



## Press Release

### **BARIG Welcomes Federal Government's Lifting of the Travel Warning for the Majority of European Countries**

- Air travel between Germany and numerous European countries can be resumed as of June 15, 2020
- Arrangements with further countries worldwide must now ensue

*Frankfurt am Main, June 3, 2020.* The Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG) welcomes today's decision by the German government to lift the travel warning for most European countries. As a result, air travel from Germany to the EU member states and other European countries can be resumed starting June 15, 2020.

BARIG Secretary General, Michael Hoppe, remarked: "Today's announcement of the Foreign Ministry is a decisive signal. People may now travel by air again to visit friends and relatives or to spend their vacation in other European countries. Furthermore, it enables companies to have their employees fly to business appointments in more than 30 European countries."

Yet Michael Hoppe also clarified: "The announced lifting of the travel warning in the European area can, however, only serve as a first step. Now, with the help of explicit agreements, travel between Germany and other countries with appropriate hygiene and protection measures must be resumed, especially on an intercontinental scale."

The aviation industry has set the course for the resumption of air traffic. Industry associations, authorities, airlines, and airport operators have taken great efforts to make the appropriate arrangements. Accordingly, Michael Hoppe is convinced that "safe travel by air in terms of health and hygiene aspects is possible if all parties involved, including the passengers, act attentively and responsibly."

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