



## The Federal Ministry of Health

Orders pursuant to section 5 of the German Act on the Protection against Infection Act (*Infektionsschutzgesetz*) after the determination of an epidemic situation of national significance by the German Bundestag

of 8 April 2020

### I.

Pursuant to section 5 (2) number 1 letter a of the Protection against Infection Act of 20 July 2000 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1045), revised by Article 1 number 4 of the Act of 27 March 2020 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 587), the Federal Ministry of Health issues the following Order, in agreement with the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, as well as the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure:

Persons entering the Federal Republic of Germany from another country and who are subject to an isolation provision or order pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 2 of the Protection against Infection Act, are required to disclose, to the competent authority, their identity (including their date of birth), travel itinerary and contact data, including the address of their domicile.

### II.

Pursuant to section 5 (2) number 2 letter b of the Protection against Infection Act of 20 July 2000 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1045), revised by Article 1 number 4 of the Act of 27 March 2020 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 587), as well as section 5 (1) of the Act Implementing the International Health Regulations of 21 March 2013 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 566), amended by Article 71 number 2 of the Ordinance of 31 August 2015 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1474), the Federal Ministry of Health issues the following Order, in agreement with the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, as well as the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure:

Businesses involved in the cross-border transport of passengers to the Federal Republic of Germany, by rail, bus, ship or airplane, operators of airports, ports, passenger train stations and coach stations, as well as tour operators, are under obligation within the framework of their operational and technical capabilities to provide travellers with a barrier-free version of the information on the risks posed by the COVID-19 infection caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and the possibilities for preventing and combating it, contained in the Annex to this Order.

### III.

Pursuant to section 5 (2) number 2 letters c to e of the Protection against Infection Act of 20 July 2000 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1045), revised by Article 1 number 4 of the Act of 27 March 2020 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 587), as well as section 12 (1) (3) and (4) and section 17 (3) of the Act Implementing the International Health Regulations (*IGV-Durchführungsgesetz*) of 21 March 2013 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 566), of which section 12 was amended by Article 71 number 2 of the Ordinance of 31 August 2015 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1474), the Federal Ministry of Health issues the following Order, in agreement with the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, as well as the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure:

Businesses involved in the cross-border transport of passengers to the Federal Republic of Germany, by ship or airplane, must keep the data available to them for up to 30 days after arrival in the Federal Republic of Germany; this applies in particular to electronically stored data which enable passengers to be identified and located, as well as to passenger lists and seating plans.

Upon request by the public health office (*Gesundheitsamt*) responsible for the destination airport or port, the businesses mentioned in sentence 1 will collect, process and transmit immediately to this office, for certain types of carriage, data from passengers on their identity (including their date of birth), their contact data including the address of their domicile, as well as data on their travel itinerary. For this purpose, passenger locator cards (disembarkation cards) based on the sample in Annex 1 (for air traffic) or in Annex 1a (for shipping traffic) of the Act Implementing the International Health Regulations may be used. The competent public health office pursuant to sentence 2 may place the transmitted data at the disposal of other competent authorities.



The above Orders issued by the Federal Ministry of Health will be published in the Federal Gazette and by the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure in Notices to Airmen in respect of civil aviation, in Notices to Seafarers and in the Federal Ministry of Transport Gazette. They enter into force upon publication and will remain in force until such time as repealed pursuant to section 5 (4) sentence 3 of the Protection against Infection Act, or by the Federal Ministry of Health, such repeal being published in the same manner. They replace the Orders issued by the Federal Ministry of Health on 2 April 2020\*.

Bonn, 8 April 2020

The Federal Minister of Health

Jens Spahn

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\* *Redaktioneller Hinweis der Schriftleitung:*

*Die Anordnungen vom 2. April 2020 wurden auf der Homepage des Bundesministeriums für Gesundheit veröffentlicht.*

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Annex to II:



Bundesministerium  
für Gesundheit

*Regulations for persons entering  
Germany in connection  
with the novel coronavirus  
SARS-CoV-2*

INTERNET [www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de](http://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de)  
[www.zusammengegencorona.de](http://www.zusammengegencorona.de)

Bonn/Berlin, April 2020

Dear travellers,

Since early December 2019, we have seen a large number of cases of respiratory illness (COVID-19) caused by a novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that first emerged in Wuhan, China.

In the meantime, the virus has spread worldwide and is present both in the region where you were recently staying and here in Germany.

As a result, we have been undertaking strenuous efforts in Germany to slow down the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and interrupt the chain of infection. This is why our aim is to minimise the danger of new infections caused by returnees/persons arriving from abroad – parallel to the restrictions on leisure activities and travel implemented inside the country.

This is why travellers are no longer allowed to enter Germany without a valid reason.

By reason of provisions issued by the federal states (*Laender*) pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 2 of the Protection against Infection Act, persons entering the Federal Republic of Germany by land, sea or air, from another country, are currently required to isolate themselves and must proceed directly to their own home, or other suitable accommodation, immediately after their arrival and remain there exclusively for a period of 14 days after their entry into the country.

They are also required to contact their competent public health office (*Gesundheitsamt*) without delay and inform the latter of their entry into the country.

Excluded from this regulation are only such persons who are subject to a derogation provided for in the regulations issued by the federal states (*Laender*) and who display no symptoms of a COVID-19 infection according to the current criteria specified by the Robert Koch Institute.

The local competent **public health authority (*Gesundheitsamt*) will supervise** compliance with this isolation order. Your local competent public health office (*Gesundheitsamt*) can be found online here:

With best regards and best wishes for your health

Your

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