



Taiwan – Loosening of Restrictions for Short-Term Business Visas

From June 22, short-term business travelers entering Taiwan may apply for shortening the mandatory 14-days home quarantine period.

The Central Epidemic Command Center said today (17) that the domestic COVID-19 (Wuhan Pneumonia) epidemic has slowed down and is under stable control. For the opening of international economic and trade activities, after several meetings and discussions with relevant departments, from June 22, short-term business travelers who meet all following four basic conditions can apply to shorten the home quarantine period:

- Travelers allowed entry to Taiwan according to CDC announcement
- Period of stay in Taiwan is less than 3 months
- Short-term entry business travelers who engage in business activities (such as: inspection, after-sales service, technical guidance and training, contract signing, etc.)
- Traveling from country/region with low or low-to-medium risk of infection announced by the CDC, with no travel history to other countries/regions 14 days before boarding.

The CDC pointed out that business travelers who meet the above four application requirements should prepare relevant supporting documents, schedules and epidemic prevention plans at the time of application, and must have the COVID-19 Negative nucleic acid test report within 3 days before boarding for inspection. For travelers who do not meet the above application conditions, if there are special business needs or other necessary activities, a special case can be submitted; In addition, based on the principle of reciprocity and the safety of epidemic situations in various countries, simplified quarantine procedures can be negotiated with individual countries.

The CDC further explained that if the business traveler who completed the application is from a country/region with a low risk of infection, after entry, traveler can apply to the local health authority where the epidemic prevention hotel is located for self-paid COVID-19 screening on the 5th day; for low-to-medium-risk countries, traveler can screen at own expense on the 7th day after entry. After obtaining a negative test result report, traveler can apply to the local health authority to change to self health management until 21 days after entry. During the self health management period, body temperature should be measured daily and text messages should be used to report health status, and carry out limited business activities according to the schedule, and adopt name registration system, record daily activities and contact personnel, try to avoid going in and out of public places, when going out, strictly observe the whole process of wearing masks.



The CDC stated that the above operating specifications are limited to short-term business travelers who enter the country. If they plan to stay (reside) in Taiwan for more than three months, they should still complete the 14-day home quarantine after entering the country.

In addition, as of June 17, all non-Taiwan nationals, PRC nationals, Hong Kong & Macau nationals without proof of residence (ARC) , shall not apply for epidemic prevention compensation.

※NOTE: The following list of countries/regions with low and low-to-medium-infection risks will be adjusted according to the scale and trend of the epidemic situation in each country, monitoring and inspection capacity, transparency of epidemic information, and the epidemic situation of the region and neighboring countries. (Rolling review every two weeks)

1. Countries/regions with low risk of infection: New Zealand, Australia, Macau, Palau, Fiji, Brunei, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, Mongolia, Bhutan.
2. Countries with low-to-medium risk of infection: South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore.