

**COMPULSORY QUARANTINE OF PERSONS ARRIVING AT HONG KONG
FROM FOREIGN PLACES REGULATION**

In exercise of the powers under section 11A of the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. E) (*the Regulation*), I hereby specify, for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Regulation:—

- (A) 14 days as the period mentioned in the definition of *relevant period* in section 3(8) of the Regulation; and
- (B) the following period as the quarantine period mentioned in section 3(1) of the Regulation^[Note 1]:—

for a person who arrives at Hong Kong from any place outside China and has stayed in any place outside China or Taiwan during the relevant period (as defined in section 3(8) of the Regulation)—14 days^[Note 2], except the following persons:—

- (1) if the person arrives at Hong Kong on or after the 14th day upon completion of a COVID-19 vaccination course^[Note 3] (*vaccinated traveller*) and fulfils the early discharge testing criteria as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website—7 days;
- (2) if the person is aged below 12 on the scheduled day of arrival at Hong Kong, is not a vaccinated traveller and:—
 - (a) arrives at Hong Kong with only:—
 - (i) accompanying vaccinated traveller(s); or
 - (ii) persons aged below 12 on the scheduled day of arrival at Hong Kong with accompanying vaccinated traveller(s); and
 - (b) fulfils all of the following requirements:—
 - (i) the accompanying traveller(s) to be placed in the same place of quarantine with the person pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Regulation is a/are all vaccinated traveller(s) (except persons who are aged below 12); and
 - (ii) fulfils the early discharge testing criteria as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website

—7 days;

G.N. (E.) 168 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 1 April 2022.

Note 1:—

If the person is placed under isolation by an isolation order pursuant to section 23 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) subsequent to his or her arrival at Hong Kong and during the specified quarantine period, the quarantine period ends when the person is placed under isolation by the isolation order.

Note 2:—

For a person who arrives at Hong Kong between 19 March 2022 and 31 March 2022 (both dates inclusive), and is placed under quarantine for 14 days pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Regulation, the quarantine period can be varied to a minimum of 7 days subject to completion of relevant tests as directed by an authorized officer.

Note 3:—

For both the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine (*CoronaVac vaccine*) and Fosun Pharma/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (*Comirnaty vaccine*), completing the vaccination course involves receiving two doses in general, except for persons previously infected with COVID-19, who are to receive one dose of vaccine. For persons aged between 12 and 17 on the scheduled day of arrival at Hong Kong, they may be deemed to have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course on receiving one

dose of the Comirnaty vaccine. For individuals who received COVID-19 vaccines in places outside of Hong Kong and have received the recommended dose(s) as stipulated in the “List of COVID-19 Vaccines Recognised for Specified Purposes” as published on the Government’s COVID-19 thematic website as well as relevant guidelines, they will also be regarded to have completed the vaccination course of the relevant COVID-19 vaccine, subject to the vaccine used being included on that list.

The 14th day after a person has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course is counted by taking the next day after the person received all of the recommended dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine as the 1st day. For example, for a person who has not been infected with COVID-19 previously and received the last recommended dose of COVID-19 vaccine on 1 April 2022, the “1st day” would be 2 April 2022 and the “14th day” would be 15 April 2022.

For the purpose of determining the quarantine period mentioned in section 3(1) of the Regulation, the relevant person must provide documentary proof of vaccination showing the relevant person has received COVID-19 vaccine and the date on which the last dose was administered, in accordance with the relevant criteria as published on the Government’s COVID-19 thematic website.

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Secretary for Food and Health