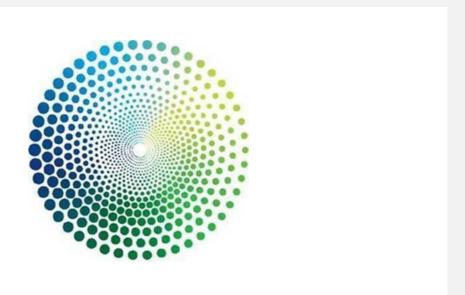
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LATEST UPDATE

Travelers from India barred from entering Malaysia temporarily

The Government through the National Security Council has announced that all travellers arriving from India are barred effective 28 April 2021, except for Malaysian citizens to prevent the spread of the new Indian variant of Covid-19 in Malaysia. Please refer to the announcement on the official Facebook page of Malaysia Immigration Department here.

Who is affected?

- (a) Indian international students and business travellers.
- (b) Travellers on a direct flight/ transiting from any destination in India
- (c) Travellers from any destination in India transiting in Malaysia before travelling to a third country.
- (d) Indian foreign workers who hold valid temporary work passes / Pas Lawatan Kerja Sementara (PLKS).
- (e) Ships that has a travel history to India in the past 14 days will not be allowed for sign-off procedure in Malaysia.

Sarawak State Government has further extended the travel ban to all travellers who have been in India for the past 30 days prior to entering Sarawak. Refer Press Release by Sarawak Disaster Management Committee, Page 12.

Who is allowed to enter?

- (a) Malaysian in transit from any destination in India to a third country.
- (b) Those who fall under the below categories would have to undergo mandatory 14 days quarantine at the designated centres upon arrival in Malaysia.
 - i. Malaysian travellers and crew members.
 - ii. Malaysian students, workers, spouses and children who reside in India, as well as religious groups who were in India.
 - iii. Non-citizens who are spouses of Malaysian citizens.

Commentary:

There is no indication that the abovesaid ban includes Employment Pass (EP), Dependant Pass (DP), Professional Visit Pass (PVP) and Residence Pass (RPT) categories. However, it would be prudent to note that this may apply to these categories as well if they are travelling from India or transitioning via India.

It is important to note that this may also result in the delay of work permit application for Indian nationals that is currently being processed by the Immigration Department in Malaysia and possible rejection of special entry permission by Director General of Immigration Malaysia.

Stay tune for further updates. In the meantime, please be guided accordingly.

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