

Dear member companies and companies with interest in further charter flights,

Please note the following important updates:

Updated Travel Regulations: Europeans May Reenter China

On August 11, the Chinese Embassy in Germany announced that **foreign nationals of selected European countries** may reenter China under certain conditions. According to the announcement, **passengers holding valid residence permits** (e.g. work, personal affairs, family visit), **may apply for entry visas free of charge at any Chinese embassy or consulate in these countries, for which PU invitations are no longer required.** Upon arrival in China, epidemic prevention regulations of the local governments still apply.

Please contact the competent Chinese Embassy/Consulate regarding the applicability of above-mentioned announcement when using the German Chamber of Commerce's charter flights and please let us know any issues.

For more information please check links below:

Chinese Embassy in Germany: <http://de.china-embassy.org/chn/sgyw/t1805453.htm>

German Chamber of Commerce in

China: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/qRf2PDD0THZhxgrtz5oYEA>

Additional Charter Flight from Frankfurt to Tianjin on August 26, 2020

In addition to the charter flights in August to Qingdao, the German Chamber of Commerce in China (AHK) is planning one more charter flight from **Frankfurt to Tianjin on August 26, 2020** to help German companies in China to return urgently required personnel.

Possible passengers for this flight from Frankfurt to Tianjin have to **accept and fulfill** the following **conditions**:

- New passenger registration in our system until **Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6 PM (Chinese Time)**. Please note that passengers that are already registered in our system will only be allocated to the flights to Qingdao (August 19th and 28th) according to the first-come-first-serve rule mentioned before. It is not possible to be allocated to the flight to Tianjin on August 26th.
- Possible travel dates: **August 26, 2020 (fixed booking date)**
- Route: Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) to Tianjin Binhai International Airport (TNS) **only** – transport to target destination from Tianjin after quarantine needs to be arranged individually by companies
- Approval of passenger list by Chinese authorities
- Issuing of new entry visa for passengers on an approved passenger list by Chinese embassy and Consulates General in Germany, information regarding detailed procedures and documents needed will be provided after the overall application process has been closed



- Mandatory **centralized** COVID-19 test: All passengers need to take part in the centralized COVID-19 testing arranged by AHK on the day of departure at the airport in Frankfurt. Individually testing is not possible!
- Mandatory 14 days quarantine after arrival in China: In general, a mandatory 14 days quarantine for all passengers will apply. Chinese authorities will select a quarantine hotel in Tianjin. Passengers cannot leave the hotel room during those 14 days and need to accept local conditions regarding food supply and cleanliness. AHK has no authority to choose the quarantine hotel. Please check with your local authorities (at the registration place of company and/or residence compound) if exceptions will be possible.
- Mandatory COVID-19 & anti-body blood test after arrival in China: during quarantine in Tianjin at least one mandatory COVID-19 & one anti-body test will be required by every passenger, more testing is possible.

In order to allow a first smooth approval of a passenger list, the following **passenger criteria** on the flights to China apply:

- According to current travel regulations, foreign nationals for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities or out of emergency humanitarian needs may apply for visas at Chinese embassies or consulates
- Employees of German companies in China with valid residence permit
- In exceptional cases: urgently needed specialists on project basis
- In exceptional cases: families of employees of German companies with valid residence permit in case of special social hardship

Please note the following **organizational aspects** for possible charter flights:

- Overall coordination: German Chamber of Commerce in China
- Contract & Payment: Contract only possible between companies (**no contracts/tickets with individuals**) and a specialized broker company in Germany. The contract can only be concluded between the broker and a company registered in Europe. Payment is only possible in Germany to a German bank account of the broker.
- Available seats: for epidemiological reasons around 200 seats on each possible charter flight.
- Seat distribution: fixed booking after the following pre-conditions have been achieved:
 1. Correct and complete filled out company and passenger application form followed by application receipt by AHK
 2. Ticket price of 2.400 EUR paid to broker company in Germany (in case the visa application is not successful, 95% of the deposit will be refunded)
 3. PU-invitation letter received (if needed) and new entry visa successfully issued (companies are solely responsible for this step)
 4. When the above pre-conditions (step 1 - 3) are achieved and updated and confirmed in the online tool, the passenger will be allocated to the flight immediately.
- Flight ticket price: Costs for the charter flight will be allocated and distributed to companies on seat basis, economy-class ticket price is 2.400 EUR, different booking classes will be available.
- **Other costs:** costs for described testing in both Germany and China, quarantine hotel accommodation, transportation to the airport in Germany and to target location in China needs to be arranged and paid individually by companies.

Application Requirements

Before filling out the online form, **please strictly conform with the following:**



Please note that there is **only one contact person** for each company for the complete **process in China** (e.g. HR department) and **one contact person** for each company **in Germany**. These two (not more) will be the main person of contact for the German Chamber and must agree the following and act accordingly:

- The designated person will fill in the online application for ALL employees of the company and family members who would like to apply for the seats on the charter flight. Please note, that **individual applications from private persons are not accepted**.
- The designated contact person will receive all updates from the German Chamber regarding important processes and information of the flight and communicating these internally with ALL potential passengers of the company in a timely manner.
- The designated contact person must be available during the whole process from application till the end of quarantine and further transport to the final destination in China.
- The designated contact person will state questions from the passengers to the German Chamber as the only contact person.

The **contact person in the headquarter** in Germany additionally needs to agree to the following and act accordingly:

- This designated contact person in Germany will be the only contact person for the broker in regard to contract and payment of the flight tickets for all passengers of the company.
- This contact person is in close contact with the other contact person in China, answering questions regarding flight class, luggage, and frequent flyer programs to all passengers of the company in a timely manner.

Please understand, that the German Chamber does not have the capacity to answer individual inquiries in order to ensure a smooth process and answer questions quickly.

Application Process for Flight Frankfurt to Tianjin, August 26, 2020

Step 1: Company Application (only necessary for newly applying companies)

Please note: If your company is already registered in our system, the respective contact person of your company has already received the link to directly proceed with the passenger application.

In case you would like to nominate new passengers under the above-mentioned conditions and criteria for the additional charter flight from **Frankfurt to Tianjin**, **please fill in and submit the application form for your company until Tuesday, August 18, 4 PM (Chinese Time):**

Link Company Application for Charter Flight Frankfurt to Tianjin, August 26, 2020:

https://forms.zohopublic.com.cn/ahkbeijing/form/CharterFlightCompanyApplication/formperma/it67ILy1CjrpO5Pf4odgfrEzvJvCey-tLBf5Z_-DtWo



The following information is needed for your company application – please prepare in advance before you start to fill in the application form:

- Company information (contact details China and Germany, person of contact, detailed address)
- Please strongly align the above-mentioned criteria regarding contact person
- If your company is part of a group of entities in China, please align with your headquarters.

We will review your company application as soon as possible and you will be contacted regarding the further procedure to nominate passengers for the possible charter flights.

Step 2: Passenger Application for Charter Flight Frankfurt to Tianjin, August 26, 2020

After your company application has been received you will receive an email with the application link to add passengers for your company. **Please submit the application form for all new passengers from your company until Tuesday, August 18, 6 PM (Chinese Time), no extension of registration is possible.**

Please note: Requirements for filling out the passenger application:

- Only complete applications will be considered.
- The following information is needed for all potential passenger of one company – please prepare in advance before you start to fill in the application form:
 - Passenger information (contact details, personal data, current whereabouts, detailed address, current visa/ residence permit information, domicile in China, detailed address)
- The data will be used to be sent to German and Chinese authorities, airline, travel agent, testing laboratory, public health department, quarantine hotel, etc., therefore they need to be fully correct, later adjustments might lead to refusal at some stage of the process.

After submitting the passenger application form, the contact person of the company will receive an email with the passenger data and will be contacted regarding the further procedure after the overall application process has been closed.

Please note/Disclaimer:

- As the situation is uncertain, there is no guarantee further charter flights can take place as described.
- An application does not guarantee a slot on the passenger list, due to limited seating capacity and to a series of necessary approvals and conditions as mentioned above.
- Although all information has been generated or selected and revised with the utmost care, no liability will be assumed for the completeness and the accuracy of the contents.
- The travel requirements in China are changing quickly and are made by the community-based level authorities according to the location's level of COVID-19 emergency response and risk level etc. If you travel from specific areas the requirements of the local authorities from Tianjin may require a further COVID-19 test or quarantine. For the detailed regulation



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about the quarantine, please check with the local authorities for updates, as they are subject to regular change due to the developments of the outbreak.

- Please note, this email does not make any express or implied warranty by us as to the accuracy, completeness, timeliness in relation to quarantine measures.

For any question, please first read the **FAQ on our website** in all detail and forward the link to potential passengers: <https://china.ahk.de/charterflight>

Company representatives (definition see above) are welcomed to contact the China wide central charter team if there are further questions which are not answered in this mailing or the FAQ website. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation:

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Service Times: Mo – Fri: 09:00 – 12:00; 13:00 – 18:00 (China Standard Time)

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Mit freundlichen Gruessen / Best regards,

German Chamber of Commerce in China