

Fact sheet Introduction of the digital entry application

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# Fact sheet for transport operators

#### **Current situation**

According to the applicable provisions of the federal states, persons entering Germany from coronavirus risk areas (<a href="https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete">https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete</a>) are generally obliged to self-isolate after entering the country and notify the health authority responsible for their place of residence/stay.

The competent health authorities need the traveller's contact details during the relevant self-isolation period to be able to check whether the requirement to self-isolate is met. As a consequence, the passenger locator cards were introduced in accordance with no. 1 and 2 of page 1 of section 5(2) of the Protection against Infection Act on the basis of orders from the Federal Ministry of Health of 6 August 2020 (Federal Gazette, Official Part, 7 August 2020 B5). The carriers distribute these cards upon direct entry from a risk area by land, sea or air and subsequently forward them to the health authority responsible for the train station/airport/sea port in Germany where the passengers first arrived.

## The digital entry application as a replacement for the passenger locator card in paper form

To reduce the burden on health authorities and to support the existing processes of quarantine supervision, the Federal Government has developed the digital entry application, which will replace the former capturing and processing procedure in paper form. In accordance with the orders from the Federal Ministry of Health entering into force on 8 November 2020, all travellers who have stayed in a risk area within the last 10 days before entering the country and who do not meet one of the designated exceptions (cf. no. 2 of section I of the orders) have to fill in the digital entry registration form. Using the digital entry application will become mandatory on 8 November 2020. The application will be accessible on the following website:

www.einreiseanmeldung.de

as of 8 November 2020 –

To carry out the registration, travellers will visit the website and provide information on their places of stay within the last 10 days. If <u>risk areas</u> are among those places of stay, the traveller will be asked to provide personal details and the place of stay during the required period of self-isolation. After having completed all necessary information, the traveller will receive a PDF file as a confirmation (cf. sample on page 3).

If the traveller has not stayed in a risk area within the last 10 days, the process of registration is cancelled and no confirmation is issued. Accompanied minors do not have to carry out an individual registration; information on them can be provided during the registration process of the responsible adult accompanying them.

### Your participation as transport operator

## Obligation to inform passengers

Companies that transport passengers to the Federal Republic of Germany by international rail, coach/bus, air or shipping services are required, within the scope of their technical and operational capabilities, to provide passengers with the information specified in Annex 1 to the order from the Federal Ministry of Health. The current version of the fact sheet for persons

entering Germany will be accessible on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) as of 8 November 2020.

Unless you are a provider of local public transport services, you are further obliged to check whether travellers can present a confirmation of the successful digital entry registration before carriage (companies providing rail services may conduct these checks also during the carriage). You will find a sample confirmation on the following page of this document. If, in exceptional cases, travellers are not able to carry out the digital entry registration process (due to a lack of technical equipment or a technical error), you are obliged to fill in a replacement registration in paper form. You, the carrier, are then obliged to collect these replacement registration forms of travellers and forward them to the health authority responsible for the train station/airport/sea port in Germany where the passengers first arrived.

The checks of the confirmation of the digital entry registration or the replacement registration form should be seen as checks for plausibility. The data included in the digital entry application have to be compared with the travel documents (e.g. ticket or boarding pass) that the persons are carrying with them.

The following groups of persons will be exempt from the obligation to fill in the entry registration:

- persons who have merely passed through a risk area in transit only, without stopping,
- persons who are entering the Federal Republic of Germany only for transit purpose,
- persons engaged in cross-border traffic with neighbouring states and who have spent less than 24 hours in a risk area or will spend less than 24 hours in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- persons who are entering the Federal Republic of Germany for job-related reasons to carry out cross-border transport operations of passengers or goods by road, rail, ship or aircraft.

It is prohibited to carry passengers who neither provide a confirmation of the completed digital entry registration nor hand out a replacement registration form.

In general, the passengers themselves are responsible for downloading and printing the replacement registration form. You, the carrier, are at liberty to provide passengers with the respective forms. The current form will be accessible on the website of the RKI as of 8 November 2020.

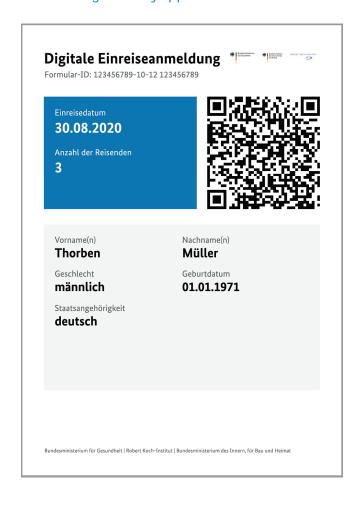
#### Your point of contact:

#### Contact at the RKI:

If you have any technical questions regarding infection control and the use of the application, please contact the shared mailbox:

Aussteigekarten-Kontaktstelle@rki.de

## Sample confirmation from the digital entry application



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