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Restrictions on travel from the United Kingdom

Please note: [Negative test declaration now mandatory for travellers from the UK and South Africa](#)

As of 20 December 2020, ferries carrying passengers from the United Kingdom are not permitted to dock in Dutch ports. Passenger flights from the United Kingdom to the Netherlands are banned.

What is the flight ban?

Passenger flights from the United Kingdom to the Netherlands are banned as of 20 December 2020 to reduce the risk of a new, more contagious variant of coronavirus spreading to the Netherlands. This new variant is circulating in the UK.

When does the flight ban take effect?

The flight ban takes effect at 06:00 UK time (GMT) on 20 December 2020 (07:00 in the Netherlands).

Does the ban apply to all flights between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands?

Yes. The ban applies to all flights from all parts of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) to the Netherlands. Airplanes flying to the UK from the Netherlands will not be carrying passengers on the return journey.

How long will the ban last?

The flight ban will be in place until 1 January 2021. On that date, as a result of Brexit the United Kingdom will become a third country. Travellers from the UK arriving in the Netherlands by airplane or ferry will then have to produce a [negative test declaration](#) for COVID-19.

Ferry docking ban United Kingdom

What is the ferry docking ban?

Ferries carrying passengers from the United Kingdom are not permitted to dock in Dutch ports. On 20 December 2020 the Dutch government decided to impose this ban with immediate effect. This means that ferries with passengers on board are no longer allowed to depart for the Netherlands. Lorry drivers may still cross from the UK to the Netherlands. The docking ban on ferries carrying passengers will remain in place until 1 January 2021 at the latest.

Can the ferry docking ban be extended?

On 1 January 2021, as a result of Brexit the United Kingdom will become a third country. Travellers from the UK arriving in the Netherlands by airplane or ferry will then have to produce a negative test declaration for COVID-19.

Can people still take the ferry to the United Kingdom?

Do not travel to the United Kingdom. Passengers will be allowed to board ferries sailing from the Netherlands to the UK.

How can I return to the Netherlands?

Dutch nationals who are now unable to return to the Netherlands are advised to arrange accommodation in the United Kingdom and await further developments.

Can freight still be shipped to and from the United Kingdom?

Yes. The ban on passenger flights and the docking ban on ferries carrying passengers do not apply to freight transport. Ferries will continue operating for freight transport. Lorries and lorry drivers can travel to and from the United Kingdom by ferry using the Green Lanes.

Are international train services still operating between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands?

No. All Eurostar services between London, Brussels and Amsterdam on 21 December have been cancelled. It is not yet known whether Eurostar will be able to resume services after that date.