

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Italy

New COVID-19 restrictions for travelers arriving from China Mainland

Executive summary

The Italian government recently announced that most travelers arriving from China Mainland, including those transiting through Italy, must get tested for COVID-19 prior to departure and after arrival, irrespective of their nationality or COVID-19 vaccination status. Those who test positive for COVID-19 in Italy will be required to undergo self-isolation. These measures will stay in place until 31 January 2023 and may be extended at the authorities' discretion.

Key developments

Effective 28 December 2022, individuals departing from China Mainland and traveling to, or transiting through, Italy must:

- ▶ Take a molecular COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, or an antigen COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted.
- ▶ Take an antigen swab COVID-19 test upon arrival at an airport in Italy or within 48 hours of arrival at an authorized testing center. Individuals who test negative are not subject to further COVID-19 restrictions in Italy.
- ▶ Isolate for at least five days and undergo further COVID-19 testing if they test positive for COVID-19 upon arrival. Travelers may end their isolation after testing negative for an antigen or molecular COVID-19 test, provided they were asymptomatic for at least two days consecutively prior to the negative test.

Several groups of travelers are exempt from these requirements, including but not limited to children under the age of six, transportation crews carrying passengers or goods, officers

of the EU or international organizations, diplomats and diplomatic or consular personnel, and staff of the Information System for the Security of the Republic (i.e., the Sistema di informazione per la sicurezza della Repubblica).

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees traveling from China Mainland of the new requirements to avoid delays or complications relating to travel to Italy.

Key steps

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

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