**Cyprus**

Source: European Union/Re-open EU

28.08.2020

**Travelling to Cyprus**

Countries are divided in 3 categories, based on epidemiological criteria and data: Category A, Category B, and all other countries not belonging to either Category A or B (classified as Category C).

The categorisation of countries is available at [https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/country-categories](https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/country-categories) and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

**Rules and Exceptions**

Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Passengers from Category B and C countries will need to:
- have undergone a test for Covid-19 at a certified lab, within 72 hours prior to their departure, and hold a certificate demonstrating the negative result to the test;
- provide specific information and a declaration.

In the following cases, passengers travelling from Category B countries have the option to be tested - at their own expenses - upon their arrival at the Republic of Cyprus, if they didn’t take the test for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to their departure:
1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents);
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
3. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission by the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus disease) Decree (N.30), as amended;
5. Persons from countries in category B, whose authorities are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to the Republic of Cyprus, are allowed to perform the Covid-19 test upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus.

Only the following passenger categories can travel to Cyprus from Category C countries:
1) Cypriot citizens permanently residing in the Republic, and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents);
2) Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
3) Persons allowed to enter the Republic in accordance with the Vienna Convention;
4) Persons of any nationality who are allowed to enter the Republic after obtaining special permission from the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus disease) Decree (N.30), as amended.

The above groups of passengers, travelling from Category B or C countries, will have the option of taking the test upon their arrival in Cyprus and pay for the cost of the test.

Passengers should constantly visit the dedicated electronic platform to be informed of possible changes that will affect their trip. The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: [https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms](https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms)

**Remarks from the International Road Transport Union**

08.06.2020

On 8 June, the Official Journal of the EU published a list of Member States that decided not to apply certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/698, which lays down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID19 outbreak concerning the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations, and the postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport legislation. Member States involved are as following:

- Sweden
- Cyprus
- Greece
- Romania
- Luxembourg
- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Malta

These Member States are added to those whose notification was published on 2 and 3 June: Poland, Latvia, Hungary, Estonia, Spain, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Finland, Croatia, Lithuania.

Source: European Commission
Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers travelling to the Republic of Cyprus have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey from the country of origin to the Republic of Cyprus (either via direct flight or with intermediate stops), all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is obligatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Consequently, when booking a flight, passengers have to be informed in advance by airlines, travel agents and/or internet booking platforms, before the final step of booking, that the acquisition of the CyprusFlightPass is necessary for their travel to the Republic of Cyprus. Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, which will be officially announced in the platform itself, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

Documents you need to travel in Europe

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CYP

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Source: European Commission

22.07.2020

Conditions to enter the country for foreign visitors
(29.05.2020)

Cyprus has published a protocol for the entry into the country for foreign visitors.

Further information: https://www.pio.gov.cy/assets/pdf/newsroom/2020/05/29.5.2020...


Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en

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Source: WCO/Department of Customs and Excise

07.05.2020

1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

1.1. Facilitation for the import of medical equipment.


1.3. Automatic electronic notification for the release of cargo by the Customs Authorities to the Port Controlling Authorities.

2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

2.1. For companies approved for deferred payment of excise duty and VAT, the legislation has been amended in order to allow the prolongation of the payments period.
2.2. On a temporary basis T2L copies instead of originals are accepted, as long as circumstances prevail making the timely presentation of originals impossible. However post-controls or other measures apply. In addition, upon request of the person concerned and if justified under the current specific circumstances, flexibility may be applied as regards the period of validity of the proof of customs status.

2.3. The period for taking goods out of the customs territory without the export or reexport declaration being invalidated by the customs office of export is prolonged. Under the current exceptional circumstances, the customs office of export should not initiate such invalidation, unless the declarant of the declaration concerned explicitly requests this.

2.4. Exceptionally during the crisis period and until further notice, when requiring the provision by importers of origin certificates issued for preferential purposes in the form of a copy, issued on paper or electronically are accepted. More specifically this applies to:

- a copy, either in paper or in electronic form (scanned or available online), of the original certificate signed and stamped by the competent authorities as normally required;
- the certificate, not signed and stamped by the competent authorities as normally required but with a digital signature of the competent authorities, or a copy of it, either in paper or in electronic form (scanned or available on-line).

A copy of a certificate which is not issued in accordance with any of the two possibilities mentioned above cannot be accepted, unless the customs authorities of the importing country ascertain their issuance and authenticity through other means (for instance, via communication with the customs of the exporting country providing confirmation).

The above apply only to certificates that have been issued since the start of the CoVid19 crisis where it has affected the possibility to issue them in due form. For the purpose of this note, such situation is deemed to exist from 1st March 2020.

Once the exceptional situation ceases, customs authorities will be entitled to request the importer to present the original certificate.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

3.1. Protection and social distancing measures taken by front line officers, in order to prevent spreading of the infection and safeguarding the operation of the Customs Offices in case of an incident during a shift.

3.2. Staff with chronic illness, pregnant women and parents with children under 15 years old working remotely from home by the end of school year.

4. Other Measures

5.1. Further facilitation of the use of electronic payments.
Suspension of flights from all EEA countries and Switzerland

Cyprus has notified a suspension of flights from all EEA countries and Switzerland. Exempt include cargo, ferry, humanitarian, ambulance and repatriation flights to Cyprus.

Start date: 21.03.2020
End date: not available

Entry ban to non-resident citizens and mandatory 14-day quarantine (16.03.2020)

Between 16/3/2020 and 30/4/2020, entry to the Republic of Cyprus will only be granted to Cypriot citizens, legal residents, European or third-country nationals working in Cyprus and a number of exceptional cases. All travelers returning to Cyprus from abroad, regardless of their country of origin, will be placed under a 14-day compulsory quarantine at accommodation facilities designated by the Republic of Cyprus. In addition, passengers arriving in Cyprus must be in possession of a recent medical certificate.

Start date: 16.03.2020
End date: 30.04.2020