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INFORMATION

**Circular Letter (SE) No. 25 Year 2021 on the Updates Regarding International Travelers Arriving in Indonesia during the Period of COVID-19 Effective from December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The COVID-19 Response Acceleration Task Force has issued Circular Letter (SE) No. 25 Year 2021 concerning International Travel Health Protocol during the Corona Virus Disease Pandemic 2019 (COVID-19). It is reported that both Indonesian Citizens (WNI) and Foreigners (WNA) arriving in Indonesia are obligated to conduct quarantine for 10 days **effective from December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. However, the quarantine period can be reduced or exempted with several terms and conditions that will be fully explained below.

These updates in the regulation are part of the government's effort to handle the spread of COVID-19 in Indonesia, especially in preventing the spread of a new variant of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 (known as Omicron) in some countries. With the enactment of Circular Letter (SE) No. 25 Year 2021, Circular Letter (SE) No.23 Year 2021 and *Addendum* to Circular Letter (SE) No. 23 Year 2021 are **revoked and declared invalid**.

There are several updates for international travelers (WNA and WNI) that arrive in Indonesia during the time after the enactment of this circular letter as follows:

1. Temporarily entry ban for foreigners (WNA) who want to enter Indonesia that has travel history or stays within 14 days from South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Mozambique, Eswatini, Malawi, Angola, Zambia, and Hong Kong.
2. The exception for foreigners (WNA) that can enter Indonesia with conditions as follows:
  - a. Holds diplomatic and official or service visas
  - b. Foreign officials and entourage who make state visits
  - c. Delegation of G-20 member countries
  - d. Travelers with a Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA) scheme
  - e. An honorable person or distinguished person.
3. The quarantine obligations period for all international travelers (WNI and WNA) lasts for 10 days. While the quarantine obligations period for only Indonesian citizens (WNI) arriving in Indonesia from countries in referring to point 1 lasts for 14 days.
4. The exception to the quarantine obligations for Indonesian citizens (WNI) that can be given for urgent circumstances is as follows:
  - Life-threatening health conditions.
  - Health conditions that require special attention
  - Grief due to the death of a family member
  - For officials of echelon 1 and above who just completed official duties, there is a dispensation to reduce their quarantine obligation with the approval from related Ministries/Agencies that must be requested to COVID-19 Response Acceleration Task Force minimal 3 three days prior to their arrival.

With this update, it stated that there are several updates for international travelers who want to enter Indonesia. It can be said that Indonesia is restricting international arrival from abroad and loosening up the quarantine obligation for officials or foreign delegations. However, the quarantine obligation for international arrival for Indonesian citizens (WNI) and foreigners (WNA) still remains 10 days period.

Reference:

- The Circular Letter (SE) No. 25 Year 2021

If you require a copy of the reference document above, please do not hesitate to contact [research@ibai.or.id](mailto:research@ibai.or.id). Thank you for your attention and hope this information would be valuable for you.

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