

# Mobility: immigration alert

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## United States

COVID-19: US extends travel restrictions to foreign nationals travelling from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Schengen Area, and Brazil, and adds travel restrictions to foreign nationals travelling from South Africa

### Executive summary

On 25 January 2021, to further curb the spread of COVID-19 and its more contagious variants, President Biden issued a Presidential Proclamation extending the suspension of the entry of foreign nationals physically present within the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Brazil.

### Background

The Proclamation applies to those physically present in one of these jurisdictions 14 days prior to admission to the U.S. and became effective at 12:01 a.m. EDT on 26 January 2021. This extension overturns President Trump's Proclamation issued on 18 January 2021, which would have allowed this class of persons to once again seek admission to the U.S.

In addition, at 12:01 a.m. EDT on 30 January 2021, the United States will also suspend the admission of foreign nationals who were physically present in the Republic of South Africa during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the U.S. The restriction does not apply to persons aboard a flight scheduled to arrive in the United States that departed prior to 12:01 a.m. EDT on 30 January 2021.

Section 2 of the Biden [Proclamation](#) provides a complete list of foreign nationals who are **not** subject to the rule, including, among others:

- ▶ Lawful permanent residents of the United States
- ▶ Spouses of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents
- ▶ Parents or legal guardians of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, who are unmarried and under 21 years old
- ▶ Siblings of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, provided that both are unmarried and under 21 years old
- ▶ Children, foster children, or wards of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, or a prospective adoptee seeking to enter the U.S. in IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications

The suspension will remain in effect until terminated by the President.

We will continue to monitor and review future developments. For further information, please contact your EY Law professional.

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