

G.N. (E.) 9 of 2023

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

I hereby exercise the power conferred by section 12 of Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599 sub. leg. E) (*the Regulation*) to specify, with effect from 19 January 2023, for the purposes of section 3 of the Regulation:—

1. all places outside China as Category 2 specified foreign places; and
2. conditions set out in the Annex for Category 2 specified foreign places.

G.N. (E.) 7 of 2023 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 19 January 2023.

18 January 2023

Secretary for Health

Annex

**CONDITIONS SPECIFIED FOR CATEGORY 2 SPECIFIED FOREIGN PLACES—
ALL PLACES OUTSIDE CHINA**

Conditions specified pursuant to section 12(2) of the Regulation:—

Other than a person who is designated or falls within a category of persons designated under section 4(1) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. C) or the Regulation:—

- (A) if the person is aged 4 or above on the day of arrival at Hong Kong ^[Note 1]:—
- (I) the person underwent a test for the coronavirus disease 2019 (*COVID-19*) and the result of the test is the person was tested negative for COVID-19; and
 - (II) (a) the test conducted on the sample is a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 and
 - (i) (in the case of a person who arrives at Hong Kong via the Hong Kong International Airport) the sample for which was taken from the person boarding a civil aviation aircraft that arrives at, or is about to arrive at Hong Kong from a place outside Hong Kong (*specified aircraft*) within 48 hours of the scheduled time of departure; or
 - (ii) (in the case of a person who arrives at Hong Kong via any other boundary control point) the sample for which was taken from the person within 48 hours before arrival at Hong Kong; or
 - (b) the test conducted on the sample is a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 and
 - (i) (in the case of a person who arrives at Hong Kong via the Hong Kong International Airport) the sample for which was taken from the person within 24 hours of the scheduled time of departure of the specified aircraft; or
 - (ii) (in the case of a person who arrives at Hong Kong via any other boundary control point) the sample for which was taken from the person within 24 hours before arrival at Hong Kong; and
- (III) the person keeps the photo showing the test result or test report for 90 days, and provide the photo or the report for checking by an authorized officer when required to provide information about his or her undergoing the test; and
- (B) if the person is aged 12 or above on the day of arrival at Hong Kong, and is not a Hong Kong resident:—
- (I) the person arrives at Hong Kong on or after the 14th day upon completion of a COVID-19 vaccination course ^[Note 2]; or

- (II) the person is unfit for undergoing a COVID-19 vaccination course due to health reasons with relevant proof from a medical practitioner; or
 - (III) the person has received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine which is included on the list of vaccines recognised for specified purposes as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website, and after receiving the said dose of vaccine, was certified by a medical practitioner that he/she is unfit to receive the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine because of health reasons, and arrives at Hong Kong on or after the 14th day after receiving the said first dose of vaccine; or
- (C) if the person is unable to meet the requirements in Part (A) or Part (B) above, the person undergoes medical surveillance or a medical examination or a test as directed by a health officer.

Note 1:—

Except for a person who arrived at Hong Kong as a passenger of a cruise ship, and following the person's arrival at Hong Kong, that person proceeds directly by point-to-point transportation arranged by the cruise line from the cruise terminal to the Hong Kong International Airport to conduct check-in and immigration procedures to enter the Hong Kong International Airport's Restricted Area for departing Hong Kong.

Note 2:—

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 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 (*listed vaccines*); or for those who received a combination of doses of the listed vaccines, receiving a combined number of doses of the listed vaccines equivalent to the recommended number of dose(s) of one of the listed vaccines received, whichever is the higher number of recommended number of dose(s) (except for those who have received at least one dose of a listed vaccine of which the recommended number of dosage is "1"), they will also be regarded to have completed the vaccination course of the relevant COVID-19 vaccine, subject to the vaccine used being a listed vaccine.

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 December 2022, the "1st day" would be 2 December 2022 and the "14th day" would be 15 December 2022.