



Information Session with Airlines on MoHSS Entry and quarantine requirement

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Agenda

- Welcoming
- Introductions by agency or office (please add your Name, agency and contact details on the **chat function**)
- Presentation by ED Nangombe
- Questions and Answers



Outline

- MoHSS Exit requirements
- Persons allowed in Namibia
- MoHSS Entry requirements
- Quarantine requirements



Exit Requirements

- The Ministry does not have any Public Health requirements for persons exiting Namibia.
- Hence, there is no need for travelers to seek approval from MoHSS.
- However, it is advisable for Travelers intending to return to Namibia to make prior arrangements for their return trip to Namibia, e.g. quarantine arrangements .

The traveler should abide to:

- Immigration requirements
- Airline requirements and,
- Requirements, regulations and standard set by country of final destination.



Persons permitted entry into Namibia(1)

REASON FOR ENTRY	YES
Regulation 8 (1)	
(a) Namibian citizen	✓
(b) Hold a permanent residence permit for Namibia	✓
(c) Domiciled in Namibia or lawfully resident in Namibia	✓
(d) Part of a team of medical personnel required to provide medical services in Namibia to alleviate the COVID-19 pandemic	✓
(e) Member of the Diplomatic or consular staff accredited to Namibia or in-transit to another country	✓
(f) Spouse of child persons under (a) –(e)	✓



Persons permitted entry into Namibia(2)

REASON FOR ENTRY	YES
Regulation 8 (2)(c)	
▪ Business	✓
▪ Education	✓
▪ Health	✓
▪ Tourism	✓
Regulation 8 (6)	
(a) A Driver of motor vehicle; an operator of locomotive; a pilot in command of an aircraft; captain/master of a shipping vessel transporting goods	✓
(a) Person performing any service related to the operation of the vehicles referred to in paragraph (a)	✓
(c) Person performs a necessary service relating to the transportation of goods referred to in paragraph (a)	✓
Regulation 8 (7)	
▪ A person not allow entry in Namibia under regulation 8(1), may enter if they comply or meet requirements as may be determined by the Minister responsible for immigration issued pursuant to the Immigration Control Act	✓



Entry requirements

- **Namibian Citizens, Permanent Permit Holders, their Spouses and Children** are allowed entry into Namibia irrespective of the SARS-COV-2 PCR test results validity period. These individuals cannot be rendered stateless.
 - All persons permitted to enter Namibia must on entering Namibia **be tested for COVID-19 during the period of quarantine, Regulation 9(2).**
- Person permitted to enter Namibia must present SARS-COV-2 PCR test results that :
 - Are not older than **7 days**
 - Issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARSCOV-2 PCR test results.
 - Persons permitted to enter Namibia must, 14 days before entering Namibia, in writing inform the relevant Namibian diplomatic representative in the country of intended departure of the intention to enter Namibia.



Documents needed for Approval

- Application letter/email
- Proof of citizenship- passport or Domicile documents
- Study permit or letter from the Academic institution
- Doctor referral letter – in case of Health Travel



Quarantine requirements- Special Provision

Tourists

- Tourist entering Namibia should observe all Covid-19 infections Control Measures as any other travelers.
- Entry through **Hosea Kutako International and Walvis Bay Airports** only
- Amendment regulation 20 published in Government Notice No.233
 - Proceed to Prebooked destinations – provide proof of booking on entry.
 - Do not use public transport.
 - Procure local SIM Card at the Airport.
 - Available for swabbing **on day 5 at own cost.**
 - Tourist must be reachable on day 7 to receive the results
 - If found to be positive after swabbing, he/she will go into isolation and will bear the cost.



Quarantine requirements (Cost)

- Any person who enters Namibia **is subject to mandatory quarantine requirements** as set out in the Public Health Covid-19 general regulation, **Regulation 9(1)**
- All persons permitted to enter Namibia must on entering Namibia **be tested for COVID-19 during the period of quarantine, Regulation 9(2)**
- Namibian citizens who leave Namibia for **private business** must, **on returning to Namibia**, be subjected to mandatory **quarantine at own cost, Regulation 9(6)**



Quarantine requirements (Cost)

- The following categories may be quarantined at the cost of State, **Regulations 9(4)**
- Namibian citizens who are:
 - **Students** enrolled for and undertaking a course of study at a school or an educational institution in Namibia or in a foreign country, on entering or leaving Namibia;
 - **State patients**, on entering or leaving Namibia;
 - **Health professionals employed by the State and on official duty**, on entering or leaving Namibia;
 - Persons entering Namibia to provide **humanitarian assistance**;
 - Persons entering Namibia on **official government business**
- **Namibian Citizens who are** unable to pay for the cost of quarantine as required by the regulations **may request for assistance** from the State, **Regulation 9(5)**



Quarantine requirements –Crew members

- Crew members are subject to quarantine as per the Regulations based on their **duration of stay**.
- Pilots can disembark and rest to ensure compliance to the international aviation requirements



Supervised Home-Quarantine

- Should be requested before travel, 7-14 days
- Clearly state reason for supervised home-quarantine
- Health Inspectors have to assess and approve the proposed dwelling for quarantine
- Main Criteria among others:
 - Accommodation is self-contained, not shared
 - No shared entrance with other members of the public
 - No vulnerable individuals, e.g. elderly, people with co-morbidities
 - The dwelling is accessible for assessment prior to arrival
 - The Dwelling is within reach of the Health Team for monitoring



Repatriation of Human Remains

- No additional requirement for repatriation of cremated Human remains (Ashes)
- No repatriation of Human remains, of person who died of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, unless cremated.
- Approval should be sought for repatriation of Human remains, who died from other causes outside Namibia
 - COVID-19 test results should be availed to facilitate approval



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Thank You!





Questions and Discussions

