Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria

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To
The Carriers operating flights from The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Republic of Bulgaria

Ref: As of 29th January 2021 until 30th April 2021 there is no explicit need for Bulgarian citizens and residents, and their family members, while travelling from the UK to Bulgaria, to present a negative PCR test upon arrival

Dear Sirs,

Further to our letter ref No Av-01-2358 of 30/12/2020 I would like to inform you that a new Order ref No RD-01-50 of 26.01.2020 was issued by the Bulgarian Ministry of Health. Herewith, I would like to make the following clarification:

Bulgarian citizens and holders of Bulgarian residence cards, as well as their family members, when travelling from the UK to Bulgaria between the 29th of January 2021 and 30th of April 2021, are not explicitly required to present negative PCR tests on arrival. The travellers of this category, however, who do not provide such tests, will be required to self-isolate for ten days in Bulgaria.

Exempted from the requirement to provide a negative PCR Covid-19 test are also international bus drivers, international lorry drivers, aircraft crews and airlines technical staff, workers in border regions, transit passengers.

In view of the above, there is no reason for the air carriers to refuse boarding to such passengers on the grounds of the above mentioned Ministerial order.

All other travellers who are not covered by the exemptions of Order ref No RD-01-50/26.01.2021, will be required to provide on arrival evidence of a negative PCR test taken up to 72 hours before that.

I avail myself of this opportunity to commend you for the great services you are offering to passengers during this difficult times!

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Marin RAYKOV

Enclosed: Order ref No RD-01-50 of 26.01.2020 by the Bulgarian Ministry of Health