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NEW SANITARY MEASURE TAKEN BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR THE ENTRY INTO CHILE DUE TO THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Given the detection of a second case in Chile of the new Covid-19 variant, originated in the United Kingdom, on January 7th, 2021 the Exempt Resolution No.15 of the Ministry of Health was published in the Official Gazette, stating a new sanitary measure of prevention against Covid-19.

This measure requires that Chileans and foreigners regularly residing in Chile, in order to entry into the country, must have a negative PCR test for Covid-19.

Thus, the application of this restriction has been extended, since until this date such requirement was applied only to non-resident foreigners who enter the country, in accordance with Exempt Resolution No.997 of the Ministry of Health from November 20th, 2020.

In both cases, the sample for the test must not be older than 72 hours, counted from the boarding of the aircraft in which the traveler enters national territory. If the trip from the point of origin to the Chilean territory includes the use of several aircrafts, the aforementioned 72 hours will be counted from the boarding of the last of them.

This measure will enter into force on January 8th, at 05:00 hours, and adds up to the existing measures for travelers coming from abroad.

Additionally, the referred Exempted Resolution eliminated the provision that required all travelers who entered the country, who had been in the United Kingdom in the last 14 days, to comply with a 14-day quarantine.

Notwithstanding the latter, the Civil Aeronautics Board, by means of the Exempt Resolution N°12 of January 5th, 2021, extended the

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suspension of all direct commercial passengers' flights between the United Kingdom and Chile for another 2 weeks, this is, until January 19th, 2021.

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