## COVID – 19 – TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE BORDER GATES IN EUROPE

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**Austria** – Level of risk 2. There is restrictions for the haulers coming from Italy. There are lines of vehicles as the border gates. The Authorities may enter in force further restrictions. Temperature measurement.

Albania – Level of risk 1. There are no special restrictions for the transport.

Belgium - Level of risk 1. There are no special restrictions for the transport.

**Bulgaria** – Level of risk 2. State of Emergency. There are no special restrictions for the transport.

**Germany** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport.

**Greece** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Ferries are still operating.

**Spain** – Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. It is possible the situation to be changed in the next days depending of the spread of the virus.

**Italy** - Level of risk 3. There are no special restrictions for the transport. There is possibility for restrictions in other countries for transports form Northern Italy. For some cases health certificate is needed.

Lithuania - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport.

**Republic Northern Macedonia** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. There is chance the situation to be changed in the next few hours. There are possible some restrictions for transport undertakings coming from the risk zone.

NEW!!! In Macedonia according to the government's recommendation all those coming from critical places are subject to a 14-day quarantine. There is no complete closing of the borders at the moment, but that option is not excluded.

The latest information are that starting today 13.03 in the next 14 days will be completely closed border crossing Blato (Debar) and border crossing Djepchishte – Trebishte for any kind of traffic.

Also starting from 06.00 on 13.03.2020 to 15.03.2020 until 24.00 there will be restricted entry and exit for all passengers by the border authorities of the Republic of Albania, traveling to border crossing Stenje and border crossing St. Naum.

**Poland** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Level of selfcontrol high. There are lines of truck on the border with Ukraine.

New!!! Waiting additional news!!! Legal act/s should be issued!!!

Polish Prime Minister has informed the citizens and business on the additional protective measures which refer to closing of the borders for foreigners/ international air and rail passengers transport and limitation of the public activities, including closing certain types of shops.

Note rules:

• an international transport of goods is not affected

• foreigners which legally work and have regulated legal stay in Poland are to be allowed to cross the borders

• not all border points will be opened

A remaining question, which we should be clarifed by tomorrow, is whether we can confirm the exclusion for the international transport drivers from 14-days obligatory quarantine imposed on foreigners and Polish citizens coming from abroad (including the drivers in buses, which come back to Poland for the weekly rest and/or leave Poland to the parking places where the trucks are parked).

We do not have any details yet.

We have right now an official summary of the government which states that the drivers (road drivers) are excluded from the 14 days obligatory quarantine, which we find as insufficient.

**Romania** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. All transportations form North Italy are not allowed. 14 days for quarantine period.

**Slovenia** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. The border gates are closed only for the transport underrating entering from Italy. 18 hours of delay on the border gates with Croatia. That is why the Border gates is closed.

**Slavakia** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Border closed for passenger only.

**Serbia** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Transit is open.

New!!! - There are no restrictions for the transport but transit is limited with period of 12h for exit!

**Turkey** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Line of transport undertaking on the Bulgarian – Turkish Border Gate.

**Hungary** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. There are chances situation to be changed in the next few hours. Some transport undertaking oming from Italy are stopped. – See attached file dated 13.3.20

**Ukraine** - Level of risk 3. There are special restrictions for the transport. Only 49 Border gates are open.

**Croatia** - Level of risk 4. NEW!!! There are special restrictions for the transport. All foreign drivers who entering Croatia and are coming from Italy, China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, **Bahrein**, Iran, Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, Austria, UK, the Netherlands, Sweden and the Bela Krajina region (Slovenia) **except for drivers in transit** will be sent to mandatory quarantine in Croatia for the period of next 14 days. Foreign drivers are warned that they can turn back and return to country they came from if they don't want to be put in croatian quarantine. Transit is exempt from this restrictions. Please be aware of long waiting times at border crossings. As of today procedures regarding issuing quarantine documentation will be quicker and hopefully this will help to reduce waiting time. The list of above mentioned countries will be updated.

**Czech Republic** - Level of risk 2. There are no special restrictions for the transport. Border closed for passenger only.

New!!! - Latest development in the Czech Republic in relation to spread of COVID-19. As you might know, the Czech authorities have declared state of emergency as of 12 March 2020, 14:00 and have adopted series of measures concerning the international bus transport, international rail passenger transport, and international inland waterways passenger transport. This includes also some temporary measures which will come to end on 16th March (0:00) when the general prohibition to travel to and from the Czech Republic will start to apply.

The temporary measures concerning international passenger transport are following:

• As of 14th March (0:00), all international bus regular services with vehicles with a capacity exceeding 9 passengers and all international railway and international inland waterways (limitedly on Elbe river on Czech-German border) passenger transport to and from the Czech Republic are prohibited.

• International special / occasional bus transport (exceeding 9 passengers) is allowed to be operated for the purpose to transport citizens of the Czech Republic and foreigners with temporary residence exceeding 90 days or with permanent residence in the Czech Republic from abroad to the Czech Republic.

• Similarly, foreigners will be allowed to leave the Czech Republic using special / occasional international road passenger transport with vehicles with a capacity exceeding 9 passengers.

• Carriers operating in international road and rail passenger transport and residing both in the Czech Republic and abroad are allowed to transport empty buses, trains, and watercrafts without passengers into/out of the Czech Republic.

Operation of international road haulage and rail freight transport remain without restrictions for now but there are designated border crossing points with Germany (7 points) and Austria (4 points) where the vehicles can enter or leave the Czech Republic.

**Montenegro** - There are special restrictions for the transport. All foreign drivers form risk zones who are trying to enter Montenegro except for drivers in transit will be sent to mandatory quarantine in Croatia for the period of next 14 days.

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