

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) the following period as the period mentioned in the definition of *relevant period* in section 3(8) of the Regulation:—
- (I) if any place in which a person has stayed during the relevant period (as defined in section 3(8) of the Regulation) is a Group A specified place ^[Note 1]—21 days;
 - (II) in any other case—14 days; and
- (B) the following period as the quarantine period mentioned in section 3(1) of the Regulation:—
- (I) for a person who arrives at Hong Kong from any place outside China and has stayed in a Group A specified place ^[Note 1] during the relevant period (as defined in section 3(8) of the Regulation)—21 days;
 - (II) for a person who arrives at Hong Kong from any place outside China and has stayed in a Group B specified place or Taiwan but not a Group A specified place ^[Note 1] during the relevant period (as defined in section 3(8) of the Regulation):—
 - (1) if the person arrives at Hong Kong on or after the 14th day upon completion of a COVID-19 vaccination course ^[Note 2] (*vaccinated traveller*)—14 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 (*the self-isolation 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) following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine, is to proceed to the place of residence or private premises with one or more of the accompanying traveller(s) as described in (B)(II)(2)(a) above; and
 - (iii) all persons living in the place of residence or private premises as described in (B)(II)(2)(b)(ii) above have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course for at least 14 days ^[Note 2], except persons who are aged below 12; and
 - (iv) following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine, the person stays at the place of residence or private premises as described in (B)(II)(2)(b)(ii) above until the 21st day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong
—14 days;
 - (3) in any other case—21 days;
- (III) for a person who arrives at Hong Kong from any place outside China and has only stayed in a place in China (except Taiwan) or a Group C specified place ^[Note 1] during the relevant period (as defined in section 3(8) of the Regulation):—
- (1) if the person is a vaccinated traveller—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 the self-isolation requirements with replacement of paragraph (B)(II)(2)(b)(iv) of the self-isolation requirements as follows: “following the end of the person’s compulsory quarantine, the person stays at the place of residence or private premises as described in (B)(II)(2)(b)(ii) above until the 14th day following the person’s arrival at Hong Kong”
 - 7 days;
- (3) in any other case—14 days.

G.N. (E.) 528 of 2021 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 29 October 2021.

Note 1:—

Group A specified place, Group B specified place and Group C specified place are places specified for the purposes of the definition of *specified place* in section 2(1) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. H) in a notice published in the Gazette by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 5 of Cap. 599H and in force for the time being.

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 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 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 the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government’s COVID-19 thematic website.

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 16 May 2021, the “1st day” would be 17 May 2021 and the “14th day” would be 30 May 2021.

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.