

**CIRCULAR LETTER
NUMBER 8 OF 2021
REGARDING
HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS DURING THE CORONA VIRUS
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

A. Background

1. Whereas there occurs an increase on the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus and SARS-CoV-2 other new variants (B117, D614G, and P1), therefore specific provisions are required for international travelers who enters the territory of Indonesia to protect the Indonesian Citizens (*Warga Negara Indonesia* or WNI) from imported case.
2. Whereas the Circular Letter of the COVID-19 Handling Task Force Number 6 of 2021 regarding Health Protocols for International Travels during The Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic has ceased on February 8, 2021.

B. Purpose and Objective

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to extend the effective period on the implementation of health protocols for international travelers. The objective of this Circular Letter is to conduct the supervision, control, and evaluation in the context of preventing the increase of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmission, including new variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus that has mutated to become B117, D614G, and P1 variant also the potential for new variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus to develop.

C. Scope

The scope of this Circular Letter is the Health Protocols for International Travelers.

D. LEGAL BASIS

1. Law Number 4 of 1984 regarding Outbreak of Communicable Disease;
2. Law Number 24 of 2007 regarding Disaster Management;
3. Law Number 6 of 2011 regarding Immigration;
4. Law Number 6 of 2018 regarding Health Quarantine;
5. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2008 regarding Implementation of Disaster Management;
6. Government Regulation Number 21 of 2020 regarding Large Scale Social Restriction to Accelerate the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
7. Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery, as amended by Presidential Regulation Number 108 of 2020 regarding Amendment of the Presidential Regulation Number 82 of 2020 regarding the Committee of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and National Economic Recovery;

8. Presidential Decree Number 11 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency;
9. Presidential Decree Number 12 of 2020 regarding the Stipulation of the Non-Natural Disaster of the Spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a National Disaster;
10. Regulation of Minister of Law and Human Rights Number 26 of 2020 regarding Visa and Stay Permits in the New Normal;
11. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated December 28, 2020;
12. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 6, 2021;
13. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 11, 2021;
14. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated January 21, 2021; and
15. Limited Cabinet Meeting Decree dated February 2, 2021.

E. Definition

International Travelers means persons who are conducting international travels on the past 14 days.

F. Protocol

1. International Travelers with the status of Indonesia Citizen (WNI) from overseas shall be allowed to enter Indonesia by constantly complying to the strict health protocols as stipulated by the Government.
2. Restrictions to enter the territory of Indonesia, either directly or transit in foreign countries is still applicable for International Travelers with the status of Foreign Citizens (*Warga Negara Asing* or “**WNA**”) unless it fulfills the following criteria:
 - a. Is in accordance with the provisions of Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights Number 26 of 2020 regarding Visa and Stay Permits in the New Normal Adaption Period;
 - b. Is on accordance with the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA) bilateral agreement scheme; and/or
 - c. Obtain written consideration/special permit from the Ministries/Institutions.
3. All International Travelers, either holding the status of WNI or WNA must comply to the following provisions/requirements:
 - a. Comply with the provisions of health protocols as stipulated by the government;
 - b. Show a negative result through RT-PCR tests from the origin country in which its samples shall be taken within a period of 3 x 24 hours at the latest prior to the hour of departure and is attached during the health screening or International e-HAC of Indonesia;
 - c. During arrival, shall conduct retesting of RT-PCR for international travelers and is obligated to conduct centralized quarantine for 5 x 24 hours, with provisions as follows:
 - 1) For WNI, that is the Indonesian Migrant Workers (*Pekerja Migran Indonesia* or PMI); Students/university students, or Government

- Employees returning from official overseas travel in Wisma Pademangan in accordance with the Decree of the Head of COVID-19 Handling Task Force Number 8 of 2021 with costs borne by the government.
- 2) For WNI outside the criteria as referred to in number 1) and for WNA, including foreign diplomats, outside the head of foreign representatives and families of the head of foreign representative shall conduct quarantine in the quarantine accommodation place that has received certification to facilitate COVID-19 quarantine accommodation by the Ministry of Health with all costs being borne independently.
 - d. If the head of foreign representatives and families are on duty in Indonesia, independent quarantine may be conducted in their respective residence for 5 x 24 hours as referred to in letter c;
 - e. If the retesting of RT-PCR result during arrival shows a positive result, then treatment in the hospital shall be conducted for the WNI with costs borne by the government and for the WNA, all costs is at their own personal funding;
 - f. If Foreign Citizens (WNA) cannot afford independent quarantine and/or his treatments in the Hospital, then the sponsor, ministries/institutions/state-owned enterprises (*Badan Usaha Milik Negara* or BUMN) who gives the consideration of entry permit for such WNA can be asked for the responsibility for the referred.
 - g. After quarantine is conducted for 5 x 24 days counted from the arrival date, the WNI and WNA shall conduct retesting of RT-PCR;
 - h. If the result is negative as referred to in letter g, then the WNI and WNA shall be allowed to continue travel and recommended to conduct independent quarantine for 14 days and implement health protocols.
 - i. If the result is positive as referred to in letter g, then treatment in the hospital shall be conducted for WNI with costs borne by the government and for WNA, with all costs from personal funding;
 - j. Port Health Office (*Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan* or KKP) International Airports and Seaports shall facilitate WNI and WNA of International Travelers who requires emergency medical services during arrival in Indonesia in accordance with the applicable provisions;
 - k. Ministries/Institutions/Regional Government who carries out functions related to WNI and/or WNA shall follow up this Circular Letter by issuing a legal instrument that is in-line and not in contradiction with subject to this Circular Letter and the applicable laws and regulations; and
 - l. Circular Letter as referred to in letter k shall be an integral part of this Circular Letter.
 4. The obligations to quarantine shall be exempted for WNA who holds diplomatic visas and official visas related to official visit/ foreign state officials at the level of the minister or above and implement highly strict health protocols and WNA who enters Indonesia

through the Travel Corridor Arrangement scheme, in accordance with the reciprocity principles by constantly implementing strict health protocol.

G. Supervision, Control and Evaluation

1. The Regional COVID-19 Handling Task Force is assisted by the public transport administration authorities to jointly administer the control of travel of persons and safe public transportation from COVID-19 by forming an Integrated Security Post;
2. Authorities, developers, and administrators of public transportation assigns supervision during the administration public transport operations;
3. Ministries/institutions, TNI, POLRI and regional governments has the right to stop and/or conduct the prohibition of travel of persons by virtue of this Circular Letter and/or the provisions of the laws and regulations;
4. Ministries/Institutions, TNI, POLRI is assisted by the Airport and Seaport COVID-19 Handling Task Force cq. Port Health Office (*Kantor Kesehatan Pelabuhan* or KKP) of the International Airport and Seaport shall conduct routine supervision to ensure compliance on the implementation of health protocols and independent quarantine through facilities of phone, video call, or field checking during this COVID-19 pandemic; and
5. Authorized instances (ministries/institutions, TNI, POLRI, and Regional Government) shall conduct disciplinary of COVID-19 health protocols and law enforcement in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

H. Closing

This Circular Letter shall be effective as of February 9, 2021 until a later date is determined.

This Circular Letter will be evaluated once in every two weeks and/or in accordance with the latest field development and the evaluation result delivered to the Ministries/Institutions/Regional Government.

Therefore, to serve as a guidance and to be implemented with full responsibility.

Stipulated in Jakarta
On February 9, 2021

Head of the BNPB as the Head
of the COVID-19 Handling Task
Force,

[signed and stamped]

Doni Monardo

Copies to:

1. President of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Head of Committee for the Policy of the Handling of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the National Economy Recovery;
4. All the Ministries/Heads of Institution;
5. Commander of TNI;
6. Head of the POLRI;
7. Head of the National Economy Recovery Task Force; and
8. Head of the Regional Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Handling Task Force.