

GENERAL CONSULATE OF SPAIN IN HONG KONG – MACAU

ENTRY INTO SPAIN – HEALTH CONTROLS Resolution of the General Directorate of Public Health of 1st of April, 2022. BOE of 6th of April, 2022, No. 82 https://boe.es/boe/dias/2022/04/06/pdfs/BOE-A-2022-5523.pdf

The aforementioned Resolution, in force since 6th of April, nullifies the Resolution of 4th of June, 2021, of the General Directorate of Public Health, regarding the health controls to be carried out at the entry points of Spain and its following modifications. Below is a summary of the health conditions for entering into Spain, in application of the aforementioned Resolution of 1st of April, 2022.

Certificates required of all travelers arriving in Spain

Currently, all passengers arriving in Spain are required to have one of the following certificates:

a) <u>Vaccination certificate</u>: confirming that the holder has completed valid vaccination against COVID-19.

b) <u>Diagnostic test certificate</u>: confirming that the holder has undergone a negative diagnostic test. In the case of PCR, whose sample has been obtained within 72 hours prior to arrival in Spain. In the case of antigen detection tests included in the common list of rapid antigen detection tests for COVID-19, whose sample has been obtained within 24 hours prior to arrival in Spain.

c) <u>Recovery certificate</u>: confirming that, after a positive result of a diagnostic test, the holder has recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Consequently, the difference between risk and non-risk countries disappears. As a consequence, travelers from countries that were previously not considered at risk by the Ministry of Health -namely: Saudi Arabia, China, Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Kuwait, Peru, Qatar and Rwanda- must imperatively present any of the aforementioned certificates to enter in Spain, in addition to completing the Spain Travel Health form if you do not have a European Union Digital COVID Certificate or valid equivalent.

The Resolution has maintained the <u>validity periods of the certificates</u> to be presented, which is as follows:

• Vaccination certificates (Section Four of the Resolution). They will be valid from 14 days after the date of administration of the last dose of the complete vaccine schedule, as long as no more than 270 days have elapsed since the date of administration of the last dose of said schedule. From that moment on, the certificate must reflect the administration of a booster dose, with the exception of vaccination certificates for persons under 18 years of age, which will remain valid.

• Recovery certificates (Section Six of the Resolution). They will be valid when they have been issued at least 11 days after the first NAAT diagnostic test or antigen detection test with a positive result carried out by health professionals or qualified personnel and will be valid for 180 days after the date of the first positive result of diagnostic test.

Obligation to complete the Spain Travel Health form.

Until 6th of April, 2022, it was mandatory for all travelers entering in Spain to complete the **Spain Travel Health** form. With the entry into force of the Resolution of 1st of April, 2022, this procedure will no longer be mandatory for those persons with a European Union Digital COVID Certificate or valid equivalent. It should be noted that the negotiations on the equivalence of Hong Kong – EU certificates were suspended last January, so the <u>completion of said certificate is still necessary</u>. <u>https://www.spth.gob.es/</u>

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