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Regulations relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health

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Section 1. Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals covered by the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Convention etc.

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. an EEA national who is a cross-border worker or engaged as an employee; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;
- b. an EEA national who is self-employed; see section 112, first paragraph (a) of the Immigration Act;

- c. a service provider in an EEA country; see section 110, fourth paragraph, or section 112, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Act;
- d. an EEA national who is enrolled at an approved educational institution; see section 112, first paragraph (d) of the Immigration Act;
- e. a family member of an EEA national (see section 110 of the Immigration Act), or an EEA national with corresponding family ties to a Norwegian national, who is to establish residence in Norway;
- f. an EEA national with family ties as specified in section 1 e, who is to visit a family member residing in Norway or travel with a Norwegian family member. Exemption is to be granted from the provision in section 110, third paragraph (c), of the Immigration Act stating that a relative in direct line of descent must be under the age of 21;
- g. an EEA national who owns real property in Norway and the owner's household members, who are to visit the property;
- h. an EEA national or a national of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City State and his or her family members, who needs to travel through Norway to get home.
- i. an EEA national who is resident in a third country;
- j. a spouse, registered partner, cohabitant or minor or adult child or stepchild of an EEA national as specified in section 1, first paragraph i, when such person travels to Norway with the EEA national or is joining the EEA national in Norway.

The provisions of these Regulations pertaining to EEA nationals apply correspondingly to nationals of Switzerland.

Section 2. Exemptions from entry restrictions on entering from certain countries and areas

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national who resides in the EEA, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland or Vatican City State;
- b. (repealed);
- c. a foreign national who has a need to travel through the Norwegian mainland on the way to or from work or residence in Svalbard;
- d. a foreign national who is resident in Svalbard.

Section 3. Exemptions from entry restrictions in other cases

The following foreign nationals shall not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national who is to carry out agreed or formalised parent-child contact or divided residence for children;
- b. a foreign national who will only be staying in airport transit before departing Norway;
- c. members of the Sami community in the exercise of reindeer herding;
- d. a foreign national who performs commercial transport of goods and passengers for payment, or is en route to or from such an assignment;
- e. journalists and other personnel on assignment for a foreign media institution;
- f. a foreign national as specified in sections 1-4 and 1-5 of the Immigration Regulations, and who can present a diplomatic or service passport, or possibly a national passport in combination with a Norwegian ID card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or in combination with a Schengen residence card for embassy personnel; the same applies to dual-accredited diplomats and diplomatic couriers;
- g. military personnel as specified in section 1-7, second or third paragraphs, of the Immigration Regulations and their spouse, cohabitant or children who have been reported to and accepted by the Ministry of Defence, as well as members of a civilian component and civilian personnel working for military staffs or headquarters in Norway (including NATO departments in Norway) and their spouse, cohabitant or children;

- h. a foreign national who works on mobile or fixed installations; see sections 1-10 or 1-11 of the Immigration Regulations;
- i. a holder of a valid aviation personnel licence (see section 2-9 of the Immigration Regulations) en route to or from active service;
- j. seamen, en route to or from active service, with an identity card as specified in section 2-8 of the Immigration Regulations or a Philippine Seafarer's Identification and Record Book or a Philippine national passport as specified in section 3-1 (j) of the Immigration Regulations;
- k. a spouse, cohabitant or child of a posted foreign service officer at a Norwegian foreign service mission;
- l. employees of international organisations or employees in organisations that perform international humanitarian efforts, and who are on assignment or en route to or from such assignment;
- m. a foreign national invited by the Norwegian authorities to participate in international negotiations and similar activities, and a foreign national who is part of delegations coming to Norway in accordance with Norway's international commitments;
- n. passengers and crew on approved coastal cruises; see section 11 of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- o. researchers and crew members participating in marine research expeditions with a Norwegian port of call;
- p. foreign nationals with technical qualifications who are exempt from the requirement of a residence permit under section 1-1, first paragraph (b), of the Immigration Regulations;
- q. a foreign national who has one of the following family relationships to a person resident in Norway:
 - 1. spouse, registered partner or cohabitant,
 - 2. minor or adult child or stepchild,
 - 3. parent or stepparent,
 - 4. minor or adult grandchild or stepgrandchild,
 - 5. grandparent or stepgrandparent,
 - 6. established relationship of romantic partners of at least nine months' duration in which the parties have met each other physically, as well as the minor child of a romantic partner;
- r. a foreign national who is to work with film or series production in Norway that has received a commitment by the Norwegian Film Institute of a grant from the incentive scheme; see the Regulations of 16 December 2015 No. 1684 relating to an incentive scheme for film and series productions.
- s. a foreign national who is to work as a researcher, and who is exempt from the requirement of a residence permit for an employment relationship of up to three months; see section 1-1, second paragraph, of the Immigration Regulations.
- t. contestants and support staff who come to Norway to participate in international sports competitions, and who are exempt from entry quarantine under section 6f of the COVID-19 Regulations;
- u. a spouse, registered partner, cohabitant or minor or adult child or stepchild of a Norwegian national who is resident abroad, when such person travels on a visit to Norway with the Norwegian national or is joining him or her in Norway.

Section 4. Exemptions from entry restrictions for foreign nationals with a residence permit in Norway

The following foreign nationals may not be refused entry under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health:

- a. a foreign national with a residence permit in Norway granted under the Immigration Act's provisions on family immigration, and for whom the sponsor is a Norwegian national or a foreign national resident in Norway or is otherwise entitled to entry under the Act or under these Regulations;
- b. a foreign national with a residence permit in connection with work; see sections 23, 24 or 25 of the Immigration Act;
- c. a foreign national with a residence permit for students etc.; see section 6-19 of the Immigration Regulations;
- d. a foreign national with an entry permit granted under section 35 of the Immigration Act;
- e. a foreign national with a residence permit for employees of non-profit, religious or humanitarian organisations; see section 6-23 of the Immigration Regulations.

Section 4a. Requirement of negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 on entry into Norway

Foreign nationals who otherwise are entitled to enter under the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health, and who arrive in Norway from an area that gives rise to quarantine duty as stipulated in appendix A of the COVID-19 Regulations, shall present certification on entry showing a negative test result for SARS-CoV-2, in accordance with section 4a of the COVID-19 Regulations. Approved test methods are PCR testing or antigen rapid testing. The test is to be taken no later than 72 hours prior to arrival in Norway. The certification must be in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, English, French or German.

The first paragraph does not apply to

- a. foreign nationals who reside in Norway with a residence permit or right of residence under the Immigration Act; see section 2, first paragraph a), of the Interim Act;
- b. foreign nationals who are essential to maintain the proper operation of critical public functions or attend to fundamental needs of the population, and there is a risk to life and health if entry is refused;
- c. foreign nationals who are in transit;
- d. foreign nationals who regularly arrive in Norway from Sweden or Finland to work or study, with the exception of health personnel who have been outside Norway for more than seven days;
- e. foreign nationals who seek protection in the realm (asylum) or otherwise invoke a right to international protection due to risk of persecution etc.; see section 2, first paragraph b), of the Interim Act;
- f. foreign nationals with an entry permit granted under section 35 of the Immigration Act; see section 4, first paragraph d);
- g. foreign nationals with a residence permit in Norway granted under the Immigration Act's provisions on family immigration; see section 4, first paragraph a, or a family member of an EEA national who is to establish residence in Norway (see section 1, first paragraph e) if the sponsor is exempt from the requirement of a negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 on entry into Norway;
- h. foreign nationals as specified in sections 1-4 or 1-5 of the Immigration Regulations, and who can present a diplomatic or service passport, or possibly a national passport in combination with a Norwegian ID card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or in combination with a Schengen residence card for embassy personnel; dual-accredited diplomats and diplomatic couriers; see section 3, first paragraph f);
- i. spouses, cohabitants or children of posted foreign service officers at a Norwegian foreign service mission as provided in section 3, first paragraph k);
- j. foreign nationals invited by the Norwegian authorities to participate in international negotiations and similar activities, and foreign nationals who are part of delegations coming to Norway in accordance with Norway's international commitments; see section 3, first paragraph m);
- k. military personnel as specified in section 1-7, second or third paragraphs, of the Immigration Regulations if they arrive in Norway by non-commercial transport;
- l. foreign nationals who perform commercial transport of goods and passengers for payment, or are en route to or from such an assignment; see section 3, first paragraph d);
- m. holders of a valid aviation personnel licence as specified in section 3, first paragraph i);
- n. seamen as specified in section 3, first paragraph j);
- o. foreign nationals who can document by an approved laboratory method that they have had COVID-19 and recovered in the last six months; see section 4 of the COVID-19 Regulations.

If a foreign national comes to the realm without certification as specified in the first paragraph, a rejection decision may be taken.

Section 2, third paragraph, and sections 4 to 9 of the Interim Act apply correspondingly in the event of a violation of this section.

A foreign national is not to be rejected under this section if special reasons so indicate.

The Ministry is given authority under section 7-12 of the Act relating to control of communicable diseases to make amendments to this section.

Section 5. *Further rules on administrative procedures*

The Directorate of Immigration may establish guidelines on administrative procedures for the police and other public authorities, including any foreign service mission, that perform tasks under these Regulations; see section 20-3 of the Immigration Regulations, which applies correspondingly.

Section 6. *Entry into force*

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 2020.