Risk Assessment of GFA Certification GmbH concerning options to replace on-site audits by remote audits due to the coronavirus COVID 19

Risk assessment related to replacement of on-site audits by desk audits COVID 19 (global without China)

Date	Source	Risk declaration
16.03.2020	WHO Corona Virus Report 55	Very high health risk at global scale
16.03.2020	RKI Risikobewertung	High health risk regions in Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, USA, South Korea, China, Iran
16.03.2020	John Hopkins University	High and fast rising number of infections in China, Iran, South Korea, USA, Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain and many more European countries.
16.03.2020	German Ministry of foreign affairs	Global travel warning for not necessary travels, reference to fast changing and rising travel restrictions.
16.03.2020	IATA immigration travel information	Special immigration rules and restrictions in more than 100 countries, situation is changing constantly and rapidly.
16.03.2020	International press	Many countries have immigration stops (USA, many European countries, Vietnam, others), situation is becoming worse fast, many scientists and politicians recommend social distancing to reduce the speed of spreading COVID 19, many countries including Germany close public and private places.
16.03.2020	GFA emails	Many CHs cancel the audit as they stopped operations or do homeoffice or are afraid that external visitor will bring infection cases to their companies, many companies restricted the access for any external people to their premises.
16.03.2020	**Conclusion**	The health situation and travel restrictions applied in the **EU, Switzerland and the USA** do not allow traveling and on-site auditing. GFA will switch to **desk based audits in these areas for all cases not exempted by SSP_PRO_Desk_Audits until further notice**. For all other regions individual evaluations of the conditions will be conducted. This is permitted by **FSC_DER_2020_001 18.03.2020.**
23.03.2020	Updated sources above	No significant changes to situation, some more countries closed borders for non-residents (e.g. Chile, Costa Rica). **Conclusion maintained.**
01.04.2020	Updated sources above	No significant changes to situation, RKI excluded China from international risk areas, IATA reports almost every country having immigration restrictions, many countries do not allow foreigners to enter at all without 14 days quarantine. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries. **Conclusion maintained.**
07.04.2020	Updated sources above	No significant changes to situation, RKI added Netherlands, UK and Ireland to international risk areas, Germany still entire country as risk area, IATA reports almost every country having immigration restrictions, many countries do not allow foreigners to enter at all without 14 days quarantine. Russia raised April as payed leave month. Number of infections globally still raising significantly. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries. **Conclusion maintained.**
13.04.2020	Updated	RKI withdrew the identification process for

	sources above	international/national risk areas on 10.04.2020 as there is global risk due to the fact that more than 200 countries are affected, the risk of becoming infected is at global scale, IATA reports almost every country having immigration restrictions, many countries do not allow foreigners to enter at all without 14 days quarantine. Number of infections globally still raising significantly. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries. **Conclusion maintained.**
19.04.2020	Updated sources above	RKI changed documentation to Situation Report where the risk for German population is considered to be high to very high and international risk areas are no longer differentiated as there is currently a global risk for acquiring COVID19. WHO still calls very high risk at global level. IATA travel restriction report unchanged. Number of infections globally still raising significantly. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations. **Conclusion maintained.**
27.04.2020	Updated sources above	RKI judges the risk for German population is considered to be high to very high and international risk areas are no longer differentiated as there is currently a global risk for acquiring COVID19. WHO still calls very high risk at global level. IATA travel restriction report unchanged. Number of infections globally still raising significantly. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries. **Conclusion maintained.**
04.05.2020	Updated sources above	RKI judges the risk for German population is considered to be high to very high and international risk areas are no longer differentiated as there is currently a global risk for acquiring COVID19. WHO daily situation reports still show global emergency situation which is not under control. IATA travel restriction report unchanged. John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries. **Conclusion maintained.**
11.05.2020	Updated sources above	RKI judges the risk for German population is considered to be high to very high and international risk areas are no longer differentiated as there is currently a global risk for acquiring COVID19. WHO daily situation reports still show global emergency situation which is not under control. IATA travel restriction report unchanged. John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be

		impacted. **Conclusion maintained.**
19.05.2020	Updated sources above	RKI despite decreasing infection and death rates in Germany still judges the risk for German population as considered to be high to very high (for risk groups) and recommends to minimize contacts in private and professional life as much as possible. WHO still reports strong increase in infections and death globally, several trials of treatments against COVID19 are tested but not proven to be effective, new IATA interactive map show that almost all countries worldwide have either totally restrictive or partially restrictive travel restrictions which may change quickly, John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. “Lock downs” in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be impacted. **Conclusion maintained.**
25.05.2020	Updated sources above	RKI despite decreasing infection and death rates in Germany still judges the risk for German population as considered to be high to very high (for risk groups) and recommends to minimize contacts in private and professional life as much as possible. Restaurants may open again in Germany under strict hygiene rules. WHO still reports strong increase in infections and death globally, several trials of treatments against COVID19 are tested but not proven to be effective, new IATA interactive map show that almost all countries worldwide have either totally restrictive or partially restrictive travel restrictions which may change quickly, John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. Situation in Germany improves in comparison to many other European countries, USA still huge increase in infection and death rates. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. Social distancing rules in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be impacted. Restaurants may open again in Germany under strict hygiene rules. Individual outbreaks due to restaurant visits or church gatherings. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.06.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: “At the global and the national level, the situation is very dynamic and must be taken seriously. The number of newly reported cases is decreasing. The RKI currently assesses the risk to the health of the German population overall as high and as very high for risk groups.” WHO still reports strong increase in infections

		and death globally. IATA interactive map show that almost all countries worldwide have either totally restrictive or partially restrictive travel restrictions which may change quickly. John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. Situation in Germany improves in comparison to many other European countries, USA still huge increase in infection and death rates. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. Social distancing rules in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be impacted. Restaurants may open again in Germany under strict hygiene rules. Individual outbreaks due to restaurant visits or church gatherings. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.06.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: “At the global and the national level, the situation is very dynamic and must be taken seriously. The number of newly reported cases is decreasing. The RKI currently assesses the risk to the health of the German population overall as high and as very high for risk groups.” RKI reports larger individual outbreaks in 4 cities. Rules of social distancing still apply in Germany, but infection cases re decreasing despite of lifting of some measures. WHO still reports strong increase in infections and death globally. GFA key markets apart from China still belong to areas with medium to very strong infection rates, IATA interactive map show that almost all countries worldwide have either totally restrictive or partially restrictive travel restrictions which may change quickly. John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. Situation in Germany improves in comparison to many other European countries, USA still huge increase in infection and death rates. German Auswärtiges Amt still calls out a global travel security warning referring to unpredictable und constantly changing situations which was already extended to Mid of June 2020. Plans announced to lift travel warning within EU from 15.06.2020. Social distancing rules in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be impacted. Restaurants may open again in Germany under strict hygiene rules. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
15.06.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: “At the global and the national level, the situation is very dynamic and must be taken seriously. The number of newly reported cases is decreasing. The RKI

		currently assesses the risk to the health of the German population overall as high and as very high for risk groups." RKI reports larger individual outbreaks in several states, including meat processing plants, logistics companies, seasonal harvesting workers, religious events and family gatherings. Rules of social distancing still apply in Germany, but infection cases decreasing despite of lifting of some measures. WHO still reports strong increase in infections and death globally. GFA key markets apart from China still belong to areas with medium to very strong infection rates, WHO and media report new Coronavirus outbreak on a market in Beijing, IATA interactive map show that almost all countries worldwide have either totally restrictive or partially restrictive travel restrictions which may change quickly. John Hopkins Institute Dashboard shows that number of infections globally still raising significantly. Situation in Germany and other European countries improves, USA, Brazil, Russia, India, UK are heavily impacted, many Latinamerican countries are heavily impacted, German Auswaertiges Amt lifts travel warning for some European countries (excluding Spain, Skandinavian Countries, UK/Ireland but extends travel warning for all other countries until 31.08.2020, Social distancing rules in Germany and many other countries however slight ease in requirements visible in some countries (France, Spain, Germany,…..) but unclear how spreading of corona virus will be impacted. Restaurants may open again in Germany under strict hygiene rules. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
23.06.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. Meat Processing Plant Tönnies with more than 1.500 new cases). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
30.06.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, nurseries, meat processing plants). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European**

		countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
07.07.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, meat processing plants). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
10.07.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, meat processing plants). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.07.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, meat processing plants). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
27.07.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged, but situation may even get worse since stated: "*In the past few weeks, the number of districts that have not submitted any COVID-19 cases over a period of 7 days has decreased continuously. In parallel, the COVID-19 incidence has risen in many federal states. This situation is worrying."* WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, meat processing plants). General rise of infection cases in Germany and other European countries e.g. Spain) reported. Media discussion about coming of second infection wave. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European**

		countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
03.08.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: "*An increase in COVID-19 case numbers since last week occurred in many of the federal states. Nationwide, there are many smaller case outbreaks in different administrative districts in various settings, such as larger family events, leisure activities, occupational settings, but also in community and health facilities. In addition, COVID-19 cases are increasingly being identified among people returning from travel abroad. The number of new cases reported daily has been increasing since last week. This development is very concerning and will continue to be monitored very closely by the RKI. A further worsening of the situation must be avoided. This will only succeed if the entire population continues to be committed to decreasing transmission, e.g. by consistently observing rules of distance and hygiene - also in outdoor settings -, by airing indoor areas and, where necessary, wearing a community or face mask correctly.".* WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travel warnings for all countries outside of the EU + some countries inside EU showing more than 50 new infections per 100.000 capita in last 7 days, travel warnings and restrictions may change quickly and are effective without prior warnings. Press media: General rise of infection cases in Germany and other European countries e.g. Spain) reported. Media discussion about coming of second infection wave. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
07.08.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswaertiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Still social distancing rule in Germany and other countries applicable. New individual outbreaks reported in press media and by RKI (e.g. refugee camps, meat processing plants). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
24.08.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation is becoming worse and health risk is still considered high to very high, increasing number of infections, especially under younger generations and travelers is reported. WHO: Changed from daily situation reports to weekly situation reports. Last report from 16.08.2020. Increases in infection rates reported for many European, American and Asian countries. IATA: Still totally restrictive and partially restrictive travel rules in place for almost all countries in the world. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Still travel warning active for all countries outside Europe, inside Europe active travel

		warnings for countries with higher infection rate of 50 cases per 100.000 capita in 7 days (currently in Spain, Belgium, Croatia, Rumania, Bulgaria). Press Headlines: Increasing infection rates in many regions/countries, some countries expect vaccination to be ready in Q1 2021, no tested vaccination available, yet. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
31.08.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travel warning for countries outside Europe extended until 15.09.2020. Press Headlines: Situation unchanged. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.09.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travel warning for countries outside Europe extended until 15.09.2020. Press Headlines: Situation unchanged. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
11.09.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travel warning for countries outside Europe extended until 15.09.2020. Press Headlines: Situation unchanged. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
22.09.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travel warning for all countries outside Europe extended until 30.09.2020, inside Europe active travel warnings for countries with higher infection rate of 50 cases per 100.000 capita in 7 days (currently for Regions in France, Spain, Belgium, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Netherlands, Switzerland). Press Headlines: Situation unchanged. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**

28.09.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Situation unchanged. WHO: Situation unchanged, last report published 21.09.20. IATA: Situation unchanged. John Hopkins University: Situation unchanged. German Auswärtiges Amt: Situation unchanged. Press Headlines: Situation unchanged. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
05.10.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, Risk still high to very high for the population. WHO: Still increasing cases worldwide, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 27.09.2020, IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. German Auswärtiges Amt: Expiration of global travel restrictions for countries outside of Europe, but specific risk assessments for all countries (>50 per 100.000) and listing of risk areas, almost all countries are listed. Press headlines: Situation unchanged, many corona hotspots worldwide, political debates about new corona lock downs initiated. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
12.10.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, Risk still high to very high for the population. WHO: Still increasing cases worldwide, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 05.10.20 IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas, German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare IATA). Press headlines: Situation unchanged, many corona hotspots worldwide, political debates about new corona lock downs ongoing, Many German states decided prohibition to host travelers from inner German risk areas without 2 negative corona tests. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
19.10.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Still increasing cases worldwide, worldmap showing infection cases per

		country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 12.10.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare IATA). Press Headlines: Situation unchanged, many corona hotspots worldwide, political debates about and implementation of new corona lock downs, German Bundeskanzler Angela Merkel calls to stay at home. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
26.10.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Strong increase in infections and death rates in Europe (+25%, +29%), declines in infection rates in the Americas but incidents of new infections remains high, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 20.10.20); IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Situation unchanged, many corona hotspots worldwide, political debates about and implementation of new corona lock downs, German Bundeskanzler Angela Merkel calls to stay at home. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.11.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Strong increase in infections and death rates in Europe (+33%, +35%), some increases in the Americas, Africa, Eastern Europe, slight declines in South-East Asia, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 27.10.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas.

		German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Situation unchanged, many corona hotspots worldwide, political debates about and implementation of new corona lock downs, e.g. Germany, German Bundeskanzler Angela Merkel calls to stay at home. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
09.11.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Strong increase in infections and death rates in Europe (+22%, +46%), some increases in the Americas, Africa, Eastern Europe, slight declines in South-East Asia, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 03.11.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Situation is becoming worse in many countries due to upcoming winter scenarios, almost all countries in the world are high risk countries >50 per 100.000, first high intensity medical care institutions are overcrowded by COVID19 patients. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
16.11.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Strong increase in infections and death rates in Europe (+11%, +44%), some increases in the Americas, Africa, Eastern Europe, South East Asia, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 10.11.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Overall globally increasing infection numbers, political

		debates about increasing local lockdown measures in some countries, how to deal with schools / kindergardens, one promising vaccination developed in Germany but not endorsed yet, however experts consider it to take until 2021 until sufficient people are vaccinated. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
23.11.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: “The number of new cases being reported globally continues to rise (Figure 1), with almost 4 million new cases in the past week (9–15 November) alone. The number of new deaths globally has also grown by 11%, with almost 60 000 new deaths reported, of which 81% were in Europe and the Americas (Table 1). Although the European Region continues to report the highest number of new cases globally (46%), it has seen a 10% fall in the past week following the strengthening of public health and social measures across the region. However, the number of new deaths in Europe has increased substantially with over 29 000 new deaths reported in the past week. The Region of the Americas reported a sharp upward trend, with a 41% increase in new cases in the past week. The Eastern Mediterranean, African and Western Pacific Regions also reported increases in the number of new cases. The South-East Asia Region, on the other hand, reported a decline in the number of new cases and new deaths.”; worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having significant number of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 17.11.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Overall globally increasing infection numbers, political debates about increasing / extendning local lockdown measures in some countries, several promising vaccination developed not endorsed yet, however experts consider it to take mid/end 2021 until sufficient people are vaccinated. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
30.11.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: “This past week, the global acceleration in case incidence has slowed down, with around 4 million new cases reported; however, death

		rates continue to increase with over 67 000 new deaths reported (Figure 1). The European and South East Asia Regions continued downward trends in weekly cases; however, the European Region remains the largest contributor to new cases and new deaths in the past 7 days. The Region of the Americas reported increases in both new cases and new deaths and the Region continues to account for the greatest proportion of cumulative cases and deaths. While cases numbers remain relatively low, the African Region reported the highest increase in new cases (15%) and deaths (30%) this week. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific regions also reported an increase in new cases and deaths this week.As of 22 November there have been over 57.8 million cases and 1.3 million deaths reported globally since the start of the pandemic." worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases (apart from China currently), last report published 24.11.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Overall globally increasing infection numbers, political debates about increasing / extennding local lockdown measures in some countries, several promising vaccination developed not endorsed yet, however experts consider it to take mid/end 2021 until sufficient people are vaccinated. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
07.12.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further increase worldwide and in Germany, risk still high to very high. WHO: Similar situation like last week, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 01.12.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Overall globally increasing infection numbers, political debates about increasing / extending local lockdown measures in many countries, political debates about loosening lockdown for Christmas and new year or not, several promising vaccination developed but not endorsed yet,

		General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
14.12.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further sharp increase worldwide and in Germany, risk assessment was updated to "*RKI now judges the level of danger to the health of the general population as very high" very high"*. WHO: Similar situation like last week, worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 08.12.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Overall globally increasing infection numbers, political debates about increasing / extending local lockdown measures in many countries, announcement of hard lockdown in Germany until 10.01.2021, first 3 Mio vaccination doses supplied in USA. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.12.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further sharp increase worldwide and in Germany, "*RKI now judges the level of danger to the health of the general population as very high"*. WHO: "i*n the past week the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to rise with 70 million cumulative cases and 1.6 million deaths globally since the start of the pandemic. The Regions of the Americas and Europe continue to shoulder the burden of the pandemic, accounting for 85% of new cases and 86% of new deaths globally.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 13.12.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Still strongly increasing figures, new coronavirus mutation seems to be far more infectious than others, still lockdowns in many countries, also through Christmas and new year. Vaccination programs started in some countries, endorsement process in Germany shall be

		finalized today. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
28.12.2020	Updated sources above	RKI: Further sharp increase worldwide and persistently high cases in Germany, new virus type determined with unknown attributes, "RKI now judges the level of danger to the health of the general population as very high". WHO: "*New COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to increase during the past week, by 6% and 4% respectively (Figure 1, Table 1). The Region of the Americas again accounted for the greatest proportion, reporting over 2.3 million new cases (half of the global cumulative), while the European Region reported the highest number of new deaths (36 286; 46%) in the past week. The African Region accounted for the greatest relative increase in new cases (27%) and deaths (34%) compared to the previous week. Increasing trends were also observed in the Western Pacific Region, while the South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean Regions were the only two that reported a decrease in both cases and deaths*.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 22.12.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Still increase in figures, vaccination programs started in some countries, some infrastructural problems, some countries endorse additional financial corona rescue funds for 2021, lock downs in many countries are estimated to extend until March 2021. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
05.01.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: Further sharp increase worldwide and persistently high cases in Germany, new type of virus with unknown consequences, "*RKI now judges the level of danger to the health of the general population as very high*". WHO: "*Globally in the past week, over 4 million new cases were reported. Although this is a 12% decrease compared to the previous week, this and other short-term trends in data should be interpreted with caution over the end-of-year holiday season, as numbers may be influenced by presentation, testing and reporting delays. New deaths decreased by 8% to 72 730 (Figure 1, Table 1). The Region of the Americas accounts for 48% of all new cases and 42% of all new deaths*

		globally. While new cases and deaths remained high in the European Region, which accounted for 37% and 42% respectively, both decreased compared to the previous week. New cases and deaths declined in South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean regions. In the African Region, while both new cases and deaths remained low compared to other regions, there was a 20% increase in new cases and 37% in new deaths. In the Western Pacific Region, new cases increased by 13% and new deaths increased by 4%.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 29.12.20). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Vaccination programs started in many countries, infection numbers still increasing, many countries with lockdown and discussions about more strict measures. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
12.01.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: Further sharp increase worldwide and in Germany, new type of virus with unknown consequences, "*RKI now judges the level of danger to the health of the general population as very high*". WHO: "*For the third week in a row over 4 million new cases were reported globally, although this week saw a slight decrease compared to the previous week. However, this and other short-term trends in data should be interpreted with caution owing to the end-of-year holiday season, as numbers may be influenced by presentation, testing and reporting delays. The decrease seen last week in new deaths has been reversed with deaths rising by 3% to 76 000 (Figure 1, Table 1). The Region of the Americas accounted for 47% of all new cases and 42% of all new deaths globally in the past week. New cases and deaths remained high in the European Region, which accounted for 38% and 43% respectively, showing a slight decrease in new cases and a slight increase in new deaths. New cases and deaths continue to decline in the South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean regions. In the African Region, while both new cases and deaths remain low in absolute numbers, for the fourth week in a row, the Region is reporting the largest percentage increase globally in weekly reported case numbers and this week there was a further 13% increase in new cases and 28% increase in new deaths. In the Western Pacific Region, new cases remained comparable to the previous week, but new deaths rose by 10%. As we welcome the New*

		Year, and look eagerly towards COVID-19 vaccination campaigns worldwide, the current epidemiological situation with near record numbers of new cases and deaths, makes it imperative to continue to adhere to safety measures to prevent further transmission and loss of life.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 05.01.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: High death rates in some countries, especially UK, vaccination programs ongoing but not without disturbances, enough vaccination doeses expected by April 2021, German Chancellor Merkel expects more hard weeks in shutdown, corona mutations seem to cause re-infections and problems, poiticians make pressure to economy to allow more homeoffice as preventive measure against spread of COVID19. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
19.01.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Following two weeks of low reporting, likely due to the year-end holiday period, the overall upward trend seen in earlier weeks has resumed, with just under 5 million new cases reported last week globally. The number of new deaths has also shown a similar trend, with over 85 000 reported last week, an 11% increase (Figure 1, Table 1). All regions apart from South-East Asia showed an increase in new cases, with the Western Pacific, Africa and the Americas reporting increases of over 30%. The Region of the Americas accounted for 51% of all new cases and 45% of all new deaths globally in the past week. The European Region had a lower increase in new cases (10%), however still accounts for over a third of new cases globally. In South-East Asia, the decline in new cases and new deaths seen since the end of November 2020 continues. Although the Eastern Mediterranean Region is showing an 11% increase in new cases, new deaths have fallen by 9%, continuing a downward trend since a peak in mid-November. The African Region reported 175 000 new cases and 4300 new deaths, an increase of over 30% in new cases and new deaths, far exceeding previous peaks in July 2020. The Western Pacific also reported an increase of more than 30% in new cases, while the number of new deaths also rose by 14%..",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is

		active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 12.01.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Lockdown in Germany extended until 14.02.2021, vaccination programs ongoing but delays, political debates around obligatory homeoffice, curfews, obligatory medical masks, etc. ongoing. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
27.01.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, 4.7 million new cases were reported in the past week, a decline of 6% from last week (Figure 1). At the same time, the number of new deaths has climbed to a record high at 93 000, a 9% increase from last week. Over 2 million people have now lost their lives to COVID-19. The Americas, Europe, and South-East Asia regions showed declines in new cases, with Europe showing a 15% decline and the Americas and South-East Asia regions showing more moderate declines of 2% and 1% respectively (Table 1). On the other hand, the Eastern Mediterranean, African, and Western Pacific regions reported increases in new cases, with the Western Pacific showing the largest increase (14%). All regions reported increases in new deaths; case incidence continues to be one of the primary drivers of mortality – where increases in the number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths follow large numbers of cases after a short time lag.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 19.01.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Political debates about fair distribution of vaccines, discussion about corona mutations, high death rates, Homeoffice **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be**

		conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
01.02.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, 4.1 million new cases were reported in the past week, a decline of 15% from the previous week and the second week of decline after global case incidence peaked in the first week of January 2021 (Figure 1). This downward trend is largely attributed to relative reductions in case incidence in several countries that have contributed the highest numbers in recent months, but hides continued upward trends in other countries in the same regions. The ongoing and prolonged high rates of new infections continues to strain health systems in many countries around the world. All regions reported a decline in new cases except the Western Pacific Region which reported a similar incidence to last week (Table 1). The largest decrease in new cases was reported in the European Region (by 20%) followed by the African Region (decrease of 16%). The Americas and Europe reported 86% of all new cases globally in the past week.* *During the same period, around 96 000 deaths have been reported – a similar number reported as last week. The Americas and Eastern Mediterranean region reported an increase in new deaths by 4% and 3% respectively, whereas Europe, South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions showed a decrease in new deaths compared to last week. No change in new deaths was seen for the African region.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 27.01.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Debates around the low number of vaccines produced, unfair sharing of vaccines between regions or countries, decreasing infection rates due to social distancing measures, short labor in Germany increased by 20% in January. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.02.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, 3.7 million new cases were reported last week, a 13%*

		decline as compared to the previous week, and the third consecutive week showing a decline in cases. There were 96 000 new deaths, and a 1% decline as compared to the previous week, (Figure 1). This brings the total number of cases to over 102 million and the total number of deaths to 2.2 million from 222 countries and territories. Last week, all WHO regions, except South-East Asia reported a decline in new cases (Table 1). Although new deaths declined globally by 1%, they rose in the Western Pacific (21%), Eastern Mediterranean (9%), and the Americas (4%). *Saturday 30 January 2021 marked one year since WHO declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. At that time, there were 9826 cases in 20 countries, and 213 deaths in one country (all of which were in China).* *In the past week, the five countries reporting the highest number of new cases continue to be the United States of America (1 072 287 cases, a 15% decrease), Brazil (364 593 cases, a 1% increase), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (178 629 cases, a 31% decrease), France (141 092 cases, a 2% increase) and the Russian Federation (131 039 cases, a 13% decrease).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 02.02.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs and opening up lockdowns. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
15.02.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: “*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*.” WHO: *“* *For the fourth week in a row, the number of global new cases reported fell, with 3.1 million new cases last week, a 17% decline compared to the previous week (Figure 1). This is the lowest figure since the week of 26 October (15 weeks ago). Although there are still many countries with increasing numbers of cases, at the global level, this is encouraging. The number of new deaths reported also fell for a second week in a row, with 88 000 new deaths reported last week, a 10% decline as compared to the previous week. All WHO regions reported a decline in new cases, with five out of six regions reporting more than 10% decreases (Table*

		1). Europe and the Region of the Americas saw the greatest drops in absolute numbers, with together nearly 0.5 million fewer new cases reported last week (153 000 and 320 000 fewer new cases reported, respectively). New deaths also declined in all regions except the Western Pacific, where mortality rates remained similar to the previous week.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 09.02.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs and opening up lockdowns. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
22.02.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*The number of global new cases reported has continued to fall, with 2.7 million new cases last week, a 16% decline over 500 000 fewer new cases compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of new deaths reported also fell, with 81 000 new deaths reported last week, a 10% decline as compared to the previous week. A total of five out of six WHO regions reported a double-digit percentage decline in new cases (Table 1), with only the Eastern Mediterranean Region showing a 7% rise. Europe and the Americas continue to see the greatest drops in absolute numbers of cases. Meanwhile, the number of new deaths declined in all regions.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 16.02.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally, however a declining trend is indicated. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs and opening up

		lockdowns.Schools and Kitas in Germany and UK start to open again, decline of infection rates in Germany stopped. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
01.03.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*The number of global new cases reported continues to fall for the sixth consecutive week, with 2.4 million new cases last week, a 11% decline compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of new deaths also continued to fall for the past three weeks, with nearly 66 000 new deaths reported last week, a 20% decline as compared to the previous week. A total of four out of six WHO regions reported declines in new cases (Table 1), with only South-East Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean regions showing a small 2% and 7% increase, respectively. The Americas continue to see the greatest drops in absolute numbers of cases. Meanwhile, the number of new deaths declined in all regions apart from the Western Pacific (6% increase).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 23.02.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally, however a declining trend is indicated. Majority of currently active cases in Europe, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, slight increase in infection rates in Germany again, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.03.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Over 2.6 million new cases were reported last week, a 7% increase compared to the previous week, following six consecutive weeks of declining numbers (Figure 1). The global case increase was driven by increases in the Eastern Mediterranean (14%), South-East Asia (9%), Europe (9%) and the Americas (6%). Possible reasons for this increase include the continued spread of more transmissible variants of concern (VOCs), relaxation of*

		public health and social measures (PHSM) and fatigue around adhering to PSHM measures. Basic public health measures remain the foundation of the response. For public health authorities, that means testing, contact tracing, isolation, supported quarantine and quality care. For individuals, it means avoiding crowds, physical distancing, hand hygiene, masks and ventilation. Furthermore, immunity conferred by vaccination takes weeks at the individual level, and it may take longer to observe impacts at the population-level.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 02.03.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally, however a declining trend is indicated. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, signals for increasing infection rates but declining death rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
15.03.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Over 2.7 million new cases were reported last week, a 2% increase compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The global case increase was driven by increases in the Eastern Mediterranean (10%), African Region (10%), and Europe (4%), while small declines were seen in the Americas (-2%), South-East Asia (-2%) and Western Pacific regions (-6%). Globally, around half of countries are seeing declines while the other half are experiencing increasing numbers of new cases. Global new deaths continued the downward trend observed since early February 2021, declining a further 6% compared to last week. Death rates declined in all regions except in the Eastern Mediterannean, where new deaths reported rose by 9%. The Americas and Europe account for around 80% of new cases and new deaths reported globally.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 09.03.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally, however a declining trend is indicated.

		Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, again increasing incident rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus, new lockdowns being discussed in several countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
22.03.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: “*In view of persistently high case numbers, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*.” WHO: “*New cases continue to rise globally, increasing by 10% in the past week to over 3 million new reported cases (Table 1). The number of new cases peaked in early January 2021 when there were just under 5 million cases reported in one week. New cases then declined to just under 2.5 million cases by the week commencing 15 February. However, for the past three weeks new cases have increased. This week, the Americas and Europe continue to account for over 80% of new cases and new deaths, with rises in new cases seen in all regions apart from Africa, where incidence rates decreased by 4%. New deaths on the other hand continue to decline and are now under 60 000, since peaking in the week commencing 18 January (when there were over 95 000 new deaths in the week). The last time when there were fewer than 60 000 new weekly deaths was four months ago, in the week commencing 9 November. This week, although new deaths declined globally, they rose in two WHO regions; the Eastern Mediterranean (by 3%) and the Western Pacific (by 14%).”,* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 16.03.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally, the declining trand from past weeks changed to increasing trend. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, again increasing incident rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus, new lockdowns being discussed in several countries.

		General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
29.03.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, COVID-19 confirmed cases continued to rise for a fourth consecutive week, with just under 3.3 million new cases reported in the last week (Figure 1). At the same time, the number of new deaths reported plateaued after a six week decrease, with just over 60 000 new deaths reported. Marked increases in the number of new cases were reported from the South-East Asia, Western Pacific, European and Eastern Mediterranean regions, all of which have been on an upward trajectory in recent weeks. Case incidence in the African Region and the Region of the Americas has remained stable in recent weeks, notwithstanding concerning trends observed in some countries within these regions. The European Region and the Region of the Americas continue to account for nearly 80% of all the cases and deaths. The only WHO region to report a decline in new deaths this week was the Western Pacific where deaths fell by nearly a third, compared to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show all countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 23.03.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, again increasing incident rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus, new lockdowns being discussed in several countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
12.04.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, new COVID-19 cases rose for a sixth consecutive week, with over 4 million new cases reported in the last week (Figure 1). The number of new deaths also increased by 11% compared to last week, with over 71 000 new deaths reported. The largest*

		increases in case incidence were observed in the South-East Asia (most notably in India) and the Western Pacific regions (Table 1). All regions, except for the African Region, reported increases in the number of deaths, with the largest increase of 46% from the South-East Asia Region.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 06.04.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, again increasing incident rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus, new lockdowns being discussed in several countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
19.04.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: *"Globally, new COVID-19 cases rose for a seventh consecutive week, with over 4.5 million new cases reported in the last week (Figure 1). The number of new deaths increased for the fourth consecutive week, increasing by 7% compared to last week, with over 76 000 new deaths reported. The largest increases in case incidence were observed in the South-East Asia (most notably in India) and the Eastern Mediterranean regions (Table 1). All regions, except for the African Region and the Americas, reported increases in the number of deaths, with the largest increase of 189% from the Western Pacific Region (largely driven by a steep increase in new deaths in the Philippines) followed by 47% in South-East Asia",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 13.04.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of

		concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, again increasing incident rates, discussions about third wave coming due to new mutant virus, new lockdowns being discussed in several countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
26.04.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, new COVID-19 cases increased for the eighth consecutive week, with more than 5.2 million new cases reported in the last week – surpassing the previous peak in early January 2021 (Figure 1). The number of new deaths increased for the fifth consecutive week, an 8% increase as compared to the previous with over 83 000 new deaths reported. Last week the reported cumulative COVID-19 death toll surpassed 3 million lives; the pace of deaths is accelerating, it took nine months to reach 1 million deaths, another four to surpass 2 million, and just three to reach 3 million deaths.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 18.04.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, again increasing incident rates, **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
03.05.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*Globally, new COVID-19 cases increased for the ninth consecutive week, with nearly 5.7 million new cases reported in the last week – surpassing previous peaks (Figure 1). The number of new deaths increased for the sixth consecutive week, with over 87 000 new deaths reported. This week, all regions are reporting decreases in case incidence apart from the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. For the third*

		consecutive week, the South-East Asia region reported the highest relative increases in both case and death incidences (Table 1). While a number of countries in the region are reporting upward trends, India accounts for the vast majority of cases from this regional trend and 38% of global cases reported in the past week. Similarly, all but two regions, South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean, reported declines in new deaths this week.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 25.04.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, again increasing incident rates, **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
10.05.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*." WHO: "*For the second successive week, the number of COVID-19 cases globally remains at the highest levels since the beginning of the pandemic with over 5.7 million new weekly cases, following nine consecutive weeks of increases (Figure 1). New deaths continue to increase for the seventh consecutive week, with over 93 000 deaths. The South-East Asia Region continues to report marked increases in both case and death incidences (Table 1). India accounts for over 90% of both cases and deaths in the region, as well as 46% of global cases and 25% of global deaths reported in the past week. Case incidence in the regions of Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, Africa and the Americas decreased, while rates in the Western Pacific Region were comparable to the previous week. The number of deaths decreased in Europe, Africa and the Western Pacific region, while slight increases were reported in the Americas and Eastern Mediterranean regions.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 04.05.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia,

		India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, globally stagnating infection rates at high level, in Germany decreasing infection rates **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
17.05.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: “*The number of infections is increasing significantly, the RKI currently assesses the threat to the health of the general population to be very high*.” WHO: *“The number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths globally decreased slightly this week, with over 5.5 million cases and over 90 000 deaths (Figure 1). Case and death incidence, however, remains at the highest level since the beginning of the pandemic. New weekly cases decreased in the regions of Europe and Eastern Mediterranean, while the South-East Asia Region continued an upward trajectory for 9 weeks and reported a further 6% increase last week (Table 1). Death incidence increased in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. While India continues to account for 95% of cases and 93% of deaths in the South-East Asia Region, as well as 50% of global cases and 30% of global deaths, worrying trends have been observed in neighbouring countries. In all WHO Regions there are countries which have been showing a sustained upward trend in cases and deaths over several weeks.”,* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having high to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 11.05.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still strongly increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, globally stagnating infection rates at high level, in Germany decreasing infection rates **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**

25.05.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Despite the currently observed decline due to the still high number of cases and the spread of some SARS-CoV-2 variants, the Robert Koch Institute assesses the overall risk to the health of the population in Germany as very high.*" *WHO: "Globally, in the past week, the number of new cases and deaths continued to decrease with just over 4.8 million new cases and just under 86 000 new deaths reported; a 12% and 5% decrease respectively compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Despite a declining trend over the past three weeks, the incidence of cases remains at some of the highest levels since the start of the pandemic. All regions reported a decline in new cases this week apart from the Western Pacific Region, where the incidence of new cases was similar to the previous week (Table 1). The European Region reported the largest decline in new cases this week, followed by the Eastern Mediterranean. These regions also reported the largest decline in new deaths over the past week. South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions reported a similar number of new deaths as the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having medium to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 18.05.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, globally stagnating infection rates at high level, in Germany decreasing infection rates and debates about loosening the restrictions. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
31.05.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Despite the currently observed decline due to the still high number of cases and the spread of some SARS-CoV-2 variants, the Robert Koch Institute assesses the overall risk to the health of the population in Germany as very high.*" *WHO: "Over the past week, the number of new cases and deaths continued to decrease, with over 4.1 million new cases and 84 000 new deaths reported; a 14% and 2% decrease, respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The European Region reported the largest decline in new cases and deaths in the past week, followed by the South-East Asia Region (Table 1). The numbers of cases reported by the Americas, Eastern Mediterranean, African, and Western Pacific Regions were similar to those reported in the previous week. The*

		Western Pacific Region reported the largest increase in the number of deaths, while other regions reported decreases or similar numbers to the previous week. Despite a declining global trend over the past four weeks, incidence of COVID-19 cases and deaths remain high, and substantial increases have been observed in many countries throughout the world.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having medium to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 25.05.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries showing more than 50 per 100.000 in 7 days and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories "areas of variant of concern" and "high incidence areas" have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, globally stagnating infection rates at high level, in Germany decreasing infection rates and debates about loosening the restrictions. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
07.06.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has been grading - due to the relative decline in the number of cases and hospitalizations, but also the continued high level of the number of cases, the spread of some SARS-CoV-2 variants, and the vaccination rate that is not yet sufficient for herd immunity -the risk to the health of the population in Germany as a whole as high.*" *WHO: "The number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths continues to decrease, with over 3.5 million new cases and 78 000 new deaths reported globally in the past week; a 15% and 7% decrease respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The European and South-East Asia Regions reported the largest decline in new cases and deaths in the past week, while case incidence increased in the African and Western Pacific regions (Table 1). The numbers of cases reported by the Americas and Eastern Mediterranean Regions were similar to those reported in the previous week. An increase in death incidence was reported in the African Region, whereas the Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean Regions reported decreases, and the reported death incidence in the Western Pacific and the Americas Regions was similar to the death incidence in the previous week. Although the number of global cases and deaths continued to decrease for a fifth and fourth consecutive week respectively, case and death incidences remain at high levels and significant increases have been reported in many countries in all regions.",* worldmap showing

		infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having medium to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 01.06.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries risk countries and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, decreasing infection rates and debates about loosening the restrictions. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
14.06.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: “*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has classified the risk to the health of the population in Germany as high overall due to the persistently high number of cases.*” *WHO: “Global case and death incidences continued to decrease with over 3 million new weekly cases and over 73 000 new deaths, a 15% and an 8% decrease respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The European and South-East Asia Regions reported marked declines in the number of new cases in the past week, whereas the African Region reported an increase compared to the previous week (Table 1). The Region of the Americas as well as the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Pacific Regions reported similar numbers compared to the previous week. The number of new deaths reported in the past week decreased in the European and South-East Asia Regions and increased in the Western Pacific Region. Death incidences remained stable in the Region of the Americas as well as the Eastern Mediterranean and African Regions. Despite the downward trend in global case and death incidences for a sixth and fifth consecutive week respectively, many countries across all six regions have reported rises in the number of cases and deaths.”,* worldmap showing infection cases per country show most countries where GFA is active having medium to very high numbers of cases apart from China currently (last report published 08.06.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for countries risk countries and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). New categories “areas of variant of concern” and “high incidence areas” have been added: Press Headlines: Discussions and debates

		about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, decreasing infection rates and debates about loosening the restrictions. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.06.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has classified the health risk to the population in Germany as high, especially due to the spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate.*" *WHO: "Global numbers of cases and deaths continued to decrease over the past week (7-13 June 2021) with over 2.6 million new weekly cases and over 72 000 deaths, a 12% and a 2% decrease respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). While the number of cases reported globally now exceeds 175 million, last week saw the lowest weekly case incidence since February 2021. Declines in the number of new weekly cases were reported across all Regions except for the African Region. The South-East Asia, European and Western Pacific Regions reported marked declines in the number of new cases in the past week, whereas the Region of the Americas and the Eastern Mediterranean Region reported similar numbers as compared to the previous week (Table 1). While the number of new deaths reported in the past week decreased across all Regions except for the African and the South-East Asia Regions, globally mortality remains high with more than 10 000 deaths reported each day. <u>While the epidemics in some of the most affected countries have started to show signs of slowing down, and the global weekly mortality rate continues to decline for a sixth consecutive week, many countries across all WHO Regions continue to struggle with access to vaccines, the spread of emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants, and overburdened healthcare systems.</u>",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 15.06.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Still increasing infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, special rights for vaccinated people, decreasing infection rates, new concerning Corona delta-type. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
28.06.2021	Updated	RKI: "*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has*

	sources above	*classified the health risk to the population in Germany as high, especially due to the spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate.*" *WHO: "Global numbers of cases and deaths continued to decrease over the past week (14-20 June 2021) with over 2.5 million new weekly cases and over 64 000 deaths, a 6% and a 12% decrease respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). While the number of cases reported globally now exceeds 177 million, last week saw the lowest weekly case incidence since February 2021. This week, the Americas and Western Pacific Regions reported numbers of new weekly cases similar to the previous week, while the South-East Asia and the European Regions reported a decline in the number of new cases. The African Region recorded a marked increase in the number of weekly cases as compared to the previous week (Table 1). Globally, mortality remains high with more than 9000 deaths reported each day over the past week, however, the number of new deaths reported in the past week decreased across all Regions except for the Eastern Mediterranean and the African Regions.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 22.06.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing but still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type may create new wave, debates about more strict rules for travel returnees. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
05.07.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has classified the health risk to the population in Germany as high, especially due to the spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate.*" *WHO: "The global number of new cases over the past week (21-27 June 2021) was over 2.6 million, a similar number compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of weekly deaths continued to decrease, with more than 57 000 deaths reported in the past week, a 10% decrease as compared to the previous week. This is the lowest weekly mortality figure since those recorded in early November 2020. Globally, COVID-19 incidence remains very high with an average of over 370 000 cases reported each day over the past week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally now exceeds 180 million and the number of deaths is almost 4 million. This week, the African region recorded a sharp increase*

		in incidence (33%) and mortality (42%) when compared to the previous week (Table 1). The Eastern Mediterranean and European Regions also reported increases in the number of weekly cases. All Regions, with the exception of the African Region, reported a decline in the number of deaths in the past week.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 29.06.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing but still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type may create new wave, debates about more strict rules for travel returnees, debates about special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
12.07.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since June 1, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has classified the health risk to the population in Germany as high, especially due to the spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate.*" *WHO: "Globally, after a decline in newly reported cases for seven consecutive weeks, there has been a slight increase in new weekly cases in the last two weeks, with over 2.6 million cases reported last week (28 June – 4 July 2021) as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of weekly deaths continued to decrease, with just under 54 000 deaths reported in the past week, a 7% decrease as compared to the previous week. This is the lowest weekly mortality figure since early October 2020. The cumulative number of cases reported globally now exceeds 183 million and the number of deaths is almost 4 million. This week, all Regions except the Americas reported an increase in new cases. The European Region reported a sharp increase in incidence (30%) whereas the African region reported a sharp increase in mortality (23%) as compared to the previous week (Table 1). All Regions, with the exception of the Americas and South-East Asia Regions, reported an increase in the number of deaths in the past week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 06.07.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning

		for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and travel recommendations for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type may create new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
19.07.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "The global number of new cases reported last week (5-11 July 2021) was nearly 3 million, a 10% increase as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Following a steady decline for nine consecutive weeks, the number of weekly deaths increased by 3% this week compared to the previous week, with over 55,000 deaths reported. Globally, COVID-19 incidence increased with an average of over 400,000 cases reported each day as compared to 370,000 from the previous week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 186 million and the number of deaths exceeds 4 million. This week, all Regions with the exception of the Americas recorded an increase in incidence. The Eastern Mediterranean Region recorded the largest increase in incidence (25%) followed by European Region with a 20% increase as compared to the previous week (Table 1). The African Region had the smallest percentage increase in incidence with a 5% increase. However, the region recorded a 50% increase in the number of deaths as compared to the previous week. The South-East Asia Region also recorded a significant increase in number of deaths, reporting a 26% increase as compared to the previous week. The Region of the Americas reported a 3% decline in incidence and an 11% decrease in number of deaths reported last week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 13.07.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare

		designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type may create new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
26.07.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "The global number of new cases reported last week (12-18 July 2021) was over 3.4 million, a 12% increase as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Globally, COVID-19 weekly case incidence increased with an average of around 490 000 cases reported each day over the past week as compared to 400 000 cases reported daily in the previous week. Following a steady decline for over two months, the number of weekly deaths reported was similar to the previous week, with almost 57 000 deaths reported. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 190 million and the number of deaths exceeds 4 million. At this rate, it is expected that the cumulative number of cases reported globally could exceed 200 million in the next three weeks. Last week, four Regions (all except the Regions of the Americas and Africa) reported an increase in case incidence. The Western Pacific Region recorded the largest increase in case incidence as compared to the previous week, followed by the European Region (30% and 21%, respectively) (Table 1). The South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean Regions also recorded increases in case incidence, 16% and 15%, respectively, as compared to the previous week. The number of deaths increased in the South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Regions by 12% and 10%, respectively, as compared to the previous week. The African, Eastern Mediterranean and European Regions reported similar numbers of deaths as compared to the previous week, whereas the Region of Americas reported a 6% decrease.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 20.07.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration

		requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.08.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "The global number of new cases reported last week (19-25 July 2021) was over 3.8 million, an 8% increase as compared to the previous week (Figure 1); an average of around 540 000 cases were reported each day over the past week as compared to 490 000 cases reported daily the week before. This trend is largely attributed to substantial increases in the Americas and Western Pacific Regions. The number of deaths reported this week increased sharply with over 69 000 deaths, a 21% increase when compared to the previous week; the greatest number of new deaths were reported from the Americas and South-East Asia Regions. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 194 million and the number of cumulative deaths exceeds 4 million. If these trends continue, the cumulative number of cases reported globally could exceed 200 million in the next two weeks. Last week, three WHO Regions - the Americas, Europe and Western Pacific reported an increase in case incidence. The Region of the Americas reported the largest increase in case incidence as compared to the previous week, followed by the Western Pacific Region (30% and 25%, respectively) (Table 1). The European Region also reported an increase in new cases, albeit at a much lower rate of 3%, when compared to the previous week. The number of new deaths increased in all regions apart from the European Region where it remained similar to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 27.07.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and

		IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
06.08.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "The global number of new cases has been increasing for more than a month, with over 4 million cases reported in the past week (26 July to 1 August 2021) (Figure 1). This increasing trend is largely attributed to substantial increases in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Pacific Regions which reported 37% and 33% increases respectively as compared to the previous week, while the South-East Asia Region reported a 9% increase (Table 1); the other three Regions reported similar weekly case incidence or a slight decrease as compared to the previous week. Overall, the number of deaths reported this week decreased by 8% as compared to the previous week, with over 64 000 deaths reported. However, the Western Pacific and Eastern Mediterranean Regions showed a sharp increase in new deaths as compared to the previous week, reporting 48% and 31% increases, respectively. The other four Regions reported a similar number of weekly deaths as compared to the previous week, with the exception of the Region of the Americas which reported a 29% decrease. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 197 million and the number of cumulative deaths is 4.2 million. If these trends continue, the cumulative number of cases reported globally could exceed 200 million by next week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 03.08.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about

		special rights for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
29.08.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "With over 4.5 million new cases reported this week (16-22 August), the number of new cases reported globally seems to be stable after increasing for nearly two months (since mid-June) (Figure 1). The Regions of Western Pacific and Americas continue to report increases in new cases, with increases of 20% and 8% respectively as compared to last week. The South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean regions reported decreases in weekly incidence of 16% and 10% respectively. The European and African Regions reported case incidence rates similar to those reported last week.The number of deaths reported globally this week remains similar to last week, with over 68 000 new deaths reported. Two Regions including Europe and Americas reported increases in new deaths of 11% and 10% respectively. The African and South-East Asia Regions reported decreases in new deaths of 11% and 10% respectively, whereas the numbers of deaths reported in the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific Regions were similar to the numbers reported last week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 211 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just over 4.4 million.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 24.08.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European**

		countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
06.09.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "With just under 4.4 million new cases reported this week (23-29 August), the number of new cases reported globally remains similar to the previous week after having increased for nearly two months (Figure 1). In the past week, all regions reported either a decline (Regions of Africa and the Americas) or a similar trend (Europe, South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean Regions) in new cases, except for the Western Pacific Region which reported a 7% increase as compared to previous week. The number of deaths reported globally this week was also similar to last week, with just over 67 000 new deaths reported. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific Regions reported an increase in the number of weekly deaths, 9% and 16% respectively, while the South-East Asia Region reported the largest decrease (20%). The numbers of deaths reported in the Regions of Africa, Europe and the Americas were similar to last week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 216 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just under 4.5 million.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 02.09.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models), increasing death rates. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
13.09.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of*

		cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate." *WHO: "With just under 4.4 million new cases reported this week (23-29 August), the number of new cases reported globally remains similar to the previous week after having increased for nearly two months (Figure 1). In the past week, all regions reported either a decline (Regions of Africa and the Americas) or a similar trend (Europe, South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean Regions) in new cases, except for the Western Pacific Region which reported a 7% increase as compared to previous week. The number of deaths reported globally this week was also similar to last week, with just over 67 000 new deaths reported. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific Regions reported an increase in the number of weekly deaths, 9% and 16% respectively, while the South-East Asia Region reported the largest decrease (20%). The numbers of deaths reported in the Regions of Africa, Europe and the Americas were similar to last week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 216 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just under 4.5 million.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 05.09.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Again increasing and still high infection rates globally. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, new concerning Corona delta-type creates new wave, again increasing incidents, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models), increasing death rates, how to protect children. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.09.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "With nearly 4 million new cases reported globally in the past week (6-12 September), this represents the first substantial decline in weekly cases in more than two months (Figure 1). All regions reported declines in new cases as compared to the previous week.*

		The number of deaths reported globally in the past week also decreased as compared to previous week, with just over 62 000 new deaths. The African Region reported an increase in the number of weekly deaths (7%), while the South-East Asia Region reported the largest decrease (20%). The American and Eastern Mediterranean Regions reported slightly smaller decreases, 9% and 6% respectively, while the numbers of deaths reported in the European and the Western Pacific Regions were similar to last week. The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 224 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just over 4.6 million.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 12.09.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and slightly decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models), how to protect children. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
27.09.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "The numbers of weekly COVID-19 cases and deaths globally continued to decline this week, with over 3.6 million cases and just under 60 000 deaths reported between 13-19 September. This brings the cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally to just under 228 million. While the African and the European Regions reported numbers of cases similar to those of the previous week, the other regions reported decreases in weekly case incidence, with substantial decreases reported in the Eastern Mediterranean (22%) and South East Asia Regions (16%).* *In terms of COVID-19 mortality, nearly 60 000 deaths were reported globally in the past week, a 7% decrease as compared to the previous week. This brings the cumulative number of deaths to over 4.6 million. The African, Eastern Mediterranean and South-East Asian Regions reported decreases in weekly mortality over*

		the past week, with the South-East Asia Region reporting the largest percentage decrease (27%). In contrast, the Western Pacific Region reported an increase (7%) in the number of new weekly deaths, while the number of deaths reported in Americas and European Regions reported was similar to that of the previous week.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 21.09.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and slightly decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
04.10.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the numbers of weekly COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to decline (Figure 1). Over 3.3 million new cases and over 55 000 new deaths were reported during the week of 20 – 26 September 2021, decreases of 10% as compared to the previous week for both cases and deaths (Table 1). The largest decrease in new weekly cases was reported from the Eastern Mediterranean Region (17%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (15%), the Region of the Americas (14%), the African Region (12%) and the South-East Asia Region (10%); while weekly cases in the European Region were similar to the previous week. The cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is now over 231 million and the cumulative number of deaths is more than 4.7 million. The number of new weekly deaths reported showed a large (>15%) decline for all regions except for the European Region, which reported a similar number of weekly deaths compared to previous week, and the African Region which reported a slight increase (5%). The largest decline in weekly deaths was reported from the Western Pacific Region, with a 24% decline as compared to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per

		country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 28.09.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and slightly decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
11.10.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the numbers of weekly COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to decline. This is a trend that has been observed since August (Figure 1). Over 3.1 million new cases and just over 54 000 new deaths were reported during the week of 27 September to 3 October 2021. Cases this week decreased by 9% as compared to the previous week, while the number of deaths remained similar to that of the past week (Table 1). All regions reported a decline in the number of new cases this week apart from the European Region which reported a number similar to that of the previous week. The largest decrease in new weekly cases was reported from the African Region (43%), followed by the Eastern Mediterranean Region (21%), the South-East Asia Region (19%), the Region of the Americas (12%) and the Western Pacific (12%). The cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is now over 234 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just under 4.8 million. The number of new weekly deaths reported showed a large (>10%) decline for all regions except for the Regions of the Americas and Europe, which both reported a similar number of weekly deaths as compared to previous week. The largest decline in weekly deaths was reported from the African Region, with a 25% decline as compared to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 05.10.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing

		and slightly decreasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, debates about special rights for vaccinated people (3G and 2G models). **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
18.10.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the numbers of weekly COVID-19 cases and deaths have continued to decline since late August (Figure 1). Over 2.8 million new cases and over 46 000 new deaths were reported during the week of 4 to 10 October 2021, representing decreases of 7% and 10% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Table 1). Apart from the European Region, which reported a 7% increase in the number of new weekly cases as compared to the previous week, all the other regions reported declines in new weekly cases. The largest decrease in new weekly cases was reported from the African Region (32%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (26%). The cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is now over 237 million and the cumulative number of deaths is over 4.8 million.* *The number of new weekly deaths reported showed a large (>10%) decline for all regions except for the European Region, which reported an 11% increase as compared to the previous week. The largest decline in weekly deaths was reported from the Western Pacific and the African Regions, with both showing declines of 34% as compared to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 13.10.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and decreasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines:

		Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
25.10.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate.*" *WHO: "With just over 2.7 million new cases and over 46 000 new deaths reported during the week of 11 to 17 October 2021, the global number of new cases and deaths remained similar to that of the previous week (Figure 1). Apart from the European Region, which reported a 7% increase in the number of new weekly cases when as compared to the previous week, all the other regions reported declines in new weekly cases (Table 1). The largest decrease in new weekly cases was reported from the African Region (18%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (16%). The cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is now over 240 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just under 4.9 million. The African Region also reported the largest decline in weekly deaths (25%) followed by the South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean Regions with 19% and 8% declines, respectively. All other regions reported new deaths in numbers similar to those of the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of low to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 19.10.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and decreasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, ending of official corona emergency laws in Germany. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
01.11.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*Since July 16, 2021, the Robert Koch Institute has continued to classify the health risk of the non-vaccinated or incompletely vaccinated population in*

		Germany as high, in particular due to the increasing spread of some worrying SARS-CoV-2 variants and the not yet sufficiently high vaccination rate. The number of cases, which is currently rising again, gives cause for concern. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate." *WHO: "During the week of 18 to 24 October 2021, the global number of new cases increased slightly (4%) compared to that of the previous week, with just over 2.9 million new cases (Figure 1). The European Region accounted for more than half (57%) of global new weekly cases and was the only region which reported an increase (Table 1). Other regions reported declines in the number of new cases. The largest decrease in new cases was again reported from the African Region (21%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (17%). The number of new deaths also increased slightly by 5% during the past week, with over 49 000 new deaths reported. Increases were reported in the European (14%) and South-East Asia (13%) regions; whereas the largest declines were observed in the Western Pacific (16%), Eastern Mediterranean (13%) and the African (11%) regions. As of 24 October, over 243 million confirmed cases and over 4.9 million deaths have been reported since the start of the pandemic.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 26.10.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and slightly increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, re-opening of vaccination centers, increasing infection- and death rates in Germany, especially under non-vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.11.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "During the week 25 to 31 October 2021, a slight upward trend (3% increase) in new weekly cases was observed, with just over 3 million new cases reported (Figure 1). Apart from the WHO European Region, which reported a 6% increase in new weekly cases as compared to the previous week, other regions reported declines or stable trends (Table 1). The largest*

		decreases were reported from the Eastern Mediterranean Region (12%), followed by the South-East Asia and African Regions (both 9%). *New weekly deaths increased by 8% as compared with the previous week, with over 50 000 new fatalities. The observed rise in new weekly deaths has been mainly driven by the South-East Asia Region, which reported the largest increase (50%), followed by the European Region (12%) and the Western Pacific Region (10%). As of 31 October, over 246 million confirmed cases and nearly 5 million deaths have been reported.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 02.11.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and slightly increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, re-opening of vaccination centers, increasing infection- and death rates in Germany, especially under non-vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
15.11.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "During the week 1 to 7 November 2021, a slight upward trend (1% increase) in new weekly cases was observed, with just over 3.1 million new cases reported (Figure 1). The WHO European Region reported a 7% increase in new weekly cases as compared to the previous week, while other regions reported declines or stable trends (Table 1). Similarly, the European Region reported a 10% increase in new deaths, while other regions reported declining trends. Globally, over 48 000 new deaths were reported, a 4% decrease from the previous week. As of 7 November, over 249 million confirmed cases and over 5 million deaths have been reported.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 07.11.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for

		risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, increasing infection- and death rates in Germany, especially under non-vaccinated people, lock downs for non-vaccinated peolpe. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
22.11.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "During the week 8 to 14 November 2021, the increasing trend in new global weekly cases continued, with over 3.3 million new cases reported – a 6% increase as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The Region of the Americas, the European and the Western Pacific Regions all reported increases in new weekly cases as compared to the previous week, while the other regions reported stable or declining trends (Table 1). Similarly, the European Region reported a 5% increase in new deaths, while the other regions reported stable or declining trends. Globally, just under 50 000 new deaths were reported, similar to the previous week's figures. As of 14 November, over 252 million confirmed cases and over 5 million deaths have been reported.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 14.11.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about progress of vaccination programs, increasing infection- and death rates in Germany and worldwide, especially under non-vaccinated people, lock downs for non-vaccinated people, shortages of vaccines. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
29.11.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been*

		vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections." *WHO: "Globally, weekly case incidence has continued to increase for more than one month, with just under 3.6 million confirmed new cases reported during the week of 15-21 November 2021, a 6% increase as compared to the previous week. Similarly, new weekly deaths increased by 6% in the past seven days as compared to the previous week, with over 51 000 new deaths reported. As of 21 November, over 256 million confirmed cases and over 5.1 million deaths have been reported globally. The European Region reported an 11% increase in new weekly cases, while the South-East Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean Regions reported decreases of 11% and 9% respectively; the other regions reported similar weekly case incidences as compared to the previous week. While the Western Pacific Region and the Region of the Americas reported relatively stable case incidence, both regions reported large increases in new weekly deaths, 29% and 19% respectively. In contrast, the African and the South-East Asia Regions reported a decrease in new weekly deaths, while the other regions reported a similar trend as compared to the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 23.11.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omnikron, mandatory accinations, lockdowns also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
06.12.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "Globally, weekly case incidence plateaued this week (22-28 November 2021), with nearly 3.8 million confirmed new cases reported, similar to the previous week's figures. However, new weekly deaths decreased by 10% in the past seven days as compared to the previous week, with over 47 500 new deaths reported. As of 28 November, over 260 million*

		confirmed cases and nearly 5.2 million deaths have been reported globally. The African, Western Pacific and European Regions reported increases in new weekly cases of 93%, 24% and 7%, respectively, while the Regions of the Americas and South-East Asia reported decreases of 24% and 11%, respectively. To note, the increase in the African Region was largely due to batch reporting of antigen tests by South Africa last week, therefore the trends should be interpreted with caution. The incidence in cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region was stable with figures similar to the previous week. New weekly deaths decreased by 36% and 8% in the Regions of theAmericas and the Eastern Mediterranean, respectively, and increased by 26% and 7% in the South-East Asia and African Regions, respectively. The number of new deaths were similar to the numbers reported in the previous week in both the European and Western Pacific Regions.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 30.11.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing and increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omnikron, mandatory vaccinations, lack of vaccines, lockdowns also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
13.12.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "Globally, weekly case incidence plateaued this week (29 November - 5 December 2021), with over 4 million confirmed new cases reported, similar to the number reported in the previous week's figures. However, new weekly deaths increased by 10% as compared to the previous week, with over 52 500 new deaths reported. As of 5 December, nearly 265 million confirmed cases and over 5.2 million deaths have been reported globally.* *The African Region and the Region of the Americas reported increases in new weekly cases of 79% and 21%, respectively, while the Western Pacific and South-East Asia regions both reported decreases of 10%. The number of new weekly cases reported by the European*

		and Eastern Mediterranean regions were similar to the numbers reported in the previous week. New weekly deaths increased by 49% in the South-East Asia Region and 38% in the Region of the Americas, while the weekly deaths decreased in the African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions by 13% and 8%, respectively. The number of new deaths were similar to those reported in the previous week in both the European and the Western Pacific regions.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 07.12.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omnikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, lack of vaccines, lockdowns also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
20.12.2021	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany that has not been vaccinated or has only been vaccinated once as very high overall. For those who have been completely vaccinated, the risk is assessed as moderate, but increasing due to the increasing number of infections.*" *WHO: "Globally, the weekly incidence of both cases and deaths declined during the past week (6-12 December 2021), with decreases of 5% and 10% respectively, as compared to the previous week. Nonetheless, this still corresponded to over 4 million new confirmed cases and just under 47 000 new deaths. As of 12 December, nearly 269 million confirmed cases and nearly 5.3 million deaths have been reported globally. The African Region reported the largest increase in new cases last week (111%) followed by and the Western Pacific Region which reported an increase of 7%. The Region of the Americas and South-East Asia Region both reported decreases of 10% and the European Region reported a 7% decrease. The number of new weekly cases reported by the Eastern Mediterranean Region was similar to the numbers reported in the previous week. New weekly deaths decreased by 50% in the South-East Asia Region (due to an artificial increase in deaths from batch reporting in the previous week) and 14% in the Region of the Americas, while the number of weekly deaths in all other regions remained similar to those reported in the previous week.",* worldmap

		showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 14.12.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omnikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, lack of vaccines, lockdowns before or after Christmas, also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
03.01.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "During the week 20-26 December, following a gradual increase since October, the global number of new cases increased by 11% as compared to the previous week (Table 1); while the number of new deaths remained similar to the number reported during the previous week. This corresponds to just under 5 million new cases and over 44 000 new deaths. As of 26 December, over 278 million cases and just under 5.4 million deaths have been reported globally (Figure 1). The Region of the Americas reported the largest increase in new cases in the last week (39%), followed by the African Region, which reported an increase of 7%. The South-East Asia Region continued to report a decrease in new cases as compared to the previous week (12%) while in the European, Eastern Mediterranean, and Western Pacific Regions, the number of new cases was similar to those reported during the previous week. The African Region reported the highest increase in the number of new deaths (72%), followed by the South-East Asia Region (9%) and the Region of the Americas (7%). The European and Eastern Mediterranean Region reported decreases of 12% and 7% respectively, in the incidence of deaths, while in the Western Pacific Region, the incidence was similar to the previous weeks. ",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 28.12.2021). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk

		countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omnikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, lack of vaccines, lockdowns, also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
10.01.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "During the week 27 December 2021 to 2 January 2022, following a gradual increase since October, the global number of new cases increased sharply by 71% as compared to the previous week (Table 1), while the number of new deaths decreased by 10%. This corresponds to just under 9.5 million new cases and over 41 000 new deaths reported during the last week. As of 2 January, a total of nearly 289 million cases and just over 5.4 million deaths have been reported globally (Figure 1).* *All regions reported an increase in the incidence of weekly cases, with the Region of the Americas reporting the largest increase (100%), followed by the South-East Asia (78%), European (65%), Eastern Mediterranean (40%), Western Pacific (38%) and the African (7%) Regions. The African Region was the only region to report a weekly increase in the number of new deaths (22%). All other regions reported a decrease in the incidence of deaths, including the Americas (18%), Western Pacific (10%), South-East Asia (9%), Eastern Mediterranean (7%) and the European (6%) Regions.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 06.01.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, lack of vaccines, lockdowns, also for vaccinated people. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current**

		hygiene and behavior rules.
17.01.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the number of new cases increased markedly in the past week (3-9 January 2022), while the number of new deaths remained similar to that of the previous week. Across the six regions, over 15 million new cases were reported this past week, a 55% increase as compared to the previous week and over 43 000 new deaths were reported. As of 9 January, over 304 million confirmed cases and over 5.4 million deaths have been reported. All regions reported an increase in the incidence of weekly cases with the exception of the African Region, which reported an 11% decrease. The South-East Asia region reported the largest increase in new cases last week (418%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (122%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (86%), the Region of the Americas (78%) and the European Region (31%). New weekly deaths increased in the African Region (84%) and Region of the Americas (26%). The number of new deaths remained similar to that of the previous week in the Western Pacific Region, while a decrease was reported in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (11%), the European Region (10%) and in the South-East Asia Region (6%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show a mix of medium to very high numbers of cases. (last report published 11.01.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about new variant of concern Omikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, beginning of the fifth wave, record incidences in many countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
26.01.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases increased by 5% in the past week (17-23 January 2022), while the number of new deaths remained similar to that reported during the previous week (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 21 million new cases were reported,*

		representing the highest number of weekly cases recorded since the beginning of the pandemic. Nearly 50 000 new deaths were also reported. As of 23 January 2022, over 346 million confirmed cases and over 5.5 million deaths have been reported in total. A slower increase in case incidence was observed at the global level, with only half of the regions reported an increase in the number of new weekly cases, as compared to five out of six regions in the previous week. The Eastern Mediterranean Region reported the largest increase in the number of new cases (39%), followed by the South-East Asia Region (36%) and the European Region (13%). The African Region reported the largest decrease in the number of new cases (31%), followed by the Region of the Americas (10%), while the number of new cases in the Western Pacific Region remained similar to that reported during the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (44%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (15%) and the Region of the Americas (7%), while the other Regions all reported declines in new weekly deaths.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 25.01.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about aggressive spread of Omikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, impacts of fifth wave, record incidences in many countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
31.01.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases increased by 5% in the past week (17-23 January 2022), while the number of new deaths remained similar to that reported during the previous week (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 21 million new cases were reported, representing the highest number of weekly cases recorded since the beginning of the pandemic. Nearly 50 000 new deaths were also reported. As of 23 January 2022, over 346 million confirmed cases and over 5.5 million deaths have been reported in total. A slower increase in case incidence was observed at*

		the global level, with only half of the regions reported an increase in the number of new weekly cases, as compared to five out of six regions in the previous week. The Eastern Mediterranean Region reported the largest increase in the number of new cases (39%), followed by the South-East Asia Region (36%) and the European Region (13%). The African Region reported the largest decrease in the number of new cases (31%), followed by the Region of the Americas (10%), while the number of new cases in the Western Pacific Region remained similar to that reported during the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (44%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (15%) and the Region of the Americas (7%), while the other Regions all reported declines in new weekly deaths.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 25.01.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection and death rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about aggressive spread of Omikron, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, impacts of fifth wave, record incidences in many countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
14.02.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, during the week of 31 January to 6 February 2022, the number of new COVID-19 cases decreased by 17% as compared to the number reported during the previous week, while the number of new deaths increased by 7% (figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 19 million new cases and just under 68 000 new deaths were reported (table 1). As of 6 February 2022, over 392 million confirmed cases and over 5.7 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the Eastern Mediterranean Region reported an increase of 36% in the number of new weekly cases while all other regions reported decreases: The Region of the Americas (36%), the South-East Asia Region (32%), the African Region (22%), the Western Pacific Region (8%) and the European Region (7%). The number of new weekly deaths continued to increase in the South-East Asia (67%) and Eastern Mediterranean Regions (45%),*

		while the number remained similar to that of the previous week in the Region of the Americas and the European Region and decreased in the African (14%) and Western Pacific Regions (5%). ", worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 08.02.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about descreasing infection rates at high level, good situation in hospitals, loosening the restrictions, mandatory vaccinations, vaccinations for young children, impacts of fifth wave, record incidences in many countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
28.02.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, during the week of 14 through 20 February 2022, the number of new COVID-19 cases decreased by 21% as compared to the previous week. In addition, the number of new deaths showed a decreasing trend (-8%) when compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 12 million new cases and over 67 000 new deaths were reported (Table 1). As of 20 February 2022, over 422 million confirmed cases and over 5.8 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the Western Pacific Region reported a 29% increase in the number of new weekly cases, while all other regions reported decreases: the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-34%), the Region of the Americas (-29%), the European Region (-26%), the African Region (-22%) and the South-East Asia Region (-17%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific (+21%) and African (+20%) Regions and decreased in the South-East Asia (-37%), the Regions of Americas (-9%), the European Region (-5%) and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-4%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 22.02.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the

		Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about descreasing infection rates at high level. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
07.03.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, during the week of 21 through 27 February 2022, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline by 16% and 10% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 10 million new cases and over 60 000 new deaths were reported (Table 1). As of 27 February 2022, over 433 million confirmed cases and over 5.9 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, while the Western Pacific Region reported an increase (+32%) in the number of new weekly cases, all other regions reported decreases: the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-34%), the Region of the Americas (-30%), the African Region (-25%), the European Region (-24%), and the South-East Asia Region (-16%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific (+22%) and the Eastern Mediterranean (+4%) Regions, while decreases were reported by the African Region (-59%), South-East Asia Region (-18%), Europe Region (-13%), and the Region of the Americas (-8%). ",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 01.03.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Discussions and debates about infection rates. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
14.03.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very*

		high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate." *WHO: "Globally, during the week of 28 February through 6 March 2022, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to decline by 5% and 8% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 10 million new cases and over 52 000 new deaths were reported (Table 1). As of 6 March 2022, over 433 million confirmed cases and over 5.9 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, while the Western Pacific Region continued to report an increase (+46%) in the number of new weekly cases, all other regions reported decreases: the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-46%), the African Region (-40%), the South-East Asia Region (-31%), the Region of the Americas (-24%), and the European Region (-18%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific Region (+29%) and remained stable in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+2%), while decreases were reported by the African Region (-39%), the European Region (-15%), the Region of the Americas (-9%) and the South-East Asia Region (-3%). These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries are progressively adopting targeted testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 08.03.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Debates about increasing infection rates in Germany and China. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.03.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "After a consistent decrease since the end of January 2022, the number of new weekly cases increased by 8% during the week of 7 through 13 March 2022. The number of new deaths continued a decreasing trend (-17% as compared to the previous week) (Figure 1). Across the six WHO regions, over 11 million new cases and just over 43 000 new deaths were reported (Table*

		1). As of 13 March 2022, over 455 million confirmed cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the Western Pacific Region, the African Region and the European Region reported increases in new weekly cases of 29%, 12% and 2%, respectively, as compared to the previous week; while decreases were reported by the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-24%), the South-East Asia Region (-21%) and the Region of the Americas (-20%). These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries are progressively changing their testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently numbers of cases detected.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 15.03.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: Debates about increasing infection rates, homeoffice and other measures to be reduced despite increasing infection rates. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
01.04.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Between the end of January and early March 2022, there was a decreasing trend in the number of new COVID-19 cases, which was followed by two consecutive weeks of increases in cases. During the week of 21 through 27 March 2022, the number of new cases declined again with a 14% decrease as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). On the other hand, during the same period, the number of new weekly deaths increased by 43%, likely driven by changes in the definition of COVID-19 deaths in some countries in the Region of the Americas (Chile and the United States of America) and by retrospective adjustments reported from India in the South-East Asia Region. Across the six WHO regions, over 10 million new cases and over 45 000 new deaths were reported. All regions reported decreasing trends in the number of new weekly cases and four regions reported a decreasing trend innew weekly deaths (Table 1). As of 27 March 2022, over 479 million confirmed cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported globally",* worldmap showing

		infection cases per country show high to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 29.03.2022). IATA: Still all countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection rates at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: debates about vaccinations, new lockdown in China, peak of 5th corona wave. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
11.04.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "After the increase observed during the first half of March 2022, the number of new COVID-19 cases has decreased for a second consecutive week, with a 16% decline during the week of 28 March through 3 April 2022 as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of new weekly deaths also decreased sharply (-43%) as compared to the previous week, when an artificial spike in deaths was observed (see WEU 85).* *Across the six WHO regions, over nine million new cases and over 26 000 new deaths were reported. All regions reported decreasing trends both in the number of new weekly cases and new weekly deaths (Table 1). As of 3 April 2022, just over 489 million cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported globally.* *These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries are progressively changing their COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 05.04.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: debates about vaccinations, new lockdown in China, peak of 5th corona wave going

		down. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
25.04.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. During the week of 11 through 17 April 2022, over 5 million cases and over 18 000 deaths were reported, decreases of 24% and 12% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). All regions reported decreasing trends in the number of new weekly cases and deaths (Table 1). As of 17 April 2022, over 500 million confirmed cases and over 6 million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries are progressively changing their COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 20.04.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: debates decreasing infection rates, new lockdown in China (Shanghai and new cases in Beijing), peak of 5th corona wave going down. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.05.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as very high. The risk for not vaccinated people is estimated as very high, for 1 or 2 times vaccinated as high and for 3 times vaccinated as moderate.*" *WHO: "Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. During the week of 18 through 24 April 2022, over 4.5 million cases and over 15 000 deaths were reported, decreases of 21% and 20% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). However, not all the*

		Regions have shown a decreasing trend: the number of new weekly cases increased in the Region of the Americas (+9%) and in the African Region (+32%) in the past week, while the number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (+41%) - due to a delay in reporting of deaths from India - and in the Africa Region (+110%). As of 24 April 2022, over 500 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing their COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 27.04.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas and a no travel recommendation for countries with restrictive or partly restrictive immigration requirements (compare designated risk areas and IATA). Press Headlines: debates decreasing infection rates, almost all corona restrictions are removed in Germany, new lockdown in China (Shanghai and new cases in Beijing), peak of 5th corona wave going down. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
16.05.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. During the week of 2 through 8 May 2022, over 3.5 million cases and over 12 000 deaths were reported, decreases of 12% and 25% respectively, as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Region of the Americas (+14%) and in the African Region (+12%), remained stable in the Western Pacific Region (+1%), and decreased in the remaining three regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the African Region (+84%), remained stable in the Region of the Americas (+3%), while decreasing trends were reported in the other four regions. As of 8 May 2022, over 514 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID--19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",*

		worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 11.05.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: decreasing infection rates in most regions, almost all corona restrictions are removed in Germany, new lockdowns in China, peak of 5th corona wave going down. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
23.05.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high."* *WHO: "Globally, after the continued decline observed since the end of March 2022, new weekly COVID-19 cases have stabilized during the reporting period (9 May to 15 May 2022), with over 3.6 million cases reported, a 1% increase as compared to the previous week (figure 1). On the other hand, the number of new weekly deaths continues to decline, with over 9000 fatalities reported during the same period, representing a 21% decrease as compared to the previous week. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+63%), in the Region of the Americas (+26%), in the Western Pacific Region (+14%) and in the African Region (+6%) and decreased in the remaining two regions. The number of new weekly deaths decreased in all the regions except the African Region, where a 48% increase in new weekly deaths was reported.* *As of 15 May 2022, over 518 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 18.05.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: decreasing infection rates in most regions, almost all corona restrictions are removed in Germany, new lockdowns in China, peak of 5th

		corona wave going down. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
30.05.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued the declining trend observed since a peak in January 2022. During the week of 16 through 22 May 2022, over 3.7 million cases were reported, a 3% decrease as compared to the previous week (figure 1). The number of new weekly deaths also continues to decline, with over 9000 fatalities reported, representing an 11% decrease as compared to the previous week. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Region of the Americas (+13%) and in the Western Pacific Region (+6%), while decreasing trends were observed in the remaining four regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+30%), remained stable in the Western Pacific and the Region of the Americas (both <1%), and decreased in the other three regions. As of 22 May 2022, over 522 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 25.05.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Russia, India, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: decreasing infection rates in most regions, almost all corona restrictions are removed in Germany, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
13.06.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to decline since the peak in January 2022. During the week of 30 May to 5 June 2022, over three million cases were reported, a 12% decrease as compared to the previous week (figure 1). The number of new weekly deaths also continues to decline, with*

		over 7 600 fatalities reported, representing a 22% decrease as compared to the previous week. *At the regional level, the numbers of new weekly cases increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+19%) and South-East Asia Region (+1%), while they decreased in the other four WHO regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific Region (+7%), while decreasing trends were observed in the other five regions. As of 5 June 2022, over 529 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 08.06.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: new corona variant, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
20.06.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high."* *WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to decline since a peak in January 2022. During the week of 6 until 12 June 2022, over 3.2 million cases were reported, similar to the number reported during the previous week (figure 1).* *After five weeks of decline, the number of new weekly deaths has risen again, with over 8700 fatalities reported, a 4% increase as compared to the previous week. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+58%), in the South-East Asia Region (+33%) and in the Region of the Americas (+13%), while it decreased in the other three WHO regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Region of the Americas (+21%) and Western Pacific Region (+17%), while decreasing trends were observed in the other four regions. As of 12 June 2022, over 533 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per

		country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 15.06.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: new corona variant, increasing infection rates in Germany, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
27.06.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to decline since the peak in January 2022. During the week of 13 until 19 June 2022, over 3.3 million cases were reported, a 4% decrease as compared to the previous week (figure 1). The number of new weekly deaths declined by 16% as compared to the previous week, with over 7500 fatalities reported. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the South-East Asia Region (+46%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+45%), and the European Region (+6%), while it decreased in the other three WHO regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (+4%), while decreasing trends were observed in the other five regions. As of 19 June 2022, over 536 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 22.06.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly increasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: new corona variant, increasing infection rates in Germany, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be**

		conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
04.07.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of weekly cases has increased for the third consecutive week, after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022. During the week of 20 to 26 June 2022, over 4.1 million new cases were reported, an 18% increase as compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The number of new weekly deaths remained similar to that of the previous week, with over 8500 fatalities reported. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+47%), the European Region (+33%), the South-East Asia Region (+32%), and the Region of the Americas (+14%), while it decreased in the African Region (-39%) and the Western Pacific Region (-3%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+22%), the South-East Asia Region (+15%), and the Region of the Americas (+11%), while decreases were observed in the Western Pacific Region (-6%), the European Region (-5%) and the African Region (-1%). As of 26 June 2022, over 541 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 29.06.2022). IATA: Still most countries where GFA is active with totally restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Slightly increasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: new corona variant, increasing infection rates in Germany, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
11.07.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of weekly cases has increased for the fourth consecutive week, after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022. During the week of 27 June to 3 July 2022, over 4.6 million new cases were reported, a figure similar to that of the previous week (Figure 1). The number of new*

		weekly deaths decreased by 12%, with over 8100 fatalities reported. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+29%), the South-East Asia Region (+20%), the European Region (+15%), and the Western Pacific Region (+4%), while it decreased in the African Region (-33%) and the Region of the Americas (-18%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+34%) and the South-East Asia Region (+16%), while decreases were observed in the African Region (-50%), the Region of the Americas (-13%), the European Region (-12%) and the Western Pacific Region (-12%). As of 3 July 2022, over 546 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 06.07.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. First European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: new corona variant, increasing infection rates in Germany, discussions about preparations for situation next autumn. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.08.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of weekly cases reported during the week of 18 to 24 July 2022 was similar to the number reported last week, with over 6.6 million new cases (Figure 1). Likewise, the number of new weekly deaths was similar to the number reported during the previous week, with over 12 600 fatalities. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Western Pacific Region (+52%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+45%) and the South-East Asia Region (+13%), while it decreased in the African Region (-44%), the European Region (-24%) and the Region of the Americas (-12%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+88%), the Western Pacific Region (+19%) and the South-East Asia Region (+8%), while it decreased in the African Region (-47%) and the European Region (-6%). The number of new weekly deaths in the Region of the Americas was similar to the figure reported during the previous week. As of 24 July*

		2022, over 567 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. *Current trends in reported COVID-19 cases and deaths should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected. Additionally, data are continuously updated to incorporate regular changes made by countries retrospectively.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 27.07.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Increasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Corona is currently no topic as other incidents are in the focus of the press. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
08.08.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high."* *WHO: "Globally, the number of weekly cases decreased by 9% during the week of 25 to 31 July 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 6.5 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table-1). The number of new weekly deaths remained stable this week as compared to the previous week, with over 14 000 fatalities reported. As of 31 July 2022, over 574 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the number of reported new weekly cases increased in the Western Pacific Region (+20%) and the African Region (+5%); at the same time, it decreased or remained stable in the European Region (-35%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-12%), the South-East Asia Region (-2%) and the Region of the Americas (-2%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific Region (+44%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+26%), the South-East Asia Region (+20%), and the African Region (+12%), while it decreased in the European Region (-26%). The number of new weekly deaths in the Region of the Americas was similar to the figure reported during the previous week.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 04.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently

		highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: New vaccinations, general development of tropical diseases due to climate change. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
15.08.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases remained stable during the week of 1 to 7 August 2022, as compared to the previous week, with over 6.9 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 9%, with over 14 000 fatalities reported, as compared to the previous week. As of 7 August 2022, 581.8 million confirmed cases and 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally.* *At the regional level, the number of reported new weekly cases increased in the Western Pacific Region (+29%); while the numbers of new cases decreased or remained stable in the African Region (-46%), the Region of the Americas (-22%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-22%), the European Region (-7%), and the South-East Asia Region (-3%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+19%), while the numbers decreased or remained stable in the African Region (-73%), the European Region (-15%), the Region of the Americas (-10%), the South-East Asia Region (-1%), and the Western Pacific Region (+4%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 10.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: Plateauing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: New vaccinations, preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new restrictive measures for autumn/winter. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
23.08.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 24% during the week of 8 to 14 August 2022, ascompared to the previous week, with over 5.4 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The*

		number ofnew weekly deaths decreased by 6%, as compared to the previous week, with over 15 000 fatalities reported.As of 14 August 2022, 587 million confirmed cases and 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally.At the regional level, the number of reported new weekly cases decreased across all six regions: the African Region (-38%), the European Region (-38%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-30%), the Western Pacific Region (-18%), the Region of the Americas (-17%), and the South-East Asia Region (-11%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Western Pacific (+31%) and the South-East Asia Region (+12%), while it decreasedor remained stable in the African Region (-33%), the European Region (-25%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-7%), and the Region of the Americas (-4%).", worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 18.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: slightly decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: New vaccinations, preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new restrictive measures for autumn/winter. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
29.08.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 9% during the week of 15 to 21 August 2022, ascompared to the previous week, with over 5.3 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number ofnew weekly deaths decreased by 15%, as compared to the previous week, with over 14 000 fatalities reported.As of 21 August 2022, 593 million confirmed cases and 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally.At the regional level, the number of reported new weekly cases decreased or remained stable across all sixregions: the African Region (-25%), the European Region (-20%), the Region of the Americas (-18%), the South-East Asia Region (-17%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-13%), and the Western Pacific Region (+2%). Thenumber of new weekly deaths increased in the African Region (+183%) and the Western Pacific Region (+8%), while it decreased or remained stable in the European Region (-30%), the Region of the Americas (-15%), the South-East Asia Region (-11%), and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+3%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high

		numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 25.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates still at high level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new restrictive measures for autumn/winter. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
05.09.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 16% during the week of 22 to 28 August 2022, as compared to the previous week, with over 4.5 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 13%, as compared to the previous week, with over 13 500 fatalities reported. As of 28 August 2022, over 598 million confirmed cases and over 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the number of newly reported weekly cases decreased across all six regions: the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-37%), the European Region (-20%), the South-East Asia Region (-16%), the Western Pacific Region (-15%), the African Region (-13%) and the Region of the Americas (-13%). The number of new weekly deaths decreased across four of the six regions: the African Region (-64%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-35%), the European Region (-30%), and the Region of the Americas (-9%); while it increased in the South-East Asian Region (+15%) and remained stable in the Western Pacific Region (+3%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 31.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new restrictive measures for autumn/winter. Lockdowns in Cina. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current**

		hygiene and behavior rules.
20.09.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 28% during the week of 5 to 11 September 2022, as compared to the previous week, with over 3.1 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 22% as compared to the previous week, with just under 11 000 fatalities reported. As of 11 September 2022, over 605 million confirmed cases and over 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally.* *At the regional level, the number of newly reported weekly cases decreased across all six WHO regions: the Western Pacific Region (-36%), the African Region (-33%), the Region of the Americas (-27%), the South-East Asia Region (-20%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-19%) and the European Region (-15%). The number of new weekly deaths decreased across five of the six regions: the European Region (-31%), the South-East Asia Region (-25%), the Region of the Americas (-22%), the Western Pacific Region (-11%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-10%); while it increased in the African Region (+10%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 31.08.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new restrictive measures for autumn/winter and new corona vaccines. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
26.09.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases remained stable during the week of 12 to 18 September 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 3.2 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 17% as compared to the previous week, with over 9800 fatalities reported. As of 18 September 2022, over 609 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.* *At the regional level, the number of newly reported weekly cases decreased or remained stable across all six WHO regions: the African Region (-35%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-14%), the Region of the Americas (-12%), the South-East Asia Region (-8%), the European Region (-1%) and the Western*

		Pacific Region (+3%). The number of new weekly deaths decreased across all six regions: the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-46%), the African Region (-27%), the Western Pacific Region (-27%), the European Region (-22%), the South-East Asia Region (-6%) and the Region of the Americas (-5%).", worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. (last report published 26.09.2022). IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new corona variations. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
04.10.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 11% during the week of 19 to 25 September 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over three million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 18% as compared to the previous week, with just over 8900 fatalities reported. As of 25 September 2022, over 612 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the number of newly reported weekly cases decreased or remained stable across all six WHO regions: the African Region (-33%), the Western Pacific Region (-19%), the Region of the Americas (-15%), South-East Asia Region (-11%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-8%) and the European Region (-1%). The number of new weekly deaths also decreased or remained stable across all six regions: the African Region (-34%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-26%), the European Region (-26%), the Western Pacific Region (-16%), the Region of the Americas (-12%) and the South-East Asia Region (-3%)",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new corona

		variations. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
11.10.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 6% during the week of 26 September to 2 October 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.9 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 12% as compared to the previous week, with over 8300 fatalities reported. As of 2 October 2022, over 615 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally. At the regional level, the number of newly reported weekly cases decreased across five of the six WHO regions: the African Region (-32%), the Western Pacific Region (-22%), the South-East Asia Region (-17%), the Region of the Americas (-11%) and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-8%); while case numbers increased in the European Region (+8%). The number of new weekly deaths decreased or remained stable across all six regions: the Western Pacific Region (-24%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (-23%), the African Region (-20%), the European Region (-17%), the South-East Asia Region (-13%) and the Region of the Americas (-2%).",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new corona variations. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
18.10.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 10% during the week of 3 to 9 October 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.8 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths remained stable (-1%) as compared to the previous week, with about 9000 fatalities reported. As of 9 October 2022, over 618 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.",* worldmap

		showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, debates about new corona variations. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
24.10.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 6% during the week of 10 to 16 October 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.9 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 17% as compared to the previous week, with about 8300 fatalities reported. As of 16 October 2022, over 621 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, increasing infection rates in some countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
01.11.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 15% during the week of 17 to 23 October 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.6 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 13% as compared to the previous week, with over 8500 fatalities reported. As of 23 October 2022, over 624 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.",* worldmap showing

		infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, increasing infection rates in some countries. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
07.11.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 17% during the week of 24 to 30 October 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.3 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The true number of incident cases is likely to be underestimated due to a decline in testing globally. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 5% as compared to the previous week, with over 9300 fatalities reported. As of 30 October 2022, over 627 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still many countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. European countries, central Asian countries, some African countries and Vietnam are lifting the travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being high incidence or variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Preparation of new wave in autumn, expectation of increasing infection rates due to soccer world cup. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
14.11.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 15% during the week of 31 October to 6 November 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.1 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The true number of incident cases is an underestimate due to a decline in testing globally. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 10% as*

		compared to the previous week, with over 9400 fatalities reported. As of 6 November 2022, over 629 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.", worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Discussion of new wave in autumn, expectation of increasing infection rates due to soccer world cup. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
21.11.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases increased by 2% during the week of 7 to 13 November 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.3 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The true number of incident cases is an underestimate due to a decline in testing globally. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 30% as compared to the previous week, with over 7400 fatalities reported. As of 13 November 2022, over 632 million confirmed cases and over 6.5 million deaths have been reported globally.",* worldmap showing infection cases per country show low to very high numbers of cases in countries where GFA is active. IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. Press Headlines: Discussion of new wave in autumn, expectation of increasing infection rates due to soccer world cup. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
28.11.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 5% during the week of 14 to 20 November 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.4 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 13% as compared to the previous week, with over 7800 new fatalities reported. As of 20 November 2022,*

		over 634 million confirmed cases and 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.", IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: increasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
05.12.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 5% during the week of 14 to 20 November 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.4 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 13% as compared to the previous week, with over 7800 new fatalities reported. As of 20 November 2022, over 634 million confirmed cases and 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: increasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. News: China seems to reduce Corona restrictions, but without clear strategy. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
12.12.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases remained stable (-3%) during the week of 28 November to 4 December 2022 as compared to the previous week, with just under 3 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table1). The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 17% as compared to the previous week, with over 7800 new fatalities reported. As of 4 December 2022, over 641 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: increasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. News: More consultations at doctors due to COVID19 in Germany. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate**

		Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.
19.12.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases remained stable (+2%) during the week of 5 to 11 December 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 3.3 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths increased by over 10% as compared to the previous week, with over 9700 new fatalities reported. As of 11 December 2022, over 645 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: increasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. News: More consultations at doctors due to COVID19 in Germany, first COVID19 death in China. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
28.12.2022	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases reported during the week of 12 to 18 December 2022 was similar (+3%) to the previous week, with over 3.7 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths was 6% lower than in the previous week, with over 10 400 new fatalities reported. In the last 28 days, over 13.7 million cases and over 40 000 new fatalities were reported globally – a 36% increase and 2% decline, respectively, compared to the previous 28 days. As of 18 December 2022, over 649 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. News: China looses the corona restrictions, high infection and death rates in China, Corona pandemie seems to end but will remain problematic in winter times together with other deseases. **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
02.01.2023	Updated	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health*

	sources above	*risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, the number of new weekly cases reported during the week of 12 to 18 December 2022 was similar (+3%) to the previous week, with over 3.7 million new cases reported (Figure 1, Table 1). The number of new weekly deaths was 6% lower than in the previous week, with over 10 400 new fatalities reported. In the last 28 days, over 13.7 million cases and over 40 000 new fatalities were reported globally – a 36% increase and 2% decline, respectively, compared to the previous 28 days. As of 18 December 2022, over 649 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still some countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: plateauing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. News: China looses the corona restrictions, high infection and death rates in China **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**
16.01.2023	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, nearly 2.9 million new cases and over 11 000 deaths were reported in the week of 2 to 8 January 2023 (Figure 1, Table 1). This represents a reduction in weekly cases and deaths of 9% and 12%, respectively. However, these trends need to be interpreted considering the reduction in testing and delays in reporting in many countries during the year-end holiday season. Therefore, data presented in this report, especially for the most recent weeks, are incomplete and the decreasing trends should be interpreted in that context as they may change with updated information provided following the holiday period. In the last 28 days (12 December 2022 to 8 January 2023), over 13.9 million cases and over 49 000 new deaths were reported globally – an increase of 10% and 22% respectively, compared to the previous 28 days. As of 8 January 2023, over 659 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.",* IATA: Still countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. Some European Countries introduced new travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas. No special corona topics **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current**

		hygiene and behavior rules.
23.01.2023	Updated sources above	RKI: "*The Robert Koch Institute estimates the health risk for the population in Germany generally as high." WHO: "Globally, nearly 2.8 million new cases and over 13 000 deaths were reported in the week of 9 to 15 January 2023 (Figure 1, Table 1). In the last 28 days (19 December 2022 to 15 January 2023), nearly 13 million cases and almost 53 000 new deaths were reported globally – a decrease of 7% and an increase of 20%, respectively, compared to the previous 28 days. As of 15 January 2023, over 662 million confirmed cases and over 6.7 million deaths have been reported globally. ",* IATA: Still countries where GFA is active with restrictive or partly restrictive travel restrictions. Some European Countries introduced new travel restrictions. John Hopkins University: decreasing infection rates at medium level. Majority of currently highest incidence rates in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Americas. German Auswärtiges Amt: Travelwarning for risk countries being variant of concern areas, China is rated as potentially developing variant of concern area due to high infection rates. News: Discussions about high rates of long COVID **General conclusion from 16.03.20 maintained. In case of mutual agreements between Certificate Holders and GFA Auditors, on-site audits may be conducted in Germany and other European countries under strict adherence to the current hygiene and behavior rules.**

Risk assessment related to replacement of on-site audits by desk audits COVID 19 (China)

	Source	**Risk declaration**
04.02.2020	WHO Corona Virus Report 15	Very high health risk China
04.02.2020	German Auswärtiges Amt: IN_COM_China_ Reise- und Sicherheitshinweise_2020_02-04_China	Travel restrictions in Wuhei, Hubei, Wenzhou, Taizhou and Hangzhou and in the province Zhejiang, other provinces, situation changes rapidly, strong travel barriers inside China
04.02.2020	Emails and further evidence provided by local partner	Strong health risk, travel barriers inside China
04.02.2020	**Conclusion**	**As desk audits are permitted for China in case of low risk audit situations in China (FSC_DER_2020_001 30.01.2020), GFA decided to conduct low risk surveillance audits as desk audits in case health risks or travel restrictions are in place.**
11.02.2020	Updated sources above	No change of situation **Conclusion maintained.**
18.02.2020	Updated sources above	No change of situation **Conclusion maintained.**
25.02.2020	Updated sources above	No change of situation **Conclusion maintained.**
03.03.2020	Updated sources above	No change of situation **Conclusion maintained.**
10.03.2020	Updated sources above	No change of general situation, local partner reported that in some provinces the situation improves gradually, some internal travel restrictions lifted. **Conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
16.03.2020	Updated sources above	No change of general situation, local partner reported that in some provinces the situation improves gradually; some internal travel restrictions lifted. **Conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
23.03.2020	Updated sources above	No change of general situation, local partner reported that in some provinces the situation improves gradually, regional traveling of Chinese auditors partially possible **Conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
01.04.2020	Updated sources above RKI Risikobewertung 01.04.2020, https://www.china-briefing.com/new	RKI took China from the list of risk areas, John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates, still travel restrictions in place for some areas, many provinces put people from overseas or people coming or returning from other provinces into 7 – 14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
07.04.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
13.04.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low

		new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
19.04.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
27.04.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
04.05.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
11.05.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
19.05.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between provinces leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
25.05.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **General conclusion maintained. On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**
02.06.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
08.06.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. Traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders

		between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
15.06.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
23.06.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
30.06.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
07.07.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
10.07.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
21.07.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. New small corona outbreak in Beijing on a market reported, some districts in Beijing under quarantine, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14

		days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
27.07.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report low new infection rates for China, still travel restrictions in place for some areas. However, highest Coronavirus outbreak (61 cases) reported since beginning of control of the outbreak, traveling in several provinces is possible, but crossing borders between some few provinces still leads to 7-14 days quarantine. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
03.08.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report increasing new infection rates for China excessing more than 100 infections per day, travel restrictions are place for some areas. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
07.08.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report increasing new infection rates for China excessing more than 100 infections per day, travel restrictions are place for some areas. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
24.08.2020	Updated sources above	John_Hopkins and international press report increasing new infection rates for China excessing more than 100 infections per day, travel restrictions are place for some areas. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
31.08.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
08.09.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
11.09.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
22.09.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
28.09.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
05.10.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
12.10.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
19.10.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
26.10.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
02.11.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**

09.11.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
16.11.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
23.11.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
30.11.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
07.12.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
14.12.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
21.12.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
28.12.2020	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
05.01.2021	Updated sources above	Situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
12.01.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and a nearby city. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
19.01.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
27.01.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
01.02.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
08.02.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
15.02.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
22.02.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.**

		Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.
01.03.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
08.03.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
15.03.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
22.03.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
29.03.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
12.04.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
19.04.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
26.04.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
03.05.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
10.05.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
17.05.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
25.05.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**

31.05.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
07.06.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
14.06.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
21.06.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
28.06.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
05.07.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
12.07.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
19.07.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
26.07.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
02.08.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report local lockdowns in Beijing and few other cities. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
06.08.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report rising infection cases in China. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
30.08.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged, but media and local affiliate report rising infection cases in China. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
06.09.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**

13.09.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
21.09.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
27.09.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
04.10.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
11.10.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
18.10.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
25.10.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
01.11.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
08.11.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
15.11.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
22.11.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
29.11.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
06.12.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
13.12.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
20.12.2021	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
03.01.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
10.01.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
17.01.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
26.01.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
31.01.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible.** **Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
14.02.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged.

		On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.
28.02.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
07.03.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
14.03.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
21.03.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
01.04.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
11.04.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
25.04.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdown in Shanghai, new cases detected in Beijing, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
02.05.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdown in Shanghai, new cases detected in Beijing, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
16.05.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdown in Shanghai and Beijing, new cases detected in Beijing, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
23.05.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdown in Shanghai and Beijing, new cases detected in Beijing, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel

		restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation.**
30.05.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdown in Shanghai and Beijing, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
13.06.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
20.06.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
27.06.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
04.07.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
11.07.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in

		China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
02.08.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
08.08.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. Overall China has low infection rates according to WHO map, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
15.08.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
23.08.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
29.08.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation**

		(apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).
05.09.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
20.09.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
26.09.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
04.10.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
11.10.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
18.10.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation

		in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
24.10.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
01.11.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
07.11.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
14.11.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
21.11.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked**

		due to travel restrictions).
28.11.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
05.12.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China seems to reduce Corona restrictions, but without clear strategy. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
12.12.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China seems to reduce Corona restrictions, but without clear strategy. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
19.12.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China seems to reduce Corona restrictions, but without clear strategy. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
28.12.2022	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection and death rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities,

		Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China reduces Corona restrictions and announces to reduce travel restrictions. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
02.01.2023	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection and death rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China reduces Corona restrictions and announces to reduce travel restrictions. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
16.01.2023	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection and death rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China reduces Corona restrictions and announces to reduce travel restrictions. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**
23.01.2023	Updated sources above	General situation unchanged. China slightly higher infection rates due to WHO map than before, Press media report about increasing infection and death rates in China. Severe lockdowns in some cities, Situation in China may change, needs to be observed. News: China reduces Corona restrictions and announces to reduce travel restrictions. In case Auditors are locked in their cities due to travel restrictions, desk audits are permitted. **On-site audits to be conducted where possible. Each Desk Audit needs individual derogation (apart from situations when auditors are locked due to travel restrictions).**