



**Protocol and Host Country Affairs Department**  
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations in the Netherlands and has the honour to inform them as follows.

As of 00:01 on 10 January 2023, all persons aged 12 and above traveling from China to the Netherlands must be able to demonstrate a negative COVID-19 test result upon their arrival in the Netherlands. This means:

- Travelers must have a negative test result before boarding their plane to the Netherlands.
- The test result may have been issued on the basis of a NAAT(PCR)-test or an antigen test that is no more than 48 hours old at the time of departure to the Netherlands.
- A check will take place upon arrival at Schiphol airport.

The test certificate must contain the following information:

- Data that makes it possible to identify the person who was tested and when they were tested;
- The result of the antigen test or the NAAT(PCR) test;
- The conclusion stated in Dutch or English that the tested person is not infected with covid-19 at that time;
- A logo or characteristic of an institute or doctor where or by whom the test was administered.

In addition, there is an immediate urgent advice to wear a medical mouth mask on flights to and from China. Travelers will also receive a free self-test and information about its use at Schiphol airport.

**Exemptions**

There are certain categories of passengers who are exempted from the requirement to demonstrate a negative test result. A full list including every exemption category is available on [www.government.nl](http://www.government.nl).

For the purposes of this note verbale, the Ministry wishes to highlight a number exemption categories that might be of special relevance to diplomatic missions and International Organisations in the Netherlands:

- staff members of diplomatic and consular representations or international organizations in the Netherlands, and members of their official households, who are or will be registered as such with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- holders of a diplomatic identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or a Note Verbale issued by an embassy, consulate or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- heads of state and members of a foreign government;
- travelers with a NATO Travel Order or a NATO-2 visa.

In the interest of public health, Ministry nevertheless calls upon all international organisations and diplomatic missions to invoke the abovementioned exemptions only if this is deemed absolutely necessary to facilitate urgent, official travel.

#### **Additional information**

- Information about the entry rules applicable to travellers from China, including exemptions: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad>.
- As of 10 January 2023: A personal travel overview with all current entry rules can be generated at [www.reizentijdenscorona.nl](http://www.reizentijdenscorona.nl).
- Questions on Covid-19 that specifically deal with diplomatic missions, International Organisations and their staff can be addressed to [DPG@minbuza.nl](mailto:DPG@minbuza.nl).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all international organisations and diplomatic missions in the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 10 January 2023

**To all diplomatic missions and international organisations in the Netherlands**