



## VIETNAM TO RESUME SIX INTERNATIONAL AIR ROUTES AND WAIVE QUARANTINE FOR SHORT BUSINESS TRIPS

As Vietnam lifted most of its social distancing measures domestically, further policies facilitating the entry for foreign experts and investors into Vietnam were unveiled. Specifically, pursuant to Notice 330/TB-VPCP, six international air routes between Vietnam and China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Cambodia, and Laos are planned to resume this month. Meanwhile, quarantine measures will be waived for short business trips of less than 14 days according to Official Dispatch No 4674/BYT-MT.

### ✈ Vietnam allows resumption of six international air routes

As per Notice 330/TB-VPCP, issued on September 15, the Vietnamese Government approved the resumption of six airline routes between Vietnam and countries where COVID-19 is deemed to be kept under control, including Guangzhou (China), Tokyo (Japan), Seoul (South Korea), Taipei (Taiwan), Phnom Penh (Cambodia) and Vientiane (Laos).

Accordingly, foreign experts, investors, business managers, high-tech workers (hereinafter collectively referred to as “experts”) and their relatives who have valid entry permits and flight tickets from one of the above mentioned six areas will be able to enter Vietnam. As per the current plan, there will be a maximum of only two commercial flights to each designated location on a weekly basis. However, airlines are yet to reveal the specific flight schedule.

In addition, within three days prior to boarding, experts and their relatives must present a negative certificate of RT-PCR for SARS-CoV-2 issued by the competent health authority of the departing country.

### 📌 Entry requirements

Upon arrival, experts and their dependants are required to undergo a RT-PCR test and quarantine at their sponsors’ factories, corporate headquarters or designated hotels or accommodations.

Testing for COVID-19 is done at least twice during the quarantine period. After having two negative RT-PCR results, the quarantine period may be shortened (about 5 days) subject to Vietnamese health authorities.

Passengers travelling to Vietnam on a transiting flight from a third country will be placed under a 14-day quarantine and will not be eligible for the quarantine shortcut.

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### Quarantine measures are waived for short business trips

As per Official Dispatch No 4674/BYT-MT, issued on August 31, the mandatory 14-day quarantine will be waived for foreign experts entering Vietnam on a short business trip of less than 14 days. If after 14 days they wish to stay in Vietnam, they can do so without quarantining, provided they test negative for the virus.

However, experts must comply with all other health measures, which include:

- Remain at designated accommodation and follow the scheduled itinerary of the business trip;
- Install and use the Bluezone contract tracing app during their stay in Vietnam; and
- Wear face masks and maintain personal hygiene.

*Notice: Although this official dispatch came to effect in theory, it has not been applied in practice as of the time this flyer was sent out. Please follow us on **Vietnam Briefing** for any changes to the current regulations.*



### Our support

Depending on various possible circumstances of virus containment in Vietnam and other nations, regulations are likely to change quickly. We recommend that investors and businesses work with a professional firm like Dezan Shira & Associates to navigate the intricacies and administrative procedures to help secure an entry permit for their foreign employees.

Specifically, we are able to provide assistance in:

- Advisory on work permit and entry permit application;
- Entry permit for foreign workers application;
- Employee contract review and reassessment; and
- Renewals of work permit and resident permit, or cancellations.

Should you need any support, please do not hesitate to **contact us**.

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