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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Eswatini presents its compliments to Heads of Diplomatic Missions, International Organizations and Honorary Consulates resident in the Kingdom of Eswatini and has the honour to reaffirm the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of the diplomatic community, particularly in view of the resurgence of the Covid 19 pandemic in the region.

In this connection, the Ministry has the honour to submit the underlisted protocols as follows:

TRAVELLERS ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

- All travellers entering the Kingdom of Eswatini are required to have a PCR COVID-19 negative test result (hard copy) that is not older than 72 hours.
- The Rapid Antigen Test Result is NOT used for ENTRY into the country.
- All travellers entering the Kingdom of Eswatini will be screened at the Points of Entry for the following:
    o COVID-19 negative certificate (results not older than 72 hrs)
    o Symptoms of COVID-19
    o Country of Origin and Transit
- Travelers from beyond RSA and Mozambique who do not present a valid negative PCR COVID-19 result, are presenting with COVID-19 symptoms or both, will be required to do the COVID-19 test at the Point of Entry at their cost.
- Travelers may be required to undergo a quarantine not exceeding 14 days or isolation as advised by the port health officers. Should diplomats be required to quarantine, they can request quarantine at their official residences via Note Verbale to the Ministry.

TRAVELLERS EXITING THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

- All travellers exiting out of the Kingdom of Eswatini are required to have a negative PCR COVID-19 result that is not older than 72 hours.
- The Rapid Antigen Test Result is NOT used for EXIT out of the country.
- All travellers exiting the Kingdom of Eswatini will be screened at the Points of Entry for the following:
    o COVID-19 negative certificate (results not older than 72 hrs)
    o Symptoms of COVID-19
    o Country of destination

- Travellers who are transiting in RSA or Mozambique who do not present a valid negative PCR COVID-19 result or is presenting with COVID-19 symptoms or both, will be required to go back to conduct the COVID-19 test in Eswatini.
- Residents returning to their home countries who do not present a valid negative PCR COVID-19 result or is presenting with COVID-19 symptoms or both will be allowed to exit and will be catered for by their home country Port Health services and subjected to prevailing testing protocols in their respective countries.

VALIDITY OF A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT

- The Ministry of Health has stipulated that the period of time that traveller can use a negative result for entry and exit between the countries is 72hrs. The same principle applies to the number of entries and exits one can do between the countries using the same result within the 3 day period. Currently it is multiple entries on the land points of entry.
- For King Mswati III International Airport, it is single entry and exit and the COVID-19 result needs to be strictly not older than 72hrs before boarding.

Accredited COVID-19 PCR Testing Laboratories in Eswatini are the National Public Health Laboratoy at Mbabane Government Hospital, Ampath and Lancet Laboratories.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Eswatini avails itself of this opportunity to renew to resident Heads of Missions, International Organisations and Honorary Consulates the assurances of its highest consideration.

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