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GLOBAL MOBILITY RESTRICTION OVERVIEW
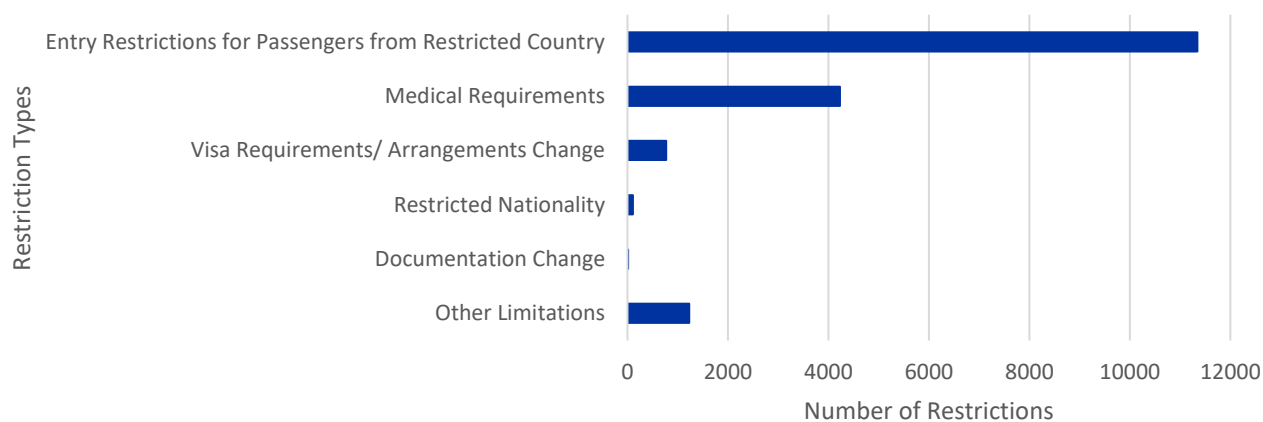# 19 March, 2020

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Overview:

The observed world-wide response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to demonstrate a tendency toward a total restriction of mobility, as many countries, territories and areas issue new and more stringent restrictions for all passengers, and others add new countries, territories and areas to their list of restricted transit or arrival points. A total of 147 countries, territories or areas have issued new or changed existing COVID-19 related travel restrictions today. The restriction banning entry of all passengers has increased by 23% over the past 24 hours. As of 19th March 2020, a total of 152 countries, territories and areas have imposed restrictions on the People's Republic of China since the outbreak. Likewise, Republic of Korea received restrictions from 134 countries, territories and areas while Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy received restrictions from 131 countries, territories and areas. A ban on the entry of all passengers was introduced by 11 countries, territories and areas including Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Georgia, Aruba, Chile, Mongolia, Israel, Oman, and Paraguay. Likewise, Sri Lanka has closed its borders to all passengers until 25th March 2020. A discernible trend in passenger exemptions for entry appears as Chile, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Serbia and Sweden specify entry of humanitarian workers and volunteers, and health specialists in the case of Switzerland. Mobility from Europe continues to be restricted as new restrictions on all passengers arriving from European countries was introduced by Seychelles and Saint Lucia. Country-specific passenger bans continued to increase as well as become more complex and limiting. For example, passengers arriving from Europe cannot enter Iraq through Baghdad, but can only enter from Erbil and Sulaymaniyah with a quarantine requirement of 14 days upon entry. Similarly, Japan, Turkey, Nigeria, Angola, and Bulgaria added new countries from where passengers are not allowed to enter.
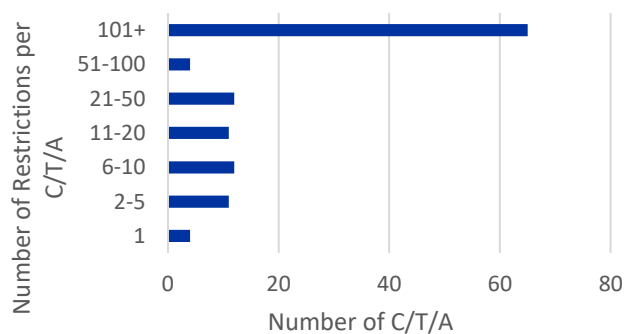
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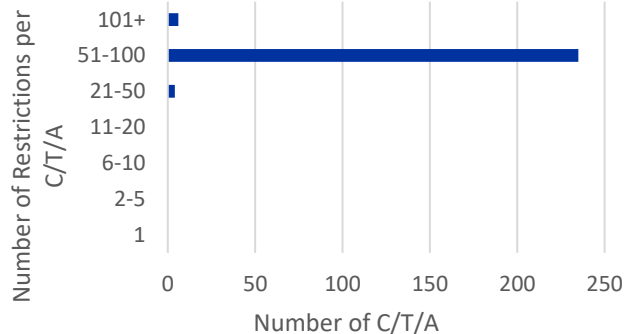
Numbers at a glance

Most Common Imposed Restriction Types

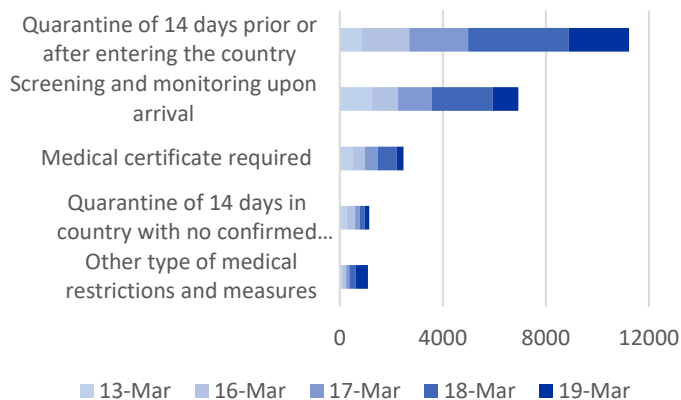## Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions

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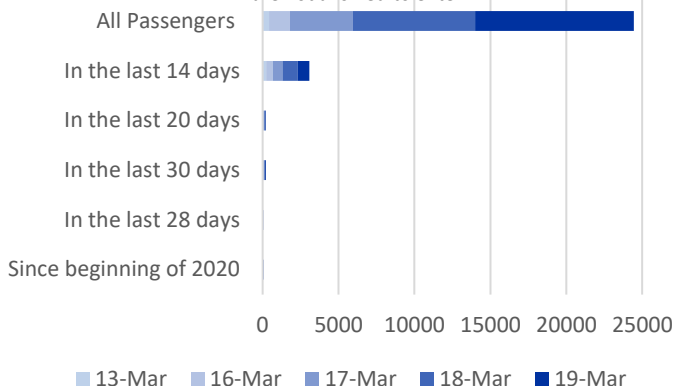
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Medical Restrictions (by Date)

Quarantine of 14 days prior or after entering the country

Screening and monitoring upon arrival

Medical certificate required

Quarantine of 14 days in country with no confirmed...

Other type of medical restrictions and measures

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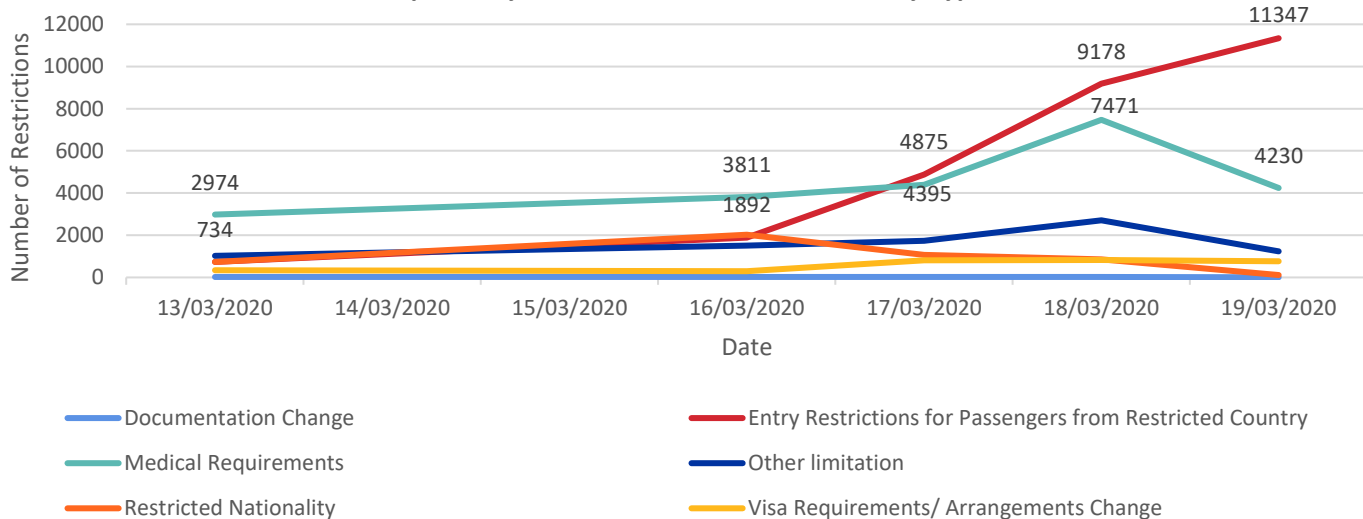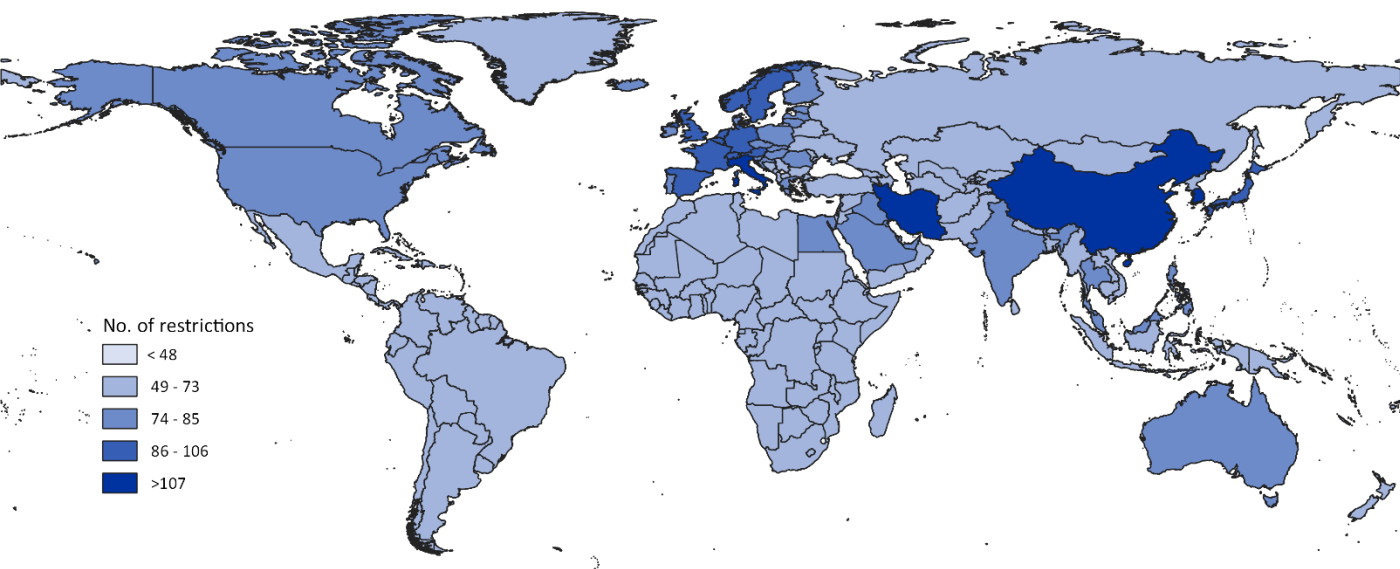■ 13-Mar ■ 16-Mar ■ 17-Mar ■ 18-Mar ■ 19-Mar

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

All Passengers

In the last 14 days

In the last 20 days

In the last 30 days

In the last 28 days

Since beginning of 2020

0   5000   10000   15000   20000   25000

■ 13-Mar ■ 16-Mar ■ 17-Mar ■ 18-Mar ■ 19-Mar

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

Number of Restrictions vs Date

- 2974, 3811, 4875, 4395, 7471, 4230 (Medical Requirements)
- 734, 1892, 9178, 11347 (Entry Restrictions for Passengers from Restricted Country)

Legend:
- Documentation Change
- Entry Restrictions for Passengers from Restricted Country
- Medical Requirements
- Other limitation
- Restricted Nationality
- Visa Requirements/ Arrangements Change

Restriction Received by Country/ Territory/ Area

No. of restrictions
- < 48
- 49 - 73
- 74 - 85
- 86 - 106
- >107

Key Highlights:

•Restrictions based on citizenship/origin were also introduced by Iraq on nationals of People's Republic of China and Islamic Republic of Iran.

•Total visa suspension and invalidations was introduced by Bahrain for all passengers. Oman shifted from visa invalidations issued on 18th March 2020 to introducing a more stringent measure by issuing restrictions all passengers. This also includes an entry ban on all nationals from Oman, including expatriates with residency visas.

•Continuing the trend of all border closures, land and sea port closures have increased, globally. In Europe, Czechia has banned international public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from crossing borders. Goods, bus and railway transport between Slovenia and Italy has been suspended (except for the transport of postal items, medicinal products, protective equipment and medical devices, and humanitarian aid) and Turkey's land border with Bulgaria was closed to entry and exit of passengers. In Central Asia, the land border crossings between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been closed.

•Likewise, in South America, Colombia closed its land border until 30th May2020 and Brazil announced enhanced screening and quarantine measures on the borders. It said it would partially close its border with Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on March 18th, but trucks with merchandise are allowed. Hundreds of Venezuelan migrants and refugees cross the border with Brazil daily.

•In the Middle East, Jordan closed border crossings with Israel and its seaports from Egypt. It also barred overland passenger traffic from Iraq. The government banned travel to Lebanon and Syrian Arab Republic and also barred entry for passengers arriving from France, Germany and Spain.

•Mandatory quarantine was introduced by Benin for all passengers.

•Serbia introduced two different mandatory quarantine periods for passengers and nationals depending on their country of arrival. For passengers and nationals arriving from Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Spain or Switzerland the quarantine period is 28 days where it is a shorter 14 days quarantine period for nationals and passengers arriving from elsewhere.

•While Guatemala banned all passengers' arrivals and suspended all flights until 30th March 2020, Guatemala also suspended all deportation flights arriving from the United States.

In addition to countries with restrictions issued in previous days, the countries, territories or areas, issued restrictions for the first time as of today (19th March 2020 – 3 pm GST).

•Nigeria
•Sweden

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