

# EU: Fully vaccinated persons allowed entry in principle

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KUALA LUMPUR: Anyone who has received full doses of Covid-19 vaccines authorised by member countries are allowed entry, says the European Union (EU).

The clarification came following reports that the EU Digital Covid Certificate only recognised vaccines approved by the bloc.

It added that member states have also lifted travel restrictions on those who received Covid-19 vaccines that are yet to be approved by the EU, as long as the manufacturers have gone through the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Emergency Use Listing process.

"Entry to the EU is, in principle, allowed for fully vaccinated persons with one of the vaccines authorised in the EU, including those produced in facilities not covered by marketing authorisation in the EU.

"Member states could also allow entry for people vaccinated with vaccines that have not yet been authorised in the EU but have completed the WHO Emergency Use Listing process.

"There is no obstacle or hurdle. Some recent reporting concerning the AstraZeneca vaccine's origin is inaccurate," it said in a statement.

The union said the digital proof of one's status on Covid-19 dubbed "EU Digital Covid Certificate" is not a prerequisite for travelling in the EU nor a compulsory document but simply a practical tool.

It added that EU Digital Covid Certificate is not the only tool to be used to travel to the countries under the union as member states are free to accept other vaccine documentations.

"These should contain information that at least allows identifying the person, the type of vaccine and the date of administration of the vaccine.

"Official certificates certifying recovery from Covid-19 or a negative test may also serve as proof of



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“In addition, it is up to EU member states to decide which obligations, such as quarantine, may be imposed on incoming travellers,” it added.

The union advised Malaysians to check the entry requirements for the countries they wish to visit.

On Monday, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said there was no reason for the EU to “discriminate” between the different AstraZeneca manufacturing locations as all of them adhere to good manufacturing practice.

According to healthcare news portal CodeBlue, it reported that Malaysians vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine might be barred from entering Europe, as the EU Digital Covid Certificate does not cover AstraZeneca doses made by South Korea’s SK Bioscience or Thailand’s Siam Bioscience, which is used in the country.

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