

COVID – 19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: NIGERIA REMOVES INDIA, SOUTH AFRICA, TURKEY AND BRAZIL FROM THE LIST OF RESTRICTED COUNTRIES

In September 2021, the Federal Government of Nigeria removed India from the list of countries where travelers are restricted from arriving in the country in a bid to continuously safeguard the interest and health of Nigerians and to curb the further spread of the virus. The decision to remove India from the list is in view of the fact that there were “signs of significant improvement in the coronavirus infection management in the country”.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has now at this moment removed South Africa, Brazil and Turkey from the list of restricted countries as well. This announcement was made through the chairman of the presidential steering committee on **COVID – 19, Boss Mustapha** at a press briefing on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. He explained that this position was arrived at after a careful review of the pandemic situation in these three countries.

REVISED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROTOCOL INTO NIGERIA

As a result of the various global developments on the reconsideration of the COVID-19 quarantine entry protocol, the Presidential Steering Committee (PSC) on COVID-19 in Nigeria has also issued the following revised international travel protocol into the country:

1. Passengers arriving in Nigeria are required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result upon their arrival, the PCR test must be conducted not more than 72 hours before boarding. This means that regardless of a traveler’s vaccination status, each passenger will still be required to carry out a pre-departure COVID-19 test.
2. Passengers yet to be vaccinated or partially vaccinated, will be required to observe a mandatory 7-day self-isolation in addition to a COVID-19 PCR test on Second day and Seventh day of arrival into Nigeria.
3. In- bound passengers who are fully vaccinated will not be required to observe the mandatory 7 days self-isolation but will be required to do a COVID-19 PCR test on the second day of arrival into Nigeria.
4. Passengers arriving in Nigeria on “Business” trip or to carry out official duties staying less than 7 days in Nigeria must:
 - Be fully vaccinated;
 - Produce negative COVID-19 PCR result 72 hours before boarding; and
 - Conduct a PCR test on day of their arrival.

CONCLUSION

With the lifting of the ban, nationals and travelers from South Africa, Turkey, India and Brazil are no longer restricted from traveling to Nigeria provided they are able to meet all entry protocol required conditions. The presidential steering committee on COVID-19 has confirmed that the above-listed revised entry protocol will take effect from Monday, October 25, 2021.

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