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Recently, in the Official Journal No.135, dated 03.09.2021, among other legal acts, has been published the Order of the Minister of Health and Social Protection No. 374, dated 30.8.2021, "On the entry of persons in the Republic of Albania from all border points", (hereinafter referred to as the "Order").

The Order provides some new restrictive measures in order to protect the health of the population from the infection caused by COVID-19.

Some of the most important provisions of the Order are as follows:

## Order

All persons entering the Republic of Albania, from all border points, *starting from 6.9.2021*, must present one of the following documents:

- a) the vaccination certificate certifying the complete vaccination, in digital or printed form, or a similar document issued by the competent local health authorities declaring the completion of the vaccination;
- b) PCR test, performed within 72 hours before departure or rapid antigenic test within 48 hours of entry into the border;
- c) a document issued by the health authorities of the country, proving the cure of Sars -

Cov-2 infection, valid for up to 6 months after recovery.

The above required documents must be submitted also by persons in transit in the Republic of Albania.

Exception from the above is made for children up to 6 years old.

Residents in the Republic of Albania, including those persons with temporary or permanent residence permits and who do not have any of the documents mentioned above, must sign a declaration at the border point and self-isolate for a 10-day period, informing health authorities to perform testing at the end of the isolation period.

The Order enters into force immediately.

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While we have grown over the past 20 years and become recognized as one of Albania's leading law offices, we are grounded in the essence of "who" we are and "where" we started. We understand the importance of family, hard-work, and dedication.

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