immigration office at the airport or land border are permitted to enter and work as per the purpose of their visit if tested antigen negative at the immigration point else, are subject to mandatory isolation or hospitalization. In case of unavailability of antigen test at the immigration point, such passengers are allowed to leave the hotel only if tested COVID-19 negative.

7. No vaccination or testing is required for the minors below 5 years. Vaccinations are not mandatory for the Children between 5-18 years, but are subject to

follow the other procedures as adults.

8. Foreigners are allowed to transit Nepal from the airport itself. Those foreigners residing in Nepal and willing to travel third country from Nepal or all foreigners departing from Nepal should submit COVID-19 negative report (RT-PCR, Gene Expert, True NAAT or WHO accredited test) obtained within 48 hours prior to their departure or COVID-19 test as specified by their destination country and print copy of International Online Departure Form obtained after the online registration in www.ccmc.gov.np.

9. Airlines Companies are obliged to follow the aforementioned provision and must not board or check-in the ineligible passengers travelling to and from

Nepal.

10. Nationals from Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Cameroon, Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan & Syria and foreigners holding temporary travel document and emergency passport must obtain visa from the Nepali missions abroad.

Date: 24th September 2021

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