



INFORMATION

Updates of the Restriction to 14 Countries and Health Protocol for the International Travelers during the Period of COVID-19 Effective from December 25th, 2021

The Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia has issued Regulation of the Minister of Finance No. 175/PMK.04/2021 concerning Exemption of Import Duty and Excise on Re-Import of Exported Goods which will be **effective on February 4th, 2022**.

The COVID-19 Response Acceleration Task Force has issued Circular Letter (SE) No. 26 Year 2021 concerning International Travel Health Protocol during the Corona Virus Disease Pandemic 2019 (COVID-19). Indonesian Citizens (WNI) and Foreigners (WNA) arriving in Indonesia are obligated to re-test Reverse-Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) upon arrival and conduct quarantine for 10 days effective from December 25th, 2021.

This update regulation is handling and preventing the spread of the new variant of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529, known as Omicron. With the enactment of Circular Letter (SE) No. 26 Year 2021, it's revoked the previous Circular Letter (SE) No. 25 Year 2021, Circular Letter (SE) No.23 Year 2021, and Addendum to the Circular Letter (SE) No. 23 Year 2021.

The several point updates for international travelers (WNA and WNI) who arrived in Indonesia according to the circular letter are as follow:

1. Indonesian Citizens (WNI) travelers from abroad are allowed to enter Indonesia by following strict health protocols as stipulated by the Government
2. Temporarily entry ban for foreigners (WNA) who have lived and/or visited within 14 days from South Africa, Bostwana, Norway, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini, Lesotho, United Kingdom (UK), and Denmark
3. The exception for foreigners (WNA) that can enter Indonesia is as follow:
 - a. The WNA does not have a history of travel and/or stay within 14 days from the referred countries in point No. 2
 - b. Who hold Visa Services, Diplomatic Visa, Visit Visa, Limited Stay Visa, Official Stay Permit, Diplomatic Stay Permit, Limited Stay Permit, and Permanent Stay Permit according to the Minister of Law and Human Rights (Permenkumham) No. 34 Year 2021 about Granting of Visa and Immigration Stay Permit for Period Handling of the Spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 and National Economic Recovery
 - c. International Tourism Travelers should follow the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA) scheme between the Indonesian government and the United Arab Emirates, China, South Korea, and Singapore
 - d. The traveler who has permission in writing from the Ministries/Government Institutions
4. The quarantine obligations for international travelers (WNI and WNA) is 10 days, except the foreigners (WNI and WNA) are arriving in Indonesia from countries in Point. 2
5. RT-PCR test obligation for all international travelers (WNI and WNA) is conducted upon arrival.
 - For those foreigners who conduct 10 days quarantine duration, the second test is conducted on the 9th day of quarantine
 - For those foreigners who conduct 14 days quarantine duration, the second test is conducted on the 13th day of quarantine
6. 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
 - Mourn due to the death of a family member
7. The exception to the quarantine obligations for foreigners (WNA) that can be given by applying the social distancing and following the strict health protocols are:
 - Foreigners who hold diplomatic and official or service visas
 - Foreign officials and their delegations for a state visit
 - Delegation of G-20 member countries
 - International Tourism Travelers should follow the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA) scheme between the Indonesian government and the United Arab Emirates, China, South Korea, and Singapore
 - Honorary individuals (including the former government officials) and Distinguished individuals (including Nobel laureates, global religious figures, global community leaders, and global economic figures)

Following the announcement of Circular Letter No. 26 Year 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs established Circular Note No. SE/121/PK/12/2021/64 on 26th December 2021 regarding the dispensation of quarantine obligation for Foreign officials (PNA) and International Organization (OI) with the request for a recommendation letter from related Ministries/Government Institutions 7 days before arrival. This policy is only temporary and will be adjusted according to the Global Health Development.

Reference:

- The Circular Letter (SE) No. 26 Year 2021 and Circular Note No. SE/121/PK/12/2021/64 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

If you require a copy of the reference document above, please do not hesitate to contact research@ibai.or.id.

Thank you for your attention and hope this information would be valuable for you.

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