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The UK Government has today announced that all seven remaining countries currently on its 'red' list (Colombia, Peru, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Venezuela, Ecuador) will be removed from Monday 4am 1 November. This means that from that time arrivals from these countries in to England will no longer be required to enter hotel quarantine.

The <u>red list</u> and quarantine hotel policy remains in place and will continue to act as a crucial line of defence against the importation of variants of concern. The UK Government will review the red list every three weeks and will impose restrictions should there be a need to do so to protect public health.

It has also confirmed that from Monday 1 November eligible travellers with appropriate proof of vaccination from more than 30 further countries and territories, including Argentina, Tanzania and Cambodia, will also qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to the UK. This brings the total number of <u>countries and territories covered by the inbound vaccination policy</u> to more than 135.

Please note that, at the time of writing, today's announcement from the UK Government applies to England only. We will keep you updated on Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Please also note that eligible fully vaccinated passengers and most under 18s arriving into England from non-red list countries have since 24 October been able to <u>use a cheaper lateral flow test post arrival</u>, with a free confirmatory PCR test if they receive a positive result. Such passengers arriving into Scotland and Wales will from 31 October also be able to choose to take a lateral flow test instead of a PCR test.

All arrivals will still need to <u>fill in a passenger locator form</u> ahead of travel. Travellers should continue to check GOV.UK travel guidance including <u>Foreign</u>, <u>Commonwealth and Development Office</u> (<u>FCDO</u>) <u>travel advice</u> before, during and after travel to keep up to date with entry requirements. Passengers are encouraged to also continue to carefully check booking conditions prior to buying tickets.

You can access the UK Government press release about today's announcement with further details here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/travel-update-all-countries-removed-from-the-uks-red-list">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/travel-update-all-countries-removed-from-the-uks-red-list</a>