

Update 12: Belgium - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Starting December 1, 2020 Over Christmas Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- Belgium announced its plans to ease COVID-19 restrictions starting December 1, 2020 over Christmas amid COVID-19 pandemic
- Under the new measures, all shops, museums, swimming pools will reopen, however bars and restaurants will remain closed
- People can go for shopping alone and will not be allowed to stay in one store for more than 30 minutes
- On Christmas Eve, the start of curfew, currently 10 p.m. in Wallonia and Brussels, will be pushed to midnight
- No relaxation of the rules will be applied on New Year's Eve, and fireworks will be banned
- The new measures will be applicable until January 15, 2021
- Winter trips and journeys to red zones are strongly discouraged
- More controls at the borders are implemented to make sure quarantine is respected and the so-called passenger locator form is completed
- The country reported 2,565 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 142 deaths on November 27
- As of now, Belgium has reported 570,829 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 16,339 deaths (3% of total reported cases) and 37,238 recoveries (7% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (https://www.who.int/violenceprevention/about/participants/moh_belgium/en/) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Belgium

Source(s)

- <https://www.politico.eu/article/belgium-eases-coronavirus-measures-ahead-of-festive-season/>
- <https://nws100.com/belgium-to-ease-coronavirus-measures-ahead-of-festive-season/>
- <https://www.brusselstimes.com/news/business/142751/belgium-could-reopen-non-essential-shops-ahead-of-christmas-top-official-says-pierre-yves-jeholet-consultative-committee-december-holidays-coronavirus-pandemic-hospitals/>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/belgium/>

Targets Affected:

Belgium

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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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.
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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.
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