

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Sweden

Sweden extends its entry ban and adds new categories of travelers to its exemption list

Executive summary

The Swedish Government recently extended its entry ban on individuals traveling from within the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) to 30 November 2021, and on individuals traveling from outside the EU and EEA to 31 January 2022. The Swedish Government also announced that travelers who present COVID-19 vaccination certificates issued in Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey and the United States, proving that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, will be exempt from the entry ban and pre-travel COVID-19 test requirements, starting on 5 November 2021.

Background

In March 2020, the Swedish Government enacted a ban on travel from countries in and outside of the EU and EEA, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within its borders. The entry ban has been modified multiple times since March 2020, and it includes exemptions that allow specific categories of travelers to enter Sweden in certain situations.

Travel ban extended

On 28 October 2021, the Swedish Government announced that it is extending its ban on travel from within the EU and EEA to 30 November 2021, and on travel from outside of the EU and EEA until 31 January 2022. Certain travelers are exempt from the entry ban and may enter Sweden under special circumstances, including individuals traveling from EU and EEA countries who hold EU Digital COVID Certificates or other COVID-19 certificates recognized by the Swedish Government, confirming that they: (1) are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a vaccine that was approved by the European Medicines Agency, (2) took a polymerase chain

reaction (PCR), loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP), transcription mediated amplification (TMA) or antigen COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival in Sweden, or (3) recovered from COVID-19 in the six months preceding their arrival in Sweden.

Travelers from Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway remain exempt from the entry ban and the requirement to present proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative COVID-19 test prior to arrival in Sweden. For more information about exemptions from the entry ban, click [here](#).

New additions to the exemption list

On 28 October 2021, the Swedish Government announced that, starting on 5 November 2021, travelers who hold COVID-19 vaccination certificates issued in Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey or the United States, proving that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e., they received the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to arrival in Sweden), will be exempt from the entry ban and the requirement to get tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival in Sweden. Currently, these travelers are ineligible to enter Sweden unless they qualify for an exemption from the entry ban, and those who are eligible to enter are generally required to get tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival in Sweden.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, please contact any of our immigration professionals.

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