



BBC NEWS | CORONAVIRUS: REINO UNIDO PROIBE ENTRADA DE VIAJANTES VINDOS DA AMERICA DO SUL E DE PORTUGAL POR VARIANTE ENCONTRADA NO BRASIL

Chegadas ao Reino Unido da América do Sul e Portugal serão proibidas a partir de sexta-feira (15/01) devido a preocupações com a variante brasileira do coronavírus.

O secretário de transportes, Grant Shapps, disse que a mudança entraria em vigor a partir das 4h desta sexta-feira no Reino Unido (1h no horário de Brasília).

Cidadãos britânicos e irlandeses e estrangeiros com direito de residência ainda poderão viajar, mas devem se isolar por 10 dias, disse ele.

A decisão foi anunciada após uma reunião de ministros nesta quinta-feira (14/01).

A proibição se aplica a chegadas da Argentina, Brasil, Bolívia, Cabo Verde, Chile, Colômbia, Equador, Guiana Francesa, Guiana, Panamá, Paraguai, Peru, Suriname, Uruguai e Venezuela.

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BBC NEWS | COVID BRAZILIAN VARIANT SPARKS SOUTH AMERICA TRAVEL BAN

A ban on travellers to the UK from South America, Portugal and Cape Verde will begin on Friday due to a new Covid variant identified in Brazil.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said the rules would come in from 04:00 GMT. British and Irish citizens and foreign nationals with residence rights will still be able to travel but must isolate for 10 days.

On Thursday the UK reported a further 1,248 coronavirus deaths within 28 days of a positive test.

The previous day had seen a record figure of 1,564. There were also another 48,682 daily Covid cases.

The number of people in the UK to have received the first dose of a vaccine has risen to 2,918,252 - up by 278,943 from Wednesday.

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The new travel ban applies to people who have travelled from, or through, the South American countries of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela in the last 10 days.

Portugal, including the islands of Madeira and the Azores, is also banned, along with the central American nation of Panama and the former Portuguese colony of Cape Verde, off the West African coast.

Mr Shapps said he "can't provide an end date" to the new rules. He said the current restrictions on global travel meant he didn't "expect a large number of Brits to have jaunted off to South America and we're not expecting to see a big repatriation issue as a result".

Portugal had been included "given its strong travel links with Brazil", he said, but added that there would be an exemption for hauliers travelling from the country to allow the transportation of essential goods. He said suspending travel from that European country would act "as another way to reduce the risk of importing infections".

Qatar and the Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba have also been removed from the UK's travel corridor lists, meaning anyone arriving from these countries after 04:00 GMT on Saturday will have to quarantine for 10 days.