



Position Paper **Foreign Nationals Traveling to Israel to Conduct Business**

1. General

To prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus into Israel, foreign nationals were prohibited from entry to Israel in March 2020, with specific exceptions. Since foreign businesspeople have been unable to conduct their business in Israel, international Israeli companies sustained adverse effects. To boost the Israeli economy in these complicated times, the Ministry of Economy and Industry and the Ministry of Health put together a draft to allow foreign nationals to travel to Israel for business under the conditions specified hereinafter.

The draft is intended for Israeli companies (hereafter Hosting Company) interested in accommodating a foreign national in Israel for business (hereafter Business Traveler), in case of a financial emergency that is unresolvable via long-distance communication, provided that the prerequisites specified in clause 3 are satisfied.

2. Clearance Protocol

- 2.1. The Business Traveler will fill out an application form to enter Israel. The application will be forwarded to the Hosting Company;
- 2.2. The Hosting Company will submit an application to the Ministry of Economy and Industry and attach a copy of the form filled out by the Business Traveler (A copy of the form will be emailed to the address in the form); and
- 2.3. A Ministry of Economy and Industry board will review the application and release its decision within 15 business days. If the application is approved, the Hosting Company will be sent an entry permit to Israel for the Business Traveler.

3. Arrival and Visit Prerequisites

- 3.1. A Business Traveler from a **Green** Location
 - 3.1.1. A Business Traveler who has not been in a Red location during the past 14 days before arrival in Israel;
 - 3.1.2. There is a financial emergency that is unresolvable via long-distance communication;
 - 3.1.3. The visit to Israel shall be 7 days max (168 hours); and

3.1.4. The Hosting Company will maintain contact with the Business Traveler 24/7;

3.2. A Business Traveler from a **Red** Location

3.2.1. A Business Traveler who has been in a Red Location during the 14 days before arrival in Israel;

3.2.2. There is an urgent financial emergency unresolvable via long-distance communication, for instance:

- To maintain functional and administrative continuity – A senior representative of a company whose visit is crucial for making decisions and initiating processes in the company;
- Because of a due diligence audit; or
- To close a deal.

3.2.3. A traveler from a Red Location will be required to present a negative PCR test result taken no more than 48 hours before arrival in Israel;

3.2.4. The visit to Israel shall be 4 days max (96 hours);

3.2.5. The Business Traveler will stay in a residential accommodation or a timeshare, but not in a hotel;

3.2.6. The Business Traveler will only leave the accommodation to pay a visit to the Hosting Company or to attend presentations, exhibitions, and meetings, all the while wearing a mask and keeping 2 meters from others;

3.2.7. The Business Traveler will be allowed to join a capsule of up to 6 people (3 of which can be foreign nationals max and the rest Israelis);

3.2.8. The Business Traveler and the capsule will travel solely in designated vehicles;

3.2.9. The Hosting Company will provide the Business Traveler with food. The Business Traveler will not attend shared meals (except capsule members) or dine in public settings; and

3.2.10. The Hosting Company will maintain contact with the Business Traveler 24/7.

[List of Green Locations](#)