

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - Travel Advisory Update

- In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March 2020, the following additional advisory is issued as per new directives from Government of India (16th March, 2020) :

(i) Expanding compulsory quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days for passengers coming from/transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Kuwait. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020 at the port of first departure.

(ii) Travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and the United Kingdom to India is prohibited with effect from 18th March 2020. No airline shall board a passenger from these nations to India with effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020. The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure.

(iii) Both these instructions are temporary measures and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently.

- In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March, 2020 and 16th March, 2020, the following additional advisory is issued as per new directives from Government of India (17th March, 2020):

(i) Travel of passengers from Afghanistan, Philippines, Malaysia to India is prohibited with immediate effect. No flight shall take off from these countries to India after 1500 hours Indian Standard Time (IST). The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure.

(ii) This instruction is a temporary measure and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently.

- As per the instructions received from Federal Authority of Identity And Citizenship, the UAE visa services for all foreign nationals are temporarily suspended.
- As of March 16, 2020, the United States Embassy and Consulates in India are cancelling routine immigrant and nonimmigrant visa appointments till further notice.
- Brazil Consulate Mumbai is not accepting any visa applications from 17th March to 31st March 2020 due to COVID-19
- Malaysia Govt has decided to lockdown in the country from 18th March to 31st March 2020. Tourists are not allowed to enter the country.
- Oman Supreme committee has decided to Ban on entry of all non-Omanis to the Sultanate's territories via all Sultanate's airport, except the citizens of Gulf Council Countries and passengers with residence visa, from 17th March to next 30 days.

References [4]

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