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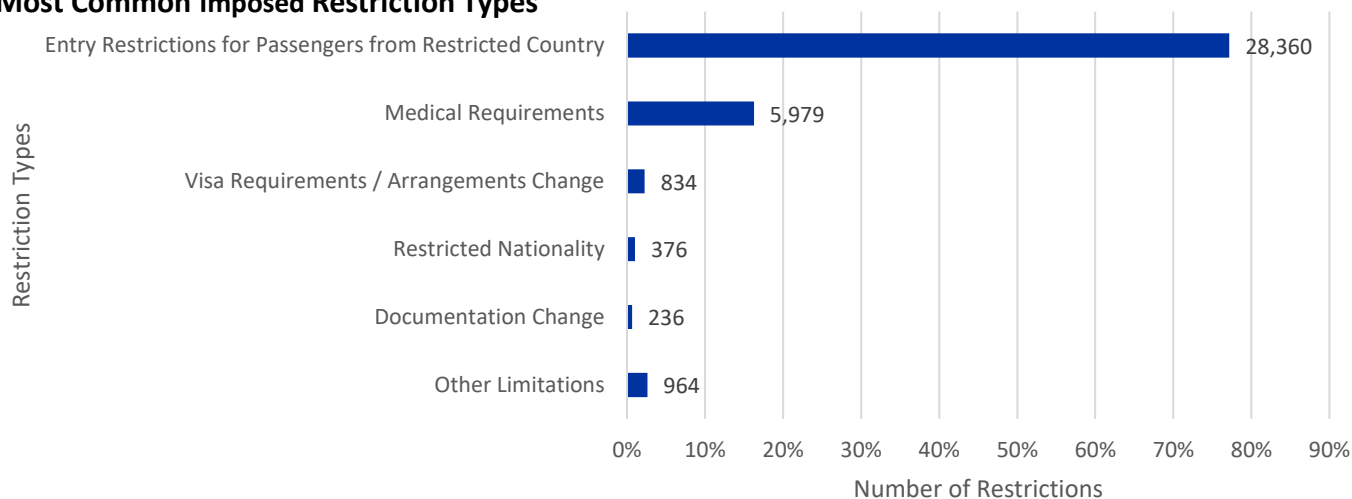# GLOBAL MOBILITY RESTRICTION OVERVIEW
25 March, 2020

Overview:

The effect of COVID-19 on global mobility continues to steadily stabilize for a second consecutive day with only 403 new restrictions issued by Governments and regions in one day. The total number of restrictions imposed increased only by one per cent from 36,346 on 24th March 2020 to 36,749 on 25th March 2020. As per WHO, as of 24th March 2020, 196 countries, territories and areas have reported COVID-19 cases, parallelly, restrictions on mobility have been imposed on nearly to 250 countries/territories and areas. Despite the registered overall stabilization in new restrictions, the restrictive measures based on passenger arrival country continued to increase by 4 per cent. In addition to external border restrictions, a new trend appears with several Governments and regions now imposing internal mobility restrictions. South Africa and Pakistan have announced the suspension of domestic air travel until 31st May 2020 and 2nd April 2020, respectively. Days after suspending international passenger entry, Nigeria has also announced the indefinite suspension of national rail travel as well to control the risk of COVID-19. India announced a 21 day long nation-wide lockdown effective from 24th March 2020 in response to new cases of COVID-19. While global mobility of passengers has come to a major halt, the mobility of nationals returning home has gained prominence with new exemptions issued. Despite suspending flights to and from Italy, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece has made an exception for flights repatriating nationals and residents of Greece returning from these countries. Likewise, Australia introduced a time limit for its temporary exemption for nationals of New Zealand returning home transiting through Australia until the 26th of March 2020.
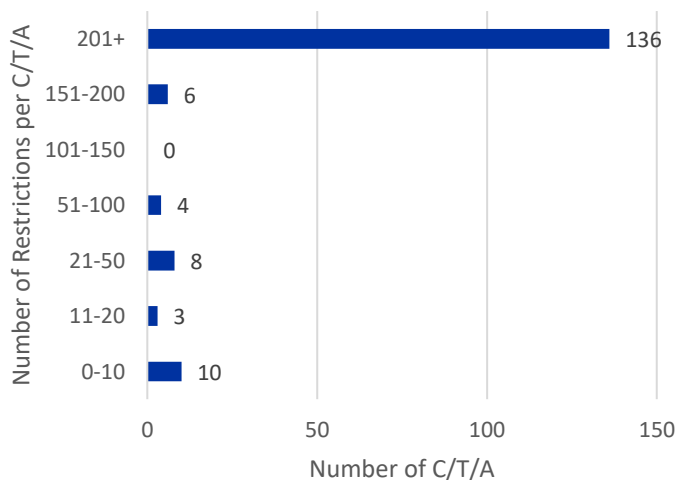
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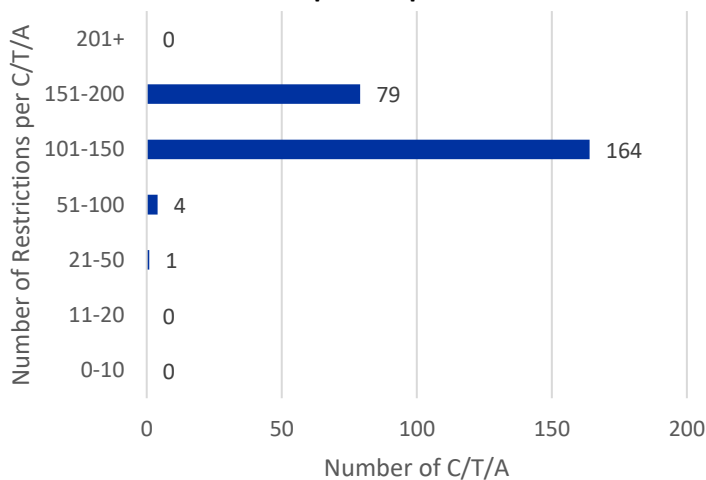
Numbers at a glance

Most Common Imposed Restriction Types

Restriction Types (y-axis) vs Number of Restrictions (x-axis, 0%–90%):

- Entry Restrictions for Passengers from Restricted Country: 28,360
- Medical Requirements: 5,979
- Visa Requirements / Arrangements Change: 834
- Restricted Nationality: 376
- Documentation Change: 236
- Other Limitations: 964

Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions

Number of Restrictions per C/T/A vs Number of C/T/A:

- 201+: 136
- 151-200: 6
- 101-150: 0
- 51-100: 4
- 21-50: 8
- 11-20: 3
- 0-10: 10

Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas with Restrictions Imposed upon them

Number of Restrictions per C/T/A vs Number of C/T/A:

- 201+: 0
- 151-200: 79
- 101-150: 164
- 51-100: 4
- 21-50: 1
- 11-20: 0
- 0-10: 0

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Medical Restrictions (by Date)

Restriction Types:
- Quarantine of 14 days prior or after entering the country — 10% 8% 11% 13% 11%
- Screening and monitoring upon arrival
- Medical certificate required
- Quarantine of 14 days in country with no confirmed cases required...
- Other type of medical restrictions and measures

Percentages: 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

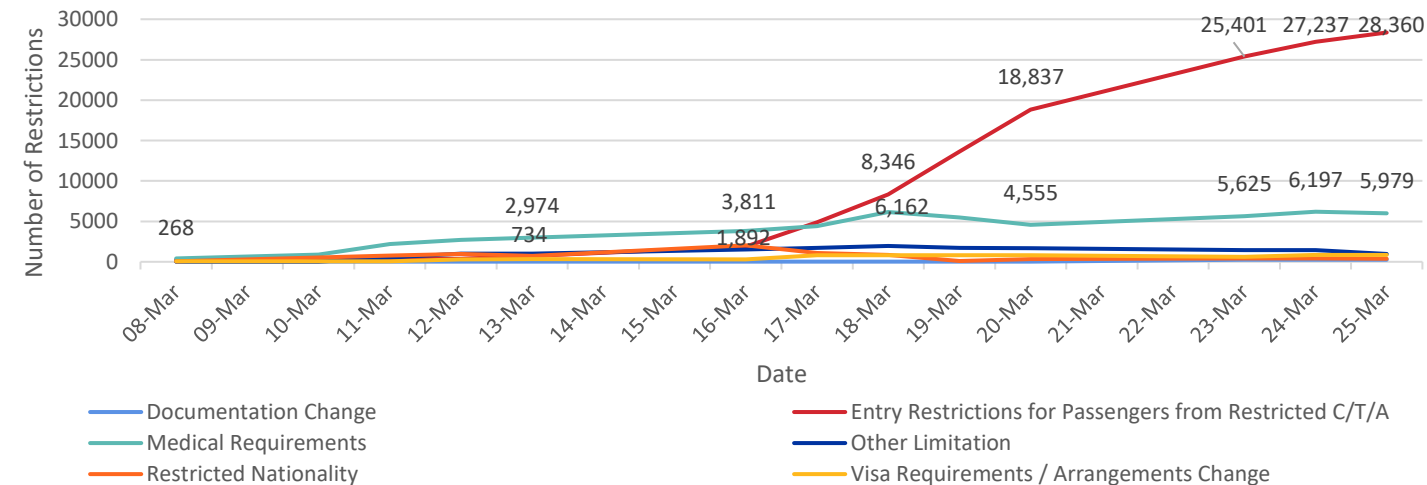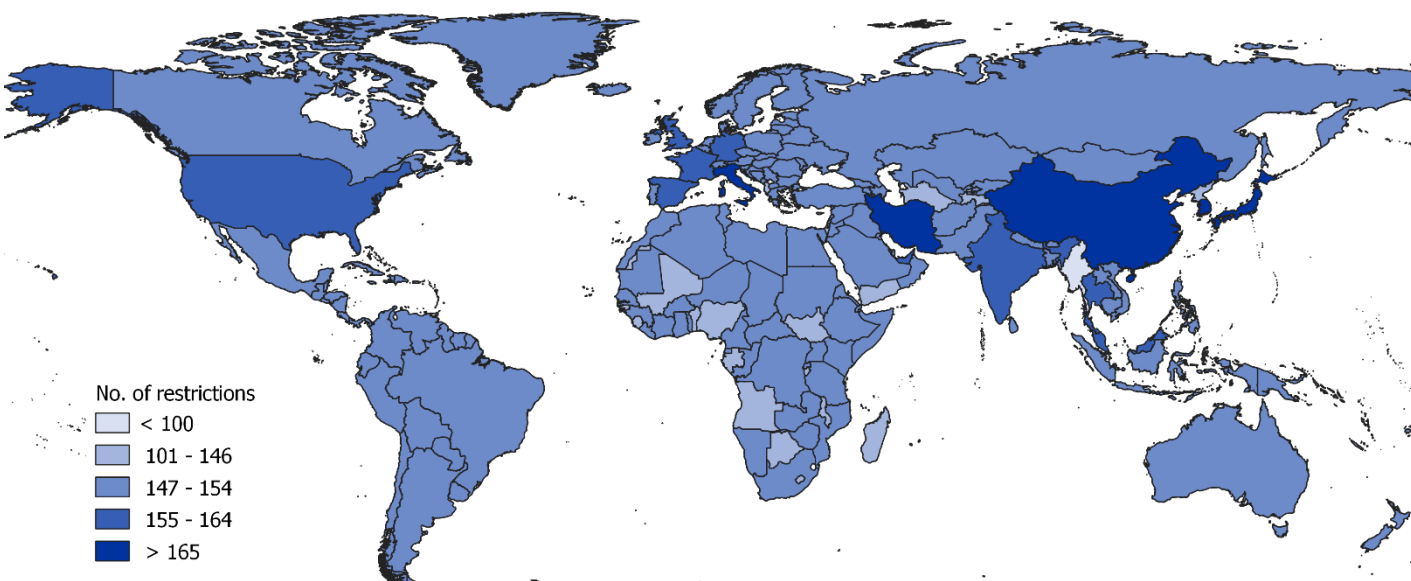■ 19-Mar ■ 20-Mar ■ 23-Mar ■ 24-Mar ■ 25-Mar
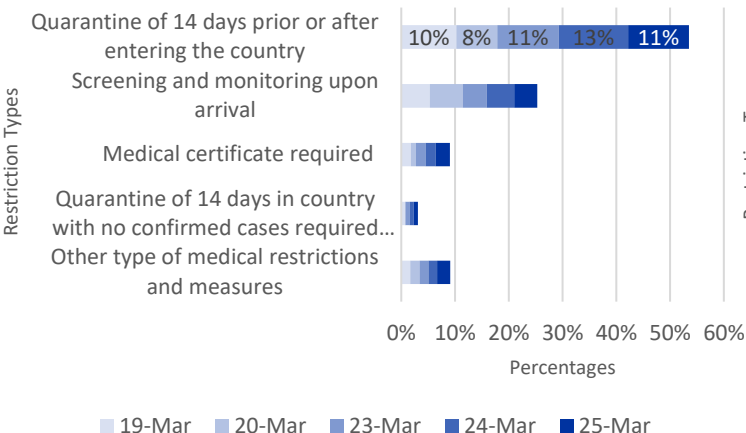
Entry Restrictions (by Date)

Passengers arriving from or having been to the restricted country/ territory/ area in the below mentioned time period are not allowed to enter

Restriction Types:
- Without time parameter — 11% 16% 21% 23% 24%
- In the last 14 days
- In the last 20 days
- In the last 30 days
- In the last 28 days
- Since beginning of 2020

Percentage: 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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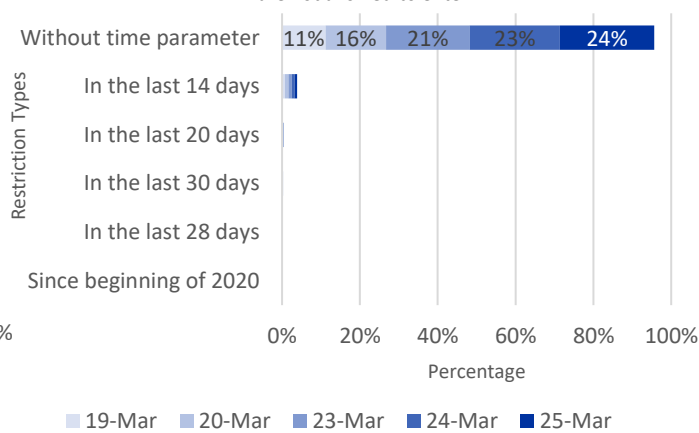
Measures Imposed by Countries/ Territories/ Areas, by Type and Date

Number of Restrictions (y-axis): 0 to 30000

Date (x-axis): 08-Mar to 25-Mar

Entry Restrictions line values: 268, 734, 2,974, 3,811, 1,892, 8,346, 6,162, 18,837, 4,555, 25,401, 27,237, 28,360, 5,625, 6,197, 5,979

— Documentation Change
— Entry Restrictions for Passengers from Restricted C/T/A
— Medical Requirements
— Other Limitation
— Restricted Nationality
— Visa Requirements / Arrangements Change

Restriction Received by Country/ Territory/ Area

No. of restrictions
- < 100
- 101 - 146
- 147 - 154
- 155 - 164
- > 165

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Key Highlights:

•While the number of airport closures continue to increase globally, the duration of these closures varies from one week to one month. The Bahamas and Sri Lanka have closed airports until 31st March 2020; Ecuador and Saint Lucia have closed their airports until 5th April 2020. The United Arab Emirates announced airport closures for two weeks until 9th April 2020, whereas Senegal has closed its airport for three weeks until 17th April 2020, and Nigeria has done the same for one month until 23rd April 2020.

•More stringent restrictions continue to be implemented as Hong Kong SAR, China shifted from previously imposing mandatory quarantine for 14 days for all passengers to a total restriction on all passenger entry. Conversely, Myanmar continues to keep borders open but has extended its mandatory 14-day self-quarantine measure to include all passengers. Additionally, all passengers must have a laboratory test results proving they are free from Coronavirus (COVID-19).

•An exception for nationals returning home was introduced by Germany for all nationals from the European Union, Switzerland and British passport holders. Likewise, Bulgaria also allowed the entry of nationals of France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and their family members transiting through Bulgaria to return to their country of residence.

•Exceptions made for entry on humanitarian reasons were also issued with Bulgaria allowing healthcare professionals and researchers as well as humanitarian workers to enter the country, an exemption from its partial passenger ban of passengers from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland , Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia or Sweden.

•Shifting from partial border closures issued just on 24th March 2020 restricting passenger entry based on arrival country, Namibia has now imposed an indefinite suspension of air travel.

•As one of the few countries in Africa with no confirmed cases of coronavirus as yet, Botswana closed land borders after neighboring countries have started to report coronavirus-related deaths. Likewise, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has shut borders, declaring a state of emergency.

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