

# ANNEX DESTINATED TO THE AIRLINES OPERATING TO BELGIAN AIRPORTS

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### Topic

Measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2: new instructions from 01 October 2021 about the Passenger Locator Form (PLF)!!!

### References

Ministerial Decree (Home Affairs) of 28 October 2020, last modified on 27 September 2021

### General

The airlines must-before boarding for a flight to the Belgian territory- check whether all passengers meet the requirements set by the Belgian government to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the corona virus that COVID- 19 caused.

Passengers who do not comply with the rules of the Belgian government may be denied boarding.

Companies that allow non-compliant passengers on board and travel to Belgium can be held responsible for the consequences this could have

The director General

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This communication is related on the Belgian national measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, and based on the Ministerial Decree (Internal Affairs) of 28 October 2020 containing urgent measures to limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2 last modified on 27 September 2021

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Please always refer to the latest information published on the website: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>, the last published versions of the Ministerial Decree containing urgent measures to limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2:

<http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/eli/arrete/2020/10/28/2020010455/justel> (French) and the NOTAM's.

### **THE PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM (PLF)**

From 01 October 2021 on all passengers have to fill out the E-PLF before boarding a flight with destination to a Belgian Airport, only the Electronical Passenger Locator Form (E-PLF) will be accepted by the Belgian Health Authorities.

The airline has to check before boarding a flight to Belgium if all passengers has the prove that they filled out the E-PLF.

The E-PLF has to be filled out on: <https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/public-health-passenger-locator-form>.

#### **New:**

The E-PLF can be filled out maximum 180 days before arrival in Belgium and it will be possible to integrate it in the booking process, for so far the booking is not earlier than 180 days before arrival in Belgium.

A transition period is foreseen from 01 October 2021 till 15 October 2021.

In the transition period paper versions of the Passenger Locator Forms will be still temporary accepted.

An easier E-PLF will be put in place, for example: the seat-number will no more been filled out mandatory

The Belgian health authorities will make available a "button link" to the E-PLF that make it possible to integrate the filling out of the E-PLF in the booking process.

Once the new E-PLF will be filled out in advance the traveller will receive a confirmation email that has to be shown before boarding at the airline and on request on the authorities. The email can be used on the electronical device (smartphone) or a printout can be shown.

Upon arrival at a Belgian airport:

The airline must check upon disembarkation on a Belgian airport if all passengers has filled in the Passenger Locator Form.

The airline must hand over the eventually filled out PLF Paper versions to the Belgian Health Authorities at the airport.

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The passenger can be asked by the security authorities to give prove that he/she has filled out the Passenger Locator Form and this till 48h after arrival in Belgium.

### After 15 October 2021

**Only the E-PLF will accepted!**

**A passenger who cannot prove that he/she has filled the Electronical Passenger Locator Form (E-PLF) will not be allowed to board a flight to Belgium. The airline must in that case refuse the passenger to take the flight.**

Upon arrival at a Belgian airport:

The airline must check upon disembarkation on a Belgian airport if all passengers have the prove that they have filled out the Electronical Passenger Locator Form. Filled out paper versions of the Passenger Locator Form will not more allowed after 15 October 2021.

The passenger can be asked by the security authorities to give prove that he/she has filled out the Electronical Passenger Locator Form and this till 48h after arrival in Belgium.

### **FINAL REMARKS**

The detailed modalities and travel obligations about essential and non-essential travels, vaccination certificates, EU digital Covid certificates, testing and quarantine measures in Belgium can be found on <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/> .

The airlines have still the obligation to check if the passenger who he is transporting has the necessary health documents and authorizations and this before boarding and by disembarkation the aircraft.

We strongly recommend that this communication will be shared with the partners (booking offices, tour operators, ...) where the airlines collaborate with.