The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Protocol – presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions accredited in France, the international organizations headquartered or having an office in France, and the permanent delegations and representations to these organizations, and with reference to its circular notes verbales nos. 2021-0053131 and 2021-0053118 of 3 February 2021, has the honour to inform them of the following:

Given the circulation of variants of SARS-CoV-2, the French authorities have decided to strengthen movement restrictions and border health checks.

1 – The rules applicable to travel to and from countries in the European space (European Union Member States, Andorra, the Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland) remain unchanged.

The provisions of circular note verbale no. 2021-0053118 of 3 February 2021 continue to apply. The certificates and documents required for travel can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of the Interior (https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/).

2 – Countries outside the European space are split between three lists (green, orange and red) depending on variant circulation, with differentiated movement and health check rules:

- **Green list** – Australia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Singapore: the rules applicable are the same as those for the European space (see point 1);
- **Orange list** – All countries not on the green or red lists: travel is subject to pressing grounds and the terms of health checks remain identical to those indicated in circular note verbale no. 2021-0053131 of 3 February 2021;
- **Red list** – Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Turkey and Uruguay: see instructions below.

Protocol invites the diplomatic community to read the document entitled “Strategy for reopening the borders from 9 June”, which is available on the Government website (https://www.gouvernement.fr).

Starting from 9 June 2021, vaccination status may allow certain health checks to be reduced, so long as travellers can prove complete vaccination as recognized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

The countries on the red list, established by Article 1.1 of the Order of 10 July 2020 identifying areas where the SARS-CoV-2 virus is circulating, as amended, which is attached to this note, will be updated regularly on the basis of variant circulation.

2.1 Red list – General rule:

Only travellers with pressing family, health or professional grounds for travel that cannot be postponed are authorized to enter French territory.
The categories of travellers authorized are exhaustively listed on the certificate available at the following link:
https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Attestation-de-deplacement-et-de-voyage

Travellers from a red list country who are authorized to travel, regardless of their nationality, must present the following documents to the transport operator and border control authorities:

- A negative PCR test result from less than 36 hours earlier or, failing that, a negative PCR test result from less than 72 hours earlier and a negative antigen (lateral-flow) test result from less than 24 hours earlier;

- Evidence of the address of the domicile or suitable accommodation where the traveller will spend the compulsory isolation period of 10 days;

- A sworn declaration stating that the traveller has no symptoms, has had no contact with a confirmed case, and agrees to undergo a PCR test upon arrival in French territory.

Travellers will systematically be subject to quarantine or isolation, which will be decided by prefectoral order upon their arrival in mainland France for a duration of 10 days and will involve a restriction on time spent outside the place of isolation (except in the event of transit in an international zone).

2.2 Red list – Rules applicable to the diplomatic community:

- Diplomatic and consular agents and international civil servants, and their partners and children, in possession of a special residence permit (TSS) or a “D PRO MAE” visa, are authorized to enter French territory under the ordinary rules set out in point 2.1 and are invited to comply voluntarily with the health checks applicable to their country of departure. These measures are without prejudice to the immunities linked to the positions of travellers. The entities concerned are invited to inform Protocol by note verbale of the address where their agents and their partners and children will spend their period of isolation.

- Members of official delegations are not authorized to enter French territory, as the ordinary rules cannot apply to them, except in the event of a specific exemption set out in a separate note verbale. In this context, videoconferencing should be preferred, wherever possible.

Protocol asks the diplomatic community to consult the website of the Ministry of the Interior (https://www.interieur.gouv.fr) to download the documents required for travel and health checks.

The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Protocol – avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the diplomatic missions accredited in France, international organizations headquartered or having an office in France, and permanent delegations and representations to these organizations, the assurances of its high consideration.

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