

# Government Decree 645/2021

(27 November)

## laying down the rules on entering into Hungary from certain States that are particularly exposed to the coronavirus epidemic

The Government,

acting within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (2) of the Fundamental Law, having regard to section 51/A of Act CXXVIII of 2011 on disaster management and amending certain related Acts,

acting, with respect to section 5, within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (3) of the Fundamental Law, on the basis of an authorisation by the National Assembly pursuant to section 2 (1) of Act I of 2021 on the containment of the coronavirus pandemic,

acting within its function laid down in Article 15 (1) of the Fundamental Law, decrees as follows:

### 1. General provisions

#### Section 1 (1) Crossing the border

- a) with an official passport under section 6/A (2) of Act XII of 1998 on travelling abroad,
- b) for official purposes with an ordinary passport or other travel document,
- c) in freight traffic

shall not fall within the scope of this Decree.

(2) For the purposes of this Decree, the following shall be treated equally to Hungarian citizen:

- a) a person who is entitled to reside permanently in Hungary and his family members if they certify the right to do so with a document,
- b) a person who possesses a valid document issued by the immigration authority under any legal title that permits residence in Hungary for a period exceeding 90 days if he presents this document upon entry.

## **2. Rules governing entry into the territory of Hungary**

**Section 2** (1) With the derogation specified in paragraph (2), a person not holding Hungarian citizenship may enter into the territory of Hungary

*a)* from the territory of a State specified in Annex 1 or

*b)* from the territory of any other State if he spent any time within the territory of a State specified in Annex 1 within a period of 14 days before the entry into the territory of Hungary,

only in accordance with subtitle 3 of Government Decree 408/2020 (30 August) on travel restrictions during the period of state of epidemiological preparedness (hereinafter "Government Decree 408/2020").

(2) For an entry pursuant to paragraph (1),

*a)* the duration of the official home quarantine under section 7 (3) *b)* of Government Decree 408/2020 shall be 14 days,

*b)* section 7 (4) to (5) shall not apply.

**Section 3** (1) By way of derogation from Government Decree 408/2020, a Hungarian citizen and a family member of a Hungarian citizen not holding Hungarian citizenship (hereinafter jointly "Hungarian citizen") may enter into Hungary

*a)* from the territory of a State specified in Annex 1 or

*b)* from the territory of any other State if he spent any time within the territory of a State specified in Annex 1 within a period of 14 days before the entry into the territory of Hungary,

only in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Upon entry into the territory of Hungary, a Hungarian citizen may be subjected to a health screening, which he shall be required to tolerate.

(3) A Hungarian citizen whose health screening raises the suspicion of coronavirus infection shall be placed in a quarantine facility designated in accordance with the provisions determined by the competent district (capital district) office acting within its functions relating to public health and having material competence under section 7 (1) of Government Decree 385/2016 (2 December) on the public health tasks of capital and county government offices and district (capital district) offices and the designation of the healthcare state administration organ (hereinafter "competent epidemiological authority") or, if doing so does not pose any epidemiological risk, in an official home quarantine.

(4) A Hungarian citizen whose health screening raises no suspicion of coronavirus infection

*a)* shall be placed in official home quarantine for 14 days, provided that he has a domicile or place of residence in Hungary,

b) shall be placed in a quarantine facility designated by the competent epidemiological authority for 14 days, provided that he does not live abroad and does not have a domicile or place of residence in Hungary,

c) shall be placed in a quarantine facility designated by the competent epidemiological authority or in official home quarantine for 14 days, provided that he lives abroad and does not have a domicile or place of residence in Hungary.

### **3. Final provisions**

**Section 4** (1) With the exception specified in paragraph (2), this Decree shall enter into force on 29 November 2021.

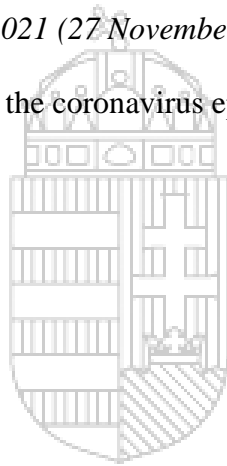
(2) Section 5 shall enter into force on 13 December 2021.

### **Section 5**

*Annex 1 to Government Decree 645/2021 (27 November)*

States that are particularly exposed to the coronavirus epidemic

1. Republic of Botswana
2. Republic of South Africa
3. Kingdom of Eswatini
4. Kingdom of Lesotho
5. Republic of Mozambique
6. Republic of Namibia
7. Republic of Zimbabwe



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