

Update 13: Sofia, Bulgaria - Bans Travelers from Outside European Union, Effective December 1, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Crisis

- On November 30, 2020, Bulgaria's Health Ministry announced that travel restrictions on inbound travelers that will be in force between December 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021
- The restrictions include a long list of exemptions - Bulgarian nationals, citizens of European Union (EU) member states and Schengen visa-free travel area countries, the UK, persons with permanent residence permits in Bulgaria and other EU member states, and the Schengen area
- Family members of nationals from EU member states, the Schengen area, and UK are also covered by the exemptions
- Additionally, nationals of a number of third countries are excluded from the travel restrictions: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Israel, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Tunisia, Rwanda, Uruguay, Georgia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro
- Family members of such nationals are not covered by the exemptions
- If travelling from any other country, a negative PCR test for COVID-19, done in the 72 hours before entering Bulgaria is required
- An exception is made for Bulgarian nationals and holders of permanent residence permits who arrive from these countries without a negative PCR test
- A PCR test is not required for people who are only transiting Bulgaria
- As of now, the country has reported 145,300 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 4,035 deaths (2.77% of total reported cases), and 50,565 recoveries (34.8% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant development
- Please consult the Ministry of Health of Bulgaria (<http://www.mh.government.bg/en/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Sofia, Bulgaria

Source(s)

<https://sofiaglobe.com/2020/11/30/covid-19-bulgaria-bans-travel-from-outside-eu-starting-december-1/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/bulgaria/>

Targets Affected:

[Bulgaria - Sofia](#)

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

Nov. 29, 2020

High

Update 12: Sofia, Bulgaria - Imposes Partial Lockdown Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 24, 2020

High

Update 11: Sofia, Bulgaria - Plans to Impose Strict Lockdown Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 14, 2020

Low

Update 10: Sofia, Bulgaria - Reports Economic Recovery in Q3 2020 as GDP Increases by 4.3% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 1, 2020

Medium

Update 9: Sofia, Bulgaria - Reports 2,891 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 51,041

Oct. 25, 2020

Medium

Update 8: Sofia, Bulgaria - Tightens Lockdown Restrictions Amid Surge in New COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 14, 2020

Medium

Update 7: Sofia, Bulgaria - Reports 785 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 25,774

Aug. 9, 2020

Medium

Update 6: Sofia, Bulgaria - Confirms 5,180 Active COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 13,343

June 11, 2020

Medium

Update 5: Sofia, Bulgaria - Extends Epidemiological Emergency for 15 Days as COVID-19 Cases Increase

May 6, 2020

High

Update 4: Sofia, Bulgaria - Removes
Checkpoint at City-Entrance Starting
May 6, 2020 Amid COVID-19
Pandemic

April 28, 2020

High

Update 3: Sofia, Bulgaria - Confirms 58
New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 1,348

April 17, 2020

Immediate

Update 2: Sofia, Bulgaria - Announces
City Closure to Curb the Spread of
COVID-19 Pandemic

March 31, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Sofia, Bulgaria - Rise in
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

March 13, 2020

Low

Sofia - Coronavirus Infection Cases

Impact level Definitions

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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.