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To whom it may concern

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Covid-19 Ordinance on measures in relation to the international movement of persons

Collection of contact details of passengers of international scheduled bus services upon entry into Switzerland

Information of passengers about the quarantine obligation and the proof of a negative PCR test result on entry from countries or regions with an increased risk of infection with Coronavirus Sars-CoV-2

Dear Sir or Madam

On 8 February, a new Ordinance on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the field of international transport of travellers comes into force.

In concrete terms, this involves the following:

1. Persons who enter Switzerland from a state or territory with an increased risk of infection with Sars-CoV-2 (State or region with increased risk of infection) must provide their contact details to entry as follows:
 - a. electronically via the online recording system (<https://swissplf.admin.ch/home>); or
 - b. on the paper contact cards provided by the FOPH.
2. Must prove that they have been tested for Sars-CoV-2 by molecular biological analysis within the last 72 hours and that the result of the test was negative. This applies to persons aged 12 years and older.

Persons entering Switzerland from countries or regions **without** an increased risk of infection are only required to record their contact details electronically or on paper if they enter the country by train, bus, ship or plane.

Persons who transport goods or persons across borders in the course of their professional activities and enter Switzerland merely for transit purposes, with the intention and possibility of travelling on directly to another country, or who stay in Switzerland for a maximum of 24 hours, are exempt from the obligation to provide contact details or negative tests.

The list of countries or areas at increased risk of contracting Sars-CoV-2 is updated regularly and can be consulted here. www.bag.admin.ch/entry

3. Any bus company that transports passengers to Switzerland shall ensure that passengers are informed about these measures.

Please note that you are subject to the obligation to cooperate under Article 43 of the Federal Act of 28 September 2012 on the Control of Communicable Human Diseases (Epidemics Act, SR 818.101). This obligation to cooperate is specified in Article 59 paragraph 2 of the Ordinance on Epidemics (SR 818.101.1):

According to this provision, the FOPH can oblige companies that transport persons across borders by rail, bus, ship or air, and airport operators, to distribute contact cards and to ensure that the above-mentioned information is provided to persons entering Switzerland.

Failure to comply with this obligation to cooperate is punishable by a fine of up to CHF 10,000 (Art. 83 para. 1 let. I Epidemics Act)

We ask you to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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