

Update 55: United Kingdom - Government Plans to Impose New Restrictions Starting January 18, 2021; Bans Travel from South America, Portugal in Light of New COVID-19 Strain

- Starting January 18, 2021, the United Kingdom for at least the next month will require all incoming travelers to present a negative COVID-19 test and quarantine
- Children under 11 and people traveling for urgent medical treatment are exempt from the testing requirement, as well as certain essential workers
- Additionally, the country enacted a ban on travel from all of South America as well as Portugal and Cape Verde after the emergence of a new strain of the virus in Brazil
- The travel ban does not apply to British and Irish nationals and third country nationals with residence rights in the UK
- However, anyone returning from the banned destinations must quarantine themselves for 10 days with their households
- As of now, United Kingdom has reported 3,316,019 COVID-19 confirmed cases and 87,295 related deaths, 2.6% of total reported cases
- On the other hand, when compared to overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 4.8% and 0.1%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in the United Kingdom

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

[United Kingdom](#)

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to '[Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions](#)' and '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

Related Alerts

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Medium

Update 54: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Imposes Stay at Home Restrictions; Extends Ban on Travelers From 11 African Countries for New COVID-19 Strain

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.