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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and International Organisations in the Netherlands and has the honour to inform them as follows.

Additional entry measures for all travelers from outside EU/ Schengen

In addition to the new COVID-19 measures that are announced by the Dutch government on 18 December 2021, the Dutch government will also tighten the entry measures. Starting on 22 December 2021 0:01 AM the new rules will go into effect. This entails that travelers from outside the EU/Schengen area must always provide a negative test result to enter the Netherlands. Furthermore, travelers from very high-risk areas must always self-quarantine. These rules also apply to travelers with proof of vaccination or proof of recovery, who were previously exempt from the mandatory quarantine.

Negative test result for travelers from outside the EU/ Schengen

From 22 December 2021 0:01 onwards, all travelers who travel (back) to the Netherlands from outside Schengen/EU are required to demonstrate a negative test result, including those who are fully vaccinated or recovered. This also applies to travelers from high-risk countries and countries that are on the EU Safe Country List. The test results must be from either a NAAT (PCR) test performed no more than 48 hours before departure or an antigen test performed no more than 24 hours before departure. The exemptions to the test requirement can be found on the following website: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/mandatory-negative-test-results-and-declaration/exemptions>

Quarantine requirement for travelers from very high-risk areas

From 22 December 2021 0:01 onwards, all travelers from very high-risk areas must self-quarantine for 10 days even if they have proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. This quarantine period can be shortened if they get tested by the municipal health service (GGD) on day 5 of the quarantine and the result is negative. The exceptions to the mandatory quarantine rule can be found on the following website: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/self-quarantine/exceptions-mandatory-quarantine>

The above-mentioned COVID-19 measures are explained in more detail on the website of the Dutch government: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/new-entry-rules-apply-to-travellers-outside-the-eu-schengen-area>

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all diplomatic missions and International Organisations in the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To all diplomatic missions and International Organisations in the Netherlands