



**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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 there is no explicit need for Bulgarian citizens and residents, while travelling from the UK to Bulgaria, to present a negative PCR test upon arrival

**Dear Sirs,**

Acting on repeated queries by Bulgarian citizens who are planning their travels from the UK to Bulgaria and on some reports of alleged misinterpretations of the provisions of Order RD-01-725/23.12.2020, issued by the Bulgarian Ministry of Health, I would like to make the following clarification:

Bulgarian citizens and citizens of other nations permanently residing in Bulgaria, when travelling from the UK to Bulgaria after the 1st of January 2021, are not required explicitly 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. Therefore, 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 Bulgarian citizens or permanent residents, and who are not covered by the exemptions of order RD-01-725/23.12.2020, will be required to provide on arrival evidence of a negative PCR test taken up to 72 hours before that.

Having the full understanding of the individual carriers' right to apply their own autonomous measures to restrict the Covid-19 pandemic, in addition to government guidance, if that is the case, 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