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Rules for incoming passengers to Germany in connection with Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19

Dear passengers,

Welcome to Germany! Please observe the following important information regarding your arrival:

- If you are arriving in Germany from abroad by land, sea or air and have been in a **high-risk area** at any time in the 14 days before your arrival, you are legally required to go **directly** to your **home or other suitable accommodation** on arrival, and to remain there continuously for a period of 14 days (quarantine), except in the exceptional cases outlined below.

- A **high-risk area** is a state or region outside Germany in which there is an increased risk of becoming infected with Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the time of your arrival in Germany. The Robert Koch Institute is continually updating a list of high-risk areas at the following link: https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete

- These obligations are based on the national legal regulations in accordance with Section 32, Clause 1 and Section 30, Paragraph 1, Clause 2 of the German Infection Protection Act (Infektionsschutzgesetz). Violations may be prosecuted as an **administrative offence**, punishable with a fine of up to 25,000 euros.

- Furthermore, you are legally required to inform the relevant health authority of the **address in Germany where you will be staying**. To do so, please use the **passenger locator card** provided to you by the carrier. The relevant health authority will monitor compliance with quarantine requirements; you can find your local health authority online at: https://tools.rki.de/plztool/

- If you have been in a **high-risk area** at any time in the 14 days prior to your arrival, you are legally required, upon arrival, to provide **proof** of having been tested for the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the request of the relevant health authority or any other authority determined by the state. Alternatively, you must **submit yourself for such testing** if requested to do so.

- You can also be **tested free of charge** within 10 days of your arrival from **a high-risk area**, even if you are not requested to do so. To arrange a test, please call the hotline for the medical appointment service on 116 117.

- Certain persons are exempt from the **compulsory quarantine and testing** in accordance with state law. This includes persons who are only **travelling through** Germany. In accordance with state regulations, the quarantine may be lifted in the event of a **negative test result**.

- Even if your test results are negative, you are legally required to **contact your local health authority** immediately if you develop **typical symptoms** of a Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 infection (shortness of breath, newly developed cough, fever or loss of taste/smell) within 14 days of your arrival.

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