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## Brazil – COVID-19: Travel Restrictions Extension, Gradual Resumption of Visa Services

On June 30, the Brazilian authorities published a note in the country's Official Gazette extending the restriction on foreign nationals entering in Brazil for 30 more days.<sup>1</sup> The extended restriction will last until July 30.

However, there is some flexibility as far as exemptions go, which allow, for example, for the entry of:

- certain foreign nationals who come to Brazil by air with a work visa or a visitor visa (i.e., for short stays) already stamped on their passports, or
- those who come for artistic, sports, or business activities, when a visitor visa is not required.

Before boarding an airplane, the individuals will need to present to the airline company a medical declaration issued by the health/sanitary authority or by a doctor attesting that they are not infected by SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19).

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

Efforts to introduce greater flexibility regarding travel and visa/passport services demonstrate initial steps toward a re-opening of Brazil's borders and rebooting of its economy in the near future.

However, until such time as the government decides it is safe to rescind, or in a bigger way roll-back current restrictions, remote working is a "best practice" for globally-mobile employees – apart from "essential workers" – to the extent possible, and is a way for employers to foster the safety of their employees and help ensure business continuity.

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## More Details

### Entering through Specific Airports

Entry into the country will be allowed only via the following international airports: Governador André Franco Montoro Airport (Guarulhos/Sao Paulo), Tom Jobim – Galeão Airport (Rio de Janeiro/Rio de Janeiro), Viracopos Airport (Campinas/Sao Paulo), and Presidente Juscelino Kubitschek Airport (Brasilia/Federal District).

### Brazilian Passport Issuance

Recently, Brazil's Federal Police resumed the issuance of Brazilian passports for urgent situations, and when the applicant presents his or her flight tickets for the trip.

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### KPMG NOTE

Travelers seeking to enter Brazil should regularly check the latest information made available by the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate about entry and exit from the country and the restoration of passport and visa services.

The KPMG International member firm in Brazil continues to monitor the situation around travel and border restrictions and will endeavor to keep readers of GMS *Flash Alert* apprised of any new developments.

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### FOOTNOTE:

1 See the Brazilian government announcement of June 30, [Portaria N° 340](#) (in Portuguese) as published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, 30/06/2020, Edição: 123-A. For prior coverage of travel restrictions, see the following issues of GMS *Flash Alert*: [2020-284](#) (June 17, 2020) and [2020-119](#) (March 26, 2020).

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