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## The Malta Chamber welcomes UK's decision to add Malta to its quarantine-free green list

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The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry welcomes UK's decision to add Malta to its quarantine-free 'green list' thanks to the collective efforts in keeping a very low COVID-19 case rate.

The Tourism Business Section within the Malta Chamber notes with satisfaction that Malta has been added to the UK's green list for travel as from this Wednesday 30th June, meaning that vaccinated travelers from the UK will be able to visit the Maltese islands without the requirement of quarantine on their return to the UK.

"This is a significant development as the British market is Malta's largest tourism market and the UK's decision confirms the remarkable progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Malta," said the Head of The Malta Chamber Tourism Section, Alan Arrigo. He added that strict observance of health protocols remains critical to continue succeeding against COVID-19.

In their latest update, the UK authorities added Madeira, the Balearic Islands, several UK Overseas Territories and Caribbean Islands to the green list. All territories but Malta are on the 'green watchlist' and at a risk of turning 'amber'. Almost all other EU countries remain on the UK's amber list meaning travelers returning to the UK must self-isolate for 10 days and take two PCR tests.

The Malta Chamber welcomes the Government's decision to allow only vaccinated travelers in Malta from the UK and re-iterates its call on the authorities to ensure strict restrictions at the points of entry, especially at the airport so the tourism industry continues to recover in a safe way without compromising the recently efforts.

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