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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring their attention to additional measures aimed at responding to and lessening the spread of COVID-19.

On May 24, 2020, the President signed the *Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus*. By order of the Proclamation, starting at 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on May 26, 2020, entry into the United States has been suspended for foreign nationals who have been physically present within the Federative Republic of Brazil during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States.

Proclamation 9984 on the *Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus and Other Appropriate Measures to Address This Risk*, issued on January 31, 2020, and Proclamations 9992, 9993, and 9996 on the *Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons who Pose*

a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus, issued on February 29, March 11, and March 14, 2020, are still in effect.

Each proclamation exempts certain foreign nationals from the suspension of entry. Notably, the entry suspension is *not* applicable to foreign nationals seeking entry into or who are transiting the United States on A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO categories) visas, or those whose travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement.

Upon arrival and after passing through immigration, passengers will continue to enhanced entry screening where they will be queried about their medical history, current condition, and asked for contact information to be passed on to local health authorities. In some cases, entry screening may include thermal temperature checks; however, passengers are not currently being tested for COVID-19 at U.S. points of entry. Following such screening, passengers will then be given written guidance about COVID-19 and directed to their destination. In accordance with Centers for Disease Prevention & Control (CDC) guidance, all passengers will be asked to immediately home-quarantine for 14 days upon reaching their final destination.

The procedures detailed above apply to all arriving passengers from restricted countries, including but not limited to foreign mission members. The CDC guidance for self-quarantine applies more broadly to all arriving international passengers at all U.S. points of entry. Additional information concerning these matters is available at <https://www.dhs.gov/coronavirus/protecting-air-travelers-and-american-public> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>.

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov. Further, a compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19 is available at <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>.

Department of State,

Washington, May 27, 2020

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