

Legal Alert



Further measures announced today by the UAE authorities in response to COVID-19

19 March 2020

This serves as an update to the section “Restriction on Travel / Transportation” in our [inBrief](#) (Recent measures implemented by the UAE authorities in response to COVID-19) dated 18 March 2020.

The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFA) has announced:

1. With effect from 01:00 (UAE time) on Thursday 19 March 2020, the temporary suspension on UAE entry visas now also applies to holders of passports from visa-exempt countries. The suspension on holders of passports from visa-exempt countries shall continue until a medical clearance process is activated in the country of departure. Diplomatic passport holders remain exempt from this suspension as of now.
2. With effect from 12:00 (UAE time) on Thursday 19 March 2020, holders of valid UAE visas currently outside of the UAE will not be able to enter the UAE for a renewable period of two weeks. They are requested to contact the UAE diplomatic missions in their current locations for the necessary support to facilitate their entry into the UAE. ■

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