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The 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 to the delegations and permanent representations to these international organizations, and has the honour to inform them of the following:

The French authorities have defined, in Decree No. 2021-99 of 30 January 2021 amending Decree No. 2020-1262 of 16 October 2020 and Decree No. 2020-1310 of 29 October 2020 stipulating the general measures necessary to face the COVID-19 epidemic within the framework of the health state of emergency, new rules for **travelling to Metropolitan France from a country of the European space** (European Union, Andorra, the Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland).

**1 – Travellers arriving in Metropolitan France, from an internal border of the European space, are not subject to any travel restrictions.**

As the United Kingdom definitively left the European Union on 1 January 2021, travellers arriving from this country are no longer treated as travellers from the European space and are subject to specific rules on the Ministry of the Interior's website (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr>).

**2 – Travellers aged 11 and older arriving in Metropolitan France, in any type of transport from a country of the European space, must have:**

- The results of a virological RT-PCR test carried out less than 72 hours prior to departure which proves that the traveller does not have COVID-19;
- A **sworn declaration which can be downloaded on the Ministry of Interior's website** (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr>) stating that:
  - i. The traveller has no symptoms of COVID-19 infection;
  - ii. The traveller has not, to their knowledge, been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the journey;
  - iii. The traveller agrees to take a virological RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 upon arrival in France.

Travellers are required to carry a sworn declaration that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and that, to their knowledge, they have not been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the journey.

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Where an RT-PCR test cannot be carried out in the country of departure, the traveller can ask the embassy or consulate of France for a specific document called a "PCR test exemption" (Dispense de test PCR), subject to pressing grounds for travel (limited to a very small number of circumstances) and prior acceptance of:

- A virological screening test capable of detecting SARS-CoV-2 (antigen/lateral flow test) upon arrival;
- A seven-day isolation period in an establishment designated by the French authorities, subject to presentation of a booking;
- A virological screening test at the end of the isolation period.

In countries where antigen/lateral flow tests are available, the “PCR test exemption” is valid only if accompanied by the results of such a test carried out less than 72 hours before boarding and which does not identify COVID-19 contamination.

Further information concerning the health check measures is available on the Minister of the Interior's website (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr>).

3 – Specific measures apply to travel to French overseas territories and have been specified on the Ministry of the Interior's website (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr>).

4 – Concerning the progression of the epidemic, the French authorities kindly request, in accordance with the Vienna Convention and without prejudice to immunities recognized by it, that delegation members on official missions, staff of diplomatic and consular missions and staff in international organizations headquartered or having an office in France, as well as their spouses and children over the age of 11, present the results of a virological RT-PCR test carried out less than 72 hours prior to departure (of the first flight if the journey includes connecting flights) which proves that the traveller(s) does not have COVID-19, **unless they have a specific exemption from the French Embassy or consulate.**

The delegation members on an official assignment are not required to self-isolate nor are personnel of international organizations headquartered or having an office in France and their spouses and children.

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 international organizations, the assurances of its high consideration.

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