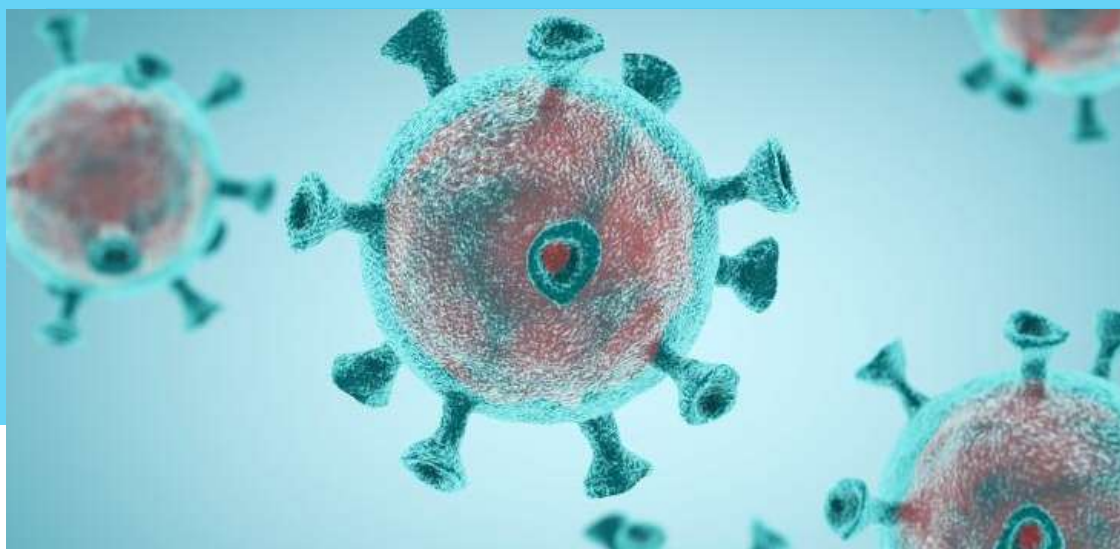


## Impact on freight and passenger transport of the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

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Mongolia, Norway*





## Albania

*Updated on 22/03/20*

From March 22th, the following applies:

### **Restrictions on movements**

- Tirana airport suspends all flights to and from Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary. Very limited connection to Istanbul is maintained.
- Movement of people outside their home/household is strictly limited from 05.00h -13.00h. People can leave their home only for professional interests and for buying goods or medical supplies. From 13.00h until 05.00h of the next day, only authorised personnel can leave their home.
- International and domestic passenger transport is forbidden.
- Transport of goods and medical supplies is exempted from the provision, prior to authorisation.

**Source: ANALTIR**

## Argentina

*Updated on 21/04/20*

### **Facilitation measures**

- The [Decree of Necessity and Urgency](#), established on 19 March by the National Executive, has determined preventive and compulsory social isolation for the general population, but has excluded the motor transport of cargo as it is considered essential for the normal functioning of society. It therefore ensures the flow of the transport of goods, oil, fuels and LPG, any activities related to agriculture, fishery and food production and distribution. This essential service also includes the home delivery of food, medicines, cleaning and hygiene products and other necessities, as well as the collection, transport and treatment of urban, hazardous and pathogenic solid waste.

### **Recommendations of the association**

- FADEEAC recommends reducing staff to a minimum, leaving in place a dedicated team to enable the smooth operation of each company until 31 March. These might include administrative workers or mechanics, among others. According to FADEEAC, it is also important to remember that based on previous experience, complications may arise in some parts of the country with the application of these rules, and that in this instance some jurisdictions may apply exceptional measures and restrict freight transport operations. That is why the FADEEAC COVID19 Crisis Committee is available to provide legal support and assistance to resolve any doubts and discuss potential conflicts detected by carriers along the country's routes. To request information and for enquiries or complaints about irregular situations, contact the CRISIS Committee FADEEAC COVID19 via Whatsapp message only, +549 11 37649391, 7 days per week, from 08:00 to 22:00.

**Source: FADEEAC**

## Armenia

*Updated on 7/04/20*



### Restrictions at borders

- According to Decision No.31 of the Commandant's Office of the Republic of Armenia, dated 3 April 2020, the transportation of all types of goods between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Armenia (export, import, transit) can be carried out at the Meghri border crossing point.
- All goods from the Islamic Republic of Iran are subject to transshipment, except for those goods which have the written permission of the State Revenue Committee.
- Armenia has no transport restrictions affecting any other country.

Source: AIRCA

## Austria

*Updated on 18/05/20*

### Restrictions at borders

#### Entry to Austria (generic rules):

- Austria has reintroduced temporary border controls. These measures applies until either [7 May](#) (for borders Slovakia and Czech Republic), [31 May](#) (for borders with Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) or [11 November](#) (for borders with Hungary and Slovenia).
- Persons from the following neighbouring countries - Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic - wanting to enter Austria must present a [medical certificate](#) that can be filled out in German, English or Italian, which proves that their test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days at the time of entry, otherwise the authorities may refuse entry. The regulation applies until 31 May, **freight and commuter traffic is exempted**.
- **Health checks are carried out at all border crossings.**

#### Austria-Italy:

- Austria has reintroduced temporary border controls at the borders with Italy. Truck drivers must undergo official health checks when entering Austria.
- Smaller border crossing points are [closed](#). Open border crossings are: Brenner, Sillian, Reschenpass and Thörl-Maglern. Traffic can be monitored via webcams [here](#).

#### Austria-Germany:

- On the Austrian side, border controls have been implemented at the border with Germany since 19.03.2020. Persons entering or transiting through Austria are obliged to undergo a medical examination for suspected COVID-19 before crossing the border by order of the health authorities. This medical examination may also be carried out for persons crossing the border for the purpose of goods or commercial transport or for commuting.

#### Austria-Switzerland:

- Freight traffic and cross-border commuters can cross the Swiss border and return to Austria without restrictions.
- the following border crossings are open:
  - Tirol – Pfunds (Goods/passenger traffic)



- Vorarlberg – Mäder (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Lustenau (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Hohenems (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Wohlfurt (Goods traffic)

#### **Austria-Hungary:**

- The following border crossings are available for international goods traffic (traffic to and from Hungary):
  - Hegyeshalom/Nickelsdorf
  - Sopron/Klingenbach
  - Rábafüzes/Heiligenkreuz
- Exclusively for bilateral Austria-Hungary freight traffic (driver must citizen from Hungary or Austria), the following border crossings are also available:
  - Bucsú/Schachendorf
  - Köszeg/Rattersdorf
  - Kópháza/Deutschkreutz
- Traffic can be monitored via webcams [here](#) and [here](#).

#### **Austria-Slovenia:**

- Since 18 March, small border crossings between Austria and Slovenia are closed. The following border crossing points are still open for international traffic:
  - Bonisdorf – Kuzma
  - Mureck – Trate (5:00 – 21:00)
  - Radlpaß – Radelj (5:00-21:00)
  - Sichelndorf – Gederovci
  - Spielfeld (Autobahn) – Šentilj
  - Bad Radkersburg – Gornja Radgona
  - Karawankentunnel (A11) – Karavanke (A2)
  - Loibltunnel – Ljubelj (5:00 – 21:00)
  - Lavamünd – Vič (5:00-23:00)
  - Gröden – Holmec (5:00-08:00 und 15:00-18:00)
- Freight traffic is excluded from the restrictions on both sides and for the most part circulates without problems.

#### **Austria-Slovakia:**

- From 10 April, Austria introduces border controls with Slovakia. Furthermore, from 14 April, new requirements also apply: if requested by the health authorities, drivers should be subject to medical examination. Freight transport and commercial transport (with the exception of commercial passenger transport), and commuters are not affected by these measures.
- The following border crossings are open for goods transport.
  - Kittsee – Bratislava/Jarovce



- Hohenau – Moravský Svätý Ján (between 05:00 - 24:00 also trucks up to 7.5t)

#### Austria-Czech Republic:

- From 10 April, Austria implemented controls at the border with the Czech Republic (especially checking travel documents). From the same date, additional health checks are also introduced at the Austrian border. Czech commuters, as well as freight transport and commercial transport, currently do not require a medical certificate.
- Czech commuters entering Austria must have the following documents:
  - [Austrian commuter certificate](#)
  - Travel documents (best: passport)
  - Further recommended: Copy of the employment contract
- Drivers and companies are advised that double manning is permitted, provided that appropriate safety distances (1m), masks and the general COVID-19 rules of conduct are observed. It is mandatory to wear a mask in public places (when entering service stations, toilet facilities, petrol stations – inside).

#### Facilitation measures

- On 10 April, the Austrian Government granted a further [relaxation](#) of driving and rest time rules. The following relaxations apply to national and international transport from **until 31 May**:
  - Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
  - Art. 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
  - Art. 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours.

Relaxations set out by the previous decree are no longer in place.

- With effect from 18 May, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5t and trucks with trailers, has been reapplied.

Source: AISÖ

## Azerbaijan

Updated on 9/04/20

#### Restrictions on movements

##### **Goods:**

- In accordance with the decision of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, foreign drivers of freight vehicles will be able to enter the territory of Azerbaijan or transit through Azerbaijan without obstacles.
- **Maritime transportation** (including trucks and container trans-shipment) with certain restrictions with neighbouring countries (Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan) is open and ongoing.
  - Only Turkmen freight drivers can use Turkmenistan ships heading to their country. Also, only trailers and semi-trailers will be allowed to be loaded on to the Turkmen ships.



- All drivers are obliged to test in the Port of Baku, in the guarantee zone before loading. Only the drivers with negative test result certificates can enter Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. The test results are made available within 6-8 hours.
- At the Port of Baku, truck drivers wait for the ship in dedicated clean zones and food is being provided.
- **Road Transport:** all border-crossing points (with Iran, Russia, Georgia and Turkey) are open for road transport (only for freight).
  - Accompanied (police escort) freight vehicles from Iran and from Alat port, heading in the Georgia direction, are allowed to cross the borders of Azerbaijan.
  - According to the order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, free food and rest places are provided for international truck drivers.

**Passengers:**

- The border between Azerbaijan and Iran is closed to all passenger traffic as of 29.02.2020.
- The border between Azerbaijan and Georgia is closed to all passenger traffic as of 14.03.2020.
- The border between Azerbaijan and Turkey is closed to all passenger traffic as of 14.03.2020.
- The border between Azerbaijan and Russia is closed to all passenger traffic as of 18.03.2020.

*Note: In all these cases, allowances are made for citizens of Azerbaijan to cross the border to return home, and vice-versa.*

**Other:**

- The visa registration through “ASAN Viza” electronic portal is suspended due to the global epidemic situation.

Useful links and hotline:

- The [State Agency on Mandatory Health Insurance](#) (TABIB)
- COVID-19 Hotline of TABIB: **1542**
- [Operational Headquarters](#) under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- [Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan](#) (information in Azerbaijani only)

**Source: Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

## Belarus

*Updated on 19/05/20*

**Restrictions on movements**

- Belarus still doesn't close its borders for international road transport.
- In accordance with Governmental regulation No. 171, all persons arriving to Belarus from countries where COVID-19 infection has been registered, are obliged to put themselves into self-isolation for 14 calendar days and are not allowed to cross the Belarusian border until self-isolation period is over.  
**The above requirement is not applicable to drivers engaged in international road transport.**
- Comments of customs authorities of Belarus regarding transit in such a serious epidemiologic situation can be found [here...](#)





- The Government of Belarus has issued a [Regulation No. 208 of 8 April 2020](#) which introduces additional restrictive measures. This document shall enter into force on 10 April 2020.  
The new regulation notably requires that self-isolation requirements shall also be applicable to drivers after completion of international road transport of goods in the territory of Belarus. This also includes drivers who were replaced, in the course of the transit transport operation, and are arriving from countries where COVID-19 has been registered. This applies until the next road transport operation or within 14 calendar days.  
The regulation also requires that drivers performing international road transport operations across the territory of Belarus, must have personal protective equipment (medical masks, gloves) on board and use them when they leave the cabin. [Read more in Russian...](#)
- On 28 April, in accordance with the amendments to the Decree of the Council of Ministers No. 171 “On measures to prevent the importation and spread of infection caused by the coronavirus COVID-19”, the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus provided an **updated map of routes for vehicles transiting through the territory of the Republic of Belarus** which indicate the locations for stopping/parking, rest and refueling. In particular, an additional stopping/parking point has been included: M-1/E30 Brest (Kozlovichi) - Minsk - border of the Russian Federation (Redki), 6 km (right) - fuel station Tatbelnefteprodukt.  
Maps can be downloaded using the following links: [Karta \(PYC\)](#), [Map \(ENG\)](#)
- Extended sanitary norms and rules published by the Belarusian [Health Ministry also oblige transit drivers have masks and gloves](#) and use them whenever they leave the cabin.

### **Facilitation measures**

- The Government of Belarus has issued a [Regulation No. 256 of 24 April 2020](#) with amendments to the previous [Regulation No. 171 of 25 March 2020](#). These amendments are effective from 1 May 2020, and reflect some of the supportive measures for the industry, including those initiated by the association “BAMAP”.  
For vehicles registered in Belarus and used for the international road transport operations of goods, the validity date of the following documents has been extended for 30 calendar days:
  - Certificates of approval of a road vehicle for the international carriage of goods under customs seals;
  - Certificates of admission of a road vehicle (except for wheel tractors, also in combination with trailers or semi-trailers) issued to validate permission to be on the road.
  - International certificates of vehicles’ technical inspections;
  - Certificates of technical control issued to validate the compliance of a road vehicle with the ECMT technical standards;

The extension for 30 calendar days will be applicable to the above documents in cases where the validity date expires between 1 May 2020 and 30 May 2020.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus has been instructed to notify foreign states of this decision through diplomatic channels.

Due to the current pandemic situation, and in case the notification of the same decision sent by foreign states to Belarus through diplomatic channels, the State Customs Committee of Belarus has confirmed that it is also ready to accept such certificates of approval as valid when performing customs operations.

**Sources: BAMAP (from the Ministry of Health, State Border Committee of Belarus and Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus)**



## Belgium

*Updated on 18/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- On 4 May 2020, the first phase of a de-confinement plan started. Teleworking stays the norm, but non-essential businesses offering business-to-business solutions can restart activity. The second phase of the plan started on 11 May, the third phase on 18 May. Much will depend on developments in the number of contaminations, hospitalised patients and fatalities. Social distancing measures are obligatory. In case this is not possible, mouth masks should be worn.
- The Belgian government has reintroduced border controls temporarily at all internal borders, and at least until 7 June 2020.
- These measures have no consequences for international freight transport and drivers. However, a number of companies have been forced to close because they are unable to respect the social distancing rules or are short of material to continue the production process.
- Collective passenger transport normal timetables are resumed and mouth masks become mandatory on board and in the stations. In line with the advice regarding unnecessary journeys abroad, all coach services are in a lockdown phase. As schools have been closed, all related transport has been suspended, apart from schools requiring transport to respect their duty of day care for children from families working in key roles, such as health care workers. The professional training for driving licences or continuous education, and even MOT control have been suspended and appropriate measures are taken to waive the potential validity violations.

### Facilitation measures

- On 13 April, relaxations on driving and rest time rules in Belgium have been slightly [adapted and limited](#). For drivers transporting essential goods (food supplies, medicines, medical equipment, fuel), the following applies:
  - Increase of the maximum weekly driving limit from 56 hours to 59 hours.
  - Increase of the maximum fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 96 hours.
  - Possibility to postpone a weekly rest period beyond seven-24 hour periods (instead of six).
  - Possibility to take 2 consecutive reduced weekly rest periods, provided that:
    - a) the driver takes at least 4 weekly rests in 4 consecutive weeks, of which 2 are regular weekly rests; and
    - b) compensation for a reduced weekly rest shall be taken before the end of the fourth week.
- For all other drivers, there is the possibility to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, provided that it has suitable sleeping facilities and is maintained. Such exemptions apply to national and international goods transport.
- Exemptions for both categories **apply until 31 May**.

FEBETRA has created a comprehensive webpage on measures taken in Belgium. The page can be consulted in [Dutch](#) and [French](#).

**Sources: FEBETRA, FBAA and Official News Agencies**





## Brazil

*Updated on 23/03/20*

- IRU member NTC & Logística has reported that in spite of the critical situation in Brazil, and considering the crisis ahead, all entities representing road freight transport and logistics are committed to sharing as much information as possible with transporters:  
“We are monitoring all measures being taken by public and private agencies in relation to traffic, working conditions, preventive measures for the health and safety of employees and service providers, the closing of establishments, problems and difficulties in fulfilling their transportation contracts, restrictions of any kind and all measures of an economic nature that are being studied by the government, in all areas.
- The situation calls for organised planning and responsibility in guaranteeing the supply of essential items concerning public health, i.e. items in relation to personal hygiene, medicines, food and hospital supplies, as well as other priorities.
- We are aware of the concern of businesses in the sector and their desire to maintain that business, along with jobs and their financial commitments, and we confirm that we are in constant discussion with the government on all levels.
- The link below accesses a guide to actions that can be taken by companies in relation to labour issues, which will be updated as the government discloses new legislative measures on this matter:  
[Coronavirus Specific Legislation Impacting Operations.](#)”

**Source: NCT & Logística**

## Bulgaria

*Updated on 14/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- On 13 May, Bulgarian Authorities lifted the state of emergency and introduced an "emergency epidemic situation", which will be in place **from 14 May until 14 June**.
- In a new order issued on 14 May, the Minister of Health has confirmed the temporary entry ban for all foreign nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport.
- The following categories are excluded from the prohibitions above:
  - Bulgarian citizens, family members of Bulgarian citizens, persons with permanent, long-term residence status in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families;
  - Medical professionals, medical scientists and social workers, if the purpose of their journey is linked to their professional work;
  - Transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, aircraft crews engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel, as appropriate;
  - Foreign officials (Heads of State, Government, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers carrying out their duties;



- Persons travelling for humanitarian reasons;
  - Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and third-country nationals directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria; and
  - Seasonal farm workers and workers in tourism sector
  - Cross-border workers
  - Workers involved in the supply, maintenance and installation of medical products (personal protective equipment, devices etc...)
- Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is allowed for:
    - Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
    - Third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
    - Citizens of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey in order to return to their country;
  - The following regime has been introduced for non-Bulgarian drivers coming from other countries:
    - drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for the Bulgarian market should enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods transported, load goods if they wish so, and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and
    - drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for other countries are permitted to transit through the Republic of Bulgaria on a route determined by the Road Infrastructure Agency.
  - The determined deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may not exceed 24 hours from the entrance in the country.
  - In cases where drivers of goods vehicles which are allowed to transit Bulgaria, but due to a ban by a neighbouring state cannot leave Bulgaria, a place will be determined where the truck and the driver must stay until the ban is abolished, after that he has to leave the country.
  - On 30 March 2020 and until further notice, the border crossing point between Bulgaria and Greece “Zlatograd-Thermes” has been closed due to the spread of Covid-19 and a quarantine has been announced in the respective Greek border region.
  - On 14 April, the Bulgarian Road Infrastructure Agency has published an interactive map of the green corridors for road transport of goods transiting the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The map contains useful information on rest areas and the respective number of parking slots, sanitary facilities, possibility to buy food, availability of internet connection, lighting, video surveillance, fuel station, nearest emergency services, number of slots for refuelling refrigerated trucks, etc.: <http://www.api.bg/index.php/en/green-corridors> or <https://www.bgtoll.bg/en>

### **Measures applying to drivers: Health equipment**

- The use of a facial mask is already mandatory in closed public spaces. Nevertheless, people and drivers who are in open public places are required to comply with the requirement of social distancing and all anti-epidemic measures, and wear a protective mask in case there is a need to be in contact with others.

### **Facilitation measures**



- On 14 April, the Bulgarian Road Infrastructure Agency has issued an order temporarily suspending the official holidays driving ban and the summer weekly traffic ban for trucks over 12 tonnes until further notice.
- In addition, the Bulgarian Government has granted further temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for drivers under Reg. (EC) 561/2006 regarding the national and international transport of goods. **This exception applies until 31 May 2020.** Measures lifted are the following:
  - Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
  - Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily break requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
  - Art. 8(6): possibility to take two consecutive reduced weekly rest periods of minimum 24 hours, provided that
    - ✓ the drivers take at least 4 weekly rests within these 4 consecutive weeks and at least two of them should be regular weekly rests
    - ✓ the two reduced weekly rests should be compensated before the next rest period
  - Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

**Sources: AEBTRI and EC, DG MOVE**

## Canada

*Updated on 17/04/20*

- The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) was informed on 15 April, by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), that the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is directing the agency, effective immediately, to implement a policy requiring all essential workers crossing the border to wear a non-medical mask or face covering and to provide drivers with a mask should they not have one.
- CBSA informed CTA that no drivers will be turned away from entering Canada as a result of this policy and CBSA will be attempting to provide drivers with a mask, should they not have one.
- The direction from the PHAC also states all travellers arriving in Canada will be required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering to proceed to their final destination, where they will isolate or quarantine.

**Source: Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA)**

## China (People's Republic of)

*Updated on 16/04/20*

### Restrictions at borders

#### **Goods**



- China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry into China by foreign nationals holding valid visas or residence permits due to the rapid global spread of COVID-19, according to an announcement by the Foreign Ministry and the National Immigration Administration on Thursday.  
The suspension - starting on Saturday 28 March - is a temporary measure that China is compelled to take in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the practices of other countries.  
In addition, entry with diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas will not be affected, and foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities, or out of emergency humanitarian need, may apply for visas at Chinese Embassies or Consulates.  
(Note: C visas are issued to air crew members, railway and maritime staff, and international road transport drivers. Therefore, international drivers will be exempted from the above policy).

**Sources: the Foreign Ministry, the National Immigration Administration, [China Daily](#)**

- Chinese authorities have urged strict measures to prevent the return of a domestic outbreak while controlling the import of new cases of coronavirus. The central government have urged local governments to perform their duties in preventing cases, imported or exported through land and waterway transport, and implement measures to suspend cross-border international road transport and enhance management on international waterway transport.
- The Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China published new rules on 11 April 2020 - *notification on further prevention and control of overseas epidemic importation and strengthening the closed management of international road freight drivers*. Specific requirements for foreign drivers are as follows:
  - In principle, **foreign freight vehicles entering the border should unload at the port**. Foreign drivers shall leave China on the same day, and shall not contact the management personnel of the freight terminal and the cargo handling personnel during the loading and unloading period.
  - Foreign drivers who are unable to leave China on the same day due to genuine difficulties will be subject to temperature check, and will be directly transferred from the port to a designated place under the supervision of the local authority responsible for the prevention and control of the epidemic. It will not be permitted to go out of the designated place before leaving China.
  - During their stay in China, foreign drivers shall comply with the relevant provisions on the prevention and control of the epidemic situation at the place where the port is located, strengthen their own protection, take the initiative in health declaration, and promptly report any suspected symptoms such as fever, dry cough and fatigue.
  - Foreign drivers who make multiple trips to and from cross-border transport shall be subject to regular testing (nucleic acid testing).
  - Drivers who refuse to comply with the epidemic prevention and control regulations will be placed on a blacklist.

**Sources: CRTA and the [State Council of the People's Republic of China](#)**

### ***Passenger***

- According to a notice published on 20 March by The State Council of The People's Republic of China, China will suspend cross-border road transportation for passengers and hold back inbound and outbound tourist services as part of a broader effort to curb the importation of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases from 20 March until further notice.

**Sources: National Immigration Administration, Chinese Customs and <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202003/20/WS5e740aa9a31012821728095b.html>**



- On 30 March 2020, the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China issued a notice on the prevention and control of imported coronavirus from overseas.
- The following items are related to border crossing point (BCP) closures and operations of foreign trucks:
  - **For road BCPs.** Those closed passenger and cargo transport BCPs and passenger transport BCPs will continue to be closed for transport operations until further notice; the opening of international passenger transport at seasonal BCPs will be postponed.
  - **For truck drivers.** Foreign trucks will unload cargo at BCPs, and foreign truck drivers will return on the same day of arrival in China. Those foreign truck drivers who have difficulty returning will stay in accommodation designated by local disease prevention and control agencies.

#### Source: China Transportation News

- With effect from 6 April, the passing of road freight through the Russian-Chinese border crossings points of Poltavka-Dongning and Turirog-Mishan is no longer permitted. The Pogranichny-Suifenhe border crossing point is closed for passenger transport, **however currently remains open for freight transport**. These measures have been put in place in order to ensure centralised inspections and/or quarantine in relation to the flow of goods and passengers through these ports.
- With effect from 8 April, due to the rapidly increasing flow of passengers, the Manzhouli-Zabaikalsk border crossing point has been closed for passenger transport until further notice, as it has exceeded its capacities for inspection, quarantine and virus testing. **Freight transport will remain open for operations**.
- On 14 April, the border crossing point of Irkeshtam, on the China-Kyrgyzstan border, has been reopened to freight transport. Goods entering both countries in foreign trucks have to be unloaded and loaded onto domestic vehicles driven by domestic drivers. Passenger transport remains banned.

Sources: Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Heilongjiang Province; People's Daily; Irkeshtam Customs

## Colombia

Updated on 6/05/20

### Restrictions on movements

- On 6 May, the Colombian Government extended the national quarantine **until 25 May**.
- The government has set up a Logistics and Transportation Centre to manage the transport of cargo and passengers by air, land, river, maritime and rail.
- Intercity transport is only used for access to or provision of health services and for people who require mobilisation and are authorised under the terms of Decree 457 of 22 March 2020. Urban transport operations (BRT) are allowed, but with an occupation rate of 35% per vehicle, to be used by people who can benefit from exemptions. Individual passenger transport (taxi) only works by telephone or through apps. Tourist transport and school transport services are suspended.
- Goods transport operations guarantee the services necessary to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 as well as the support to other industries that are allowed to operate by Decree 457 of 22 March 2020.



Source: CST

## Croatia

Updated on 27/04/20

### Restrictions on movements:

#### **General information for travellers**

- There is a compulsory 14-day quarantine or self-isolation measure in place for travellers arriving from specific countries (list available [here](#); Italian citizens included).
- The following are **exempt** from the implementation of this measure:
  - Healthcare professionals, healthcare researchers and collaborators, experts in care for the elderly, and persons requiring urgent medical treatment;
  - Cross-border workers;
  - **Goods carriers and other transport personnel, to the extent necessary;**
  - Diplomats, police officers while carrying out their duties, civil defence services and teams, international organisation staff and international military personnel while carrying out their duties;
  - Passengers in transit.

The above mentioned exempt persons will be subject to the instructions and measures adopted by the CIPH.

End date: not available

Further information [here](#) and [here](#).

#### **Commercial road transport**

- According to the latest exchange (20 April) with the Croatian authorities, the current situation is the following:
  - There are no limitations to transit at the border crossings when using green lanes, as defined by the European Commission [communication](#) (see Annex 1 and the [green lanes map](#)). Green lanes are open for both transit and the unloading of trucks in Croatia;
  - With regards to the paper documents, Croatia is following the European Commission communication on the implementation of green lanes in order to demonstrate their flexibility;
  - There is no convoy for goods delivered inside Croatia, and on 18 April, the Croatian Government took the decision to abolish the convoy method for transit operations in Croatia.
- The contact point for the relevant Croatian authority is [uprava.infrastruktura@mmpi.hr](mailto:uprava.infrastruktura@mmpi.hr).
- **Vehicles in transit through Croatia will use the following border crossing points:**
  - Croatia – Slovenia border: Bregana and Macelj
  - Croatia – Hungary border: Goričan and Duboševica
  - Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina border: Nova Sela, Stara Gradiška and Slavonski Šamac
  - Croatia – Serbia border: Bajakovo
- Transport services in transit through the territory of the Republic of Croatia shall be carried out using motorways. Routes of movement, stopping points and fuel points will be determined by police authorities. Drivers of goods vehicles shall adhere to the instructions from police officers and civil defence members. When stopping, drivers shall observe strict distancing measures and shall avoid close personal contacts (2 meters indoors and 1 meter outdoors).

### Measures applicable to drivers: Quarantine measures





- Following loading or unloading of goods, resident drivers should adhere to self-isolation measures. However, they can start a new transport activities and interrupt the quarantine period at any time. Drivers who show symptoms should contact their family doctor straight away and ask for further instructions. In case the driver cannot spend the self-isolation period at home, the employer should provide him with dedicated premises, subject to approval by the local civil defence authority.
- In case the self-isolation period is shorter than 24 hours, the driver shall take the daily rest in the cabin and within the employer's parking area. If, for objective reasons, the drivers of goods vehicles in international transport are not able to stay in home isolation or in quarantine/isolation premises provided by their employer, they may use in the quarantine/self-isolation premises provided by county civil defence authorities.
- Non-resident drivers are not subject to health monitoring measures in case they leave Croatia immediately after unloading. In case their permanence in Croatia is longer than 24 hours, they should make use of self-isolation premises provided by competent authorities.

**Sources: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, European Commission [website](#) and ITF**

## Czech Republic

*Updated on 19/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- The Government has announced a "state of emergency" with a set of bans and limitations, including:
  - Foreigners coming from high risk countries (unless permanent residents) are temporarily banned to enter in the national territory. High risk countries are: Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, UK, Belgium, Austria, China and South Korea,
  - Prohibition for Czech citizens and foreign permanent residents to travel to high risk countries,
  - The international transport of passengers by bus is stopped from 00:00 of 14 March
  - International freight transport is exempt of the restriction. However, only major border crossings with Austria (Dolní Dvořiště, České Velenice, Hatě Mikulov) and Germany (Strážný, Pomezí n.O., Rozvadov, Folmava, Žel. Ruda, Krásný Les, H.Sv. Šebestiána) will remain open.
- The Government of the Czech Republic decided to prolong the "state of emergency" **until 17 May 2020**.
- As of 00:00 on 11 May, new rules came into force at Czech borders. All foreign nationals are banned from entry; foreigners with a permanent residence permit, foreigners with a temporary residence permit over 90 days and people working in international transport are exempted from the provision. The following categories are included in the definition of "people working in international transport" and benefit from the exemption:
  - Truck drivers (**drivers' assistants are not considered to be drivers, therefore the exemption does not apply to them**)
  - Bus drivers (especially those driving repatriation buses)
  - Road managers' vehicle crews
  - Aircraft crews
  - Train drivers, train crews and carriage inspectors



- Ship captains and cargo vessel crews
- Drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers who are transporting one of the above categories of people to their place of work and back, and the empty journeys associated with those transportations. The driver must be employed in the same company as the people he/she is transporting.
- Third party drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers, subject to certain conditions
- Accompanying vehicles of abnormal load transport (supporting documentation must be provided by the carrier or the organisation responsible for transport)

Full communication can be read [here](#)

- Following the end of the state of emergency on 17 May, **from 18 May - the weekend and holiday driving bans have been fully reintroduced** in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t, and trucks and special vehicles with trailers if the MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5t.

### **Facilitation measures**

- The Ministry of Transport, Czech Republic, has granted a general exemption from the driving restrictions on Sundays and public holidays on motorways and class I roads in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with an MPW of over 7.5 tons and trucks and special vehicles with trailers, if an MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5 tons.  
The exemption is valid **from 15:00 on 13 March 2020 for the time the state of emergency is in force**, but not longer than one year.
- However, note that from 19 March 2020 for a period of 60 days, the border sections of the D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 motorways are affected by the following restriction:  
In the direction of the border crossing points, lorries over 3.5 tonnes are prohibited from overtaking. Exceptions to this prohibition are vehicles used in:
  - The carriage of perishable goods, at least half the volume of the cargo space of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.
  - The transport of live animals.
  - Carriage of fuel intended for petrol stations.
  - Carriage of postal items.
  - The transport of medical and biological material, medicines and material for their manufacture.

The reason for this restriction is to reduce queues at border crossing points and give preference to essential transport.

The restriction applies to the following sections of road:

- Highway D1 from km 366,300 to the right (direction of state border).
- Highway D2 from km 35,000 to the right (direction of the state border).
- Highway D5 from km 136,300 to the right (direction of parking).
- D8 motorway from km 86,900 to the right (direction of the state border) and from the state border to km 88,200 to the left (direction Prague, due to checks by the Czech Republic police).
- On 22 March, a critical situation was reported on the CZ/SK borders due to drivers taking the 45 min. rest in the right lane blocking the access to the border crossing. Drivers are asked to take the rest elsewhere or to postpone it.
- On 23 March, the Czech Ministry of Transport published a comprehensive overview of the measures taken in the field of transport. The table can be consulted [here](#).



- The Czech government granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules. Relaxations apply from **15 April until 31 May** to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Czech territory and are as follows:
  - Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving limit from 9 hours to 11 hours
  - Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving limit from 56 hours to 60 hours
  - Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 100 hours
  - Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirement from 11 hours to 9 hours
  - Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period
  - Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, provided that the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities.
- On 29 April, the Czech government has prolonged the state of emergency until 17 May 2020. Exemptions from driving restrictions have been extended accordingly.

**Sources: CESMAD BOHEMIA and Czech Police**

## Denmark

*Updated on 11/05/20*

### **Restrictions at borders**

- Restrictions at the Danish borders have been extended **until and including 31 May**. The Danish Government is in contact with Denmark's neighbouring countries and will decide on the temporary border control and entry bans and travel advice by 1 June 2020.
- Transport of goods will still be possible. All channels of freight transport by road, sea, rail and rail will be kept open without any other control than the normal customs/passport controls on random basis. However, international freight transport (including transit) by road should be operated through the following border crossing points: Frøslev, Sæd or Kruså. Please note that Kruså border crossing point is not accessible for vehicles above 3.5 tonnes. It is recommended for trucks to use Frøslev (E45) border crossing point. Border crossing at Padborg, as well as other smaller border crossing are closed. Freight operations can also be operated through the "blue border" (Øresundbridge and ferries).

### **Facilitation measures**

- The leading Danish transport and logistics associations have prepared a list of recommendations for the receipt and shipping of freight. The document contains recommendations for transport companies, professional drivers, consignors and consignees and is available in [English](#), [German](#) and [Polish](#) and [Romanian](#).

### ***Extension of driver licences and certificates***

- An order has been issued extending the validity of a number of driver licences and certificates in the transport sector. The ban on exchanging drivers between companies has also been temporarily lifted. These measures have been put in place to prevent driver shortages. The validity of the following categories of licences and certificates that expire in the period between 1 March and 30 April 2020 will be extended to 31 August 2020:
  - Licence types: C1, C1/E, C, C/E, D1, D1/E, D and D/E.



- Driver training certificates issued pursuant to the Executive Order on Qualification Requirements for Certain Drivers of Vehicles in Road Transport.
  - Driver training certificates for the carriage of dangerous goods by road issued pursuant to the Order on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.
  - Security Advisor Certificate issued pursuant to Executive Order on Security Advisors for the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- Concerning ADR certificates for drivers, Denmark has signed the [M324 multilateral agreement](#): driver training certificates expiring between 1 March and 1 November 2020 will remain valid until 30 November 2020.
  - STA-licenses (drivers of pilot cars for exceptional transport) that expire between 1 March and 30 April 2020 will have their [validity extended](#) until 31 August 2020. This will only apply to transport within the Danish borders.
  - Drivers who carry out international road transport and have an expired driver's certificate are advised by the Danish Road Authority to bring the certificate for international transport workers (Annex III from the Green Lane Guidelines). More information on the Danish Road Authority site can be found [here](#).

Sources: ITD, DTL and DI Transport

## Egypt

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- No restriction on type of goods for import and transit. The only restriction is on exporting medical supplies that are necessary for treatment of the virus, such as masks and oxygen machines.
- Regarding movements from Safaga Port in Egypt to Dhiba Port in KSA, the Saudi Ports Authority are not allowing drivers from Egypt to land in the Saudi Ports, only Saudi trucks with resident drivers are allowed to pick up the load in coordination with local importers.
- The Ministry of Transport of Sudan has instructed the complete closure of أشكيت معبر (Achkit) border crossing with Egypt, except for Sudanese exports transported on Egyptian trucks. Decision dated 31 March 2020.

Source: Egyptian customs authorities

## Estonia

*Updated on 15/05/20*

### Restrictions at borders

- The government has decided to restrict the crossing of the Schengen internal and external border temporarily, and to reintroduce border controls in order to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **International road freight is exempt.** At the border control, travel documents and medical symptoms will be checked.



- Citizens of Estonia and holders of Estonian residency permits (or rights of residence) can enter Estonia, as well as foreign citizens with family members living in the country.
- In addition, Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) have decided that free movement between the three Baltic states will be restored on 15 May for residents of Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia, and for people staying there legally, provided that they show no symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) (more information [here](#)).
- From 14 May, new border crossing procedures come into force between Estonia and Finland. Those with a Finnish citizenship, residence permit, or whose permanent residence is in Finland, according to the population register, can now come to Estonia more frequently for work or studies or for family reasons without being required to stay in isolation, provided that they have no symptoms of the virus (more information [here](#)).
- Foreigners are allowed to transit Estonia if travelling to their home country as long as they are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- There are no restrictions for exiting the country.
- The border control was reintroduced on 17 March 2020. The temporary restriction of border crossing will be in force until further notice, and the situation will be reviewed every two weeks.
- A special website has been created to share all information on the emergency situation in Estonia. Information is available in [Estonian](#), [English](#), and [Russian](#).

Source: ERAA

## Finland

Updated on 14/05/20

### Restrictions at borders

- The Finnish Government decided to prolong border control at internal borders and restrict cross-border traffic until **14 June 2020**.
- On 4 May, the Finnish Government announced the lifting of restrictions currently in force on cross-border traffic across Schengen internal borders **from 14 May**. The measure will allow employment or commission-related commuting and other essential traffic. Holiday and recreational travel abroad is still not recommended. The Finnish Border Guard drafted [specific guidelines](#) on the gradual opening of border traffic.
- Controls aim at further reducing movement at the main commuting border crossing points with Sweden, Norway and Estonia; only work travel that is strictly necessary will be permitted, and employees must carry an employer's certificate stating that the work is essential.
- Maritime passenger transport is prohibited: companies operating from Sweden, Estonia and Germany to Finland are requested to suspend the sale of tickets for ships departing on or after 11 April 2020. The provision **does not apply to goods and freight transport operations**.



- Regarding the Åland Islands, air passenger transport is permitted only on scheduled flights from Stockholm, Helsinki and Turku to Mariehamn. Passengers travelling from Åland with the destination of mainland Finland are also permitted to travel.
- People entering Finland are obliged to remain under quarantine-like conditions for 14 days. Such requirements **do not apply** to essential border crossings of emergency medical services and rescue service personnel or **to freight transport**.
- Regarding traffic between Finland and non-Schengen countries (i.e. Russia), Finnish Border Guard officials **allow** the entry/exit of the following:
  - Licence types: C1, C1/E, C, C/E, D1, D1/E, D and D/E.
  - Return to Finland: Finnish nationals and their family members; nationals of other EU and Schengen countries and their family members who are residing in Finland; third country nationals residing in Finland with residence permit.
  - Returning transit traffic to other EU or Schengen countries or via them: nationals of EU and Schengen countries and their family members, third country nationals residing in another EU or Schengen country with residence permit.
  - Exit of third country nationals.
  - Necessary traffic, which is:
    - ✓ Healthcare and rescue service professionals/personnel, health researchers, and elderly care professionals.
    - ✓ Transport personnel and other transport staff to the extent necessary. Companies should be aware that, despite additional controls the borders remain open and functional; previous restrictions are still in place
    - ✓ Diplomats, staff of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian aid workers carrying out their work.
    - ✓ Necessary transit and return trips.
    - ✓ Passengers travelling for imperative family reasons.
    - ✓ Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons.
    - ✓ Other necessary and justified traffic (e.g. maintenance works that require a specific maintenance team or person arriving from another country and whose work cannot be postponed).Detailed information relating to the travel conditions are available [here](#).
- On 15 April, the Finnish Government [lifted](#) the temporary restrictions on movement to and from the Uusimaa region which were enforced on 28 March. This will enter into force immediately following the Government's plenary session, which is scheduled for 13:00 local time.
- All other measures, including those on external borders, social distancing, restaurants and schools, etc. remain applicable.
- On 23 April, the Finnish government extended the ban of large gatherings of more than 500 people until 31 July 2020, at least.
- On 7 May 2020, the Finnish Government decided to continue border controls at internal borders and restrict cross-border traffic **from 14 May until 14 June 2020**.

At internal borders, the following is permitted:

- return traffic to Finland
- return traffic to or through other EU and Schengen States





- travel for work
- other essential traffic

At external borders, the following is permitted:

- return traffic to Finland
- return traffic to or through other EU and Schengen States
- departure from the country of a third-country national
- other essential traffic

Details on new rules can be read [here](#).

### **Facilitation measures**

- On 23 April, the Finnish government set out temporary relaxations on driving and rest time rules based on the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#), which apply **from 26 April until 31 May** and are as follows:
  - Maximum daily driving time of 11 hours
  - Maximum weekly driving time of 60 hours
  - Maximum fortnightly driving time of 120 hours
  - Minimum daily rest period of 9 hours
  - Minimum weekly rest period of 24 hours, every other week, without compensation
  - 45 minutes rest period every 5,5 hours of driving time, which may be split into a 30 minutes before and 15 minutes after
  - Regular weekly rest in the cabin allowed, as long as the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities
- On 2 April, the Finnish Government issued a decree with the aim to ensure continuity of dangerous goods transport operations.  
Current exceptional circumstances may make it impossible to provide training and tests related to professional qualifications in the transport of dangerous goods, or scheduled and interim inspections of tanks, or vehicle inspections for the carriage of dangerous goods. Therefore, the validity of licences, approvals and certificates which will expire in the near future can, on an exceptional basis, be further extended in 2020.
- On 16 April, the Finnish Government issued new decrees that bring into force special agreements on the transport of dangerous goods. The decrees enter into force on 17 April. With the special agreements (M326, M327 and RID 4/2020), the periodic inspections of pressure receptacles, UN tanks and UN-MEG containers, that would expire during the coronavirus situation, will exceptionally remain in force with special arrangements in Finland and other signatory countries of the agreement. The special agreements may be applied to transport by road and rail that are mostly used for the carriage of dangerous goods. The agreements will be available on the website of the [Transport and Communications Agency - Traficom](#). The Agency will provide information in Finnish and Swedish. For additional information, members can consult the following webpages: [UNECE](#) and [OTIF](#).

**Sources: FinMobility, SKAL and Ministry of Transport and Communications**

## **France**

*Updated on 19/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- As from 11 April, France entered the first phase of its plan to ease the lockdown. People are allowed out without authorisation within 100 km from their place of residence and inside their department of residence. Freight transport is exempt from the movement restrictions.



- On 14 May, the French Ministry of the Interior issued an authorisation form with which transport companies can perform **domestic operations beyond 100km** from their place of establishment and outside their department of residence. Click here to [download](#) the form (AFTRI recommend to put the company's stamp in the form if possible).
- On 7 April, the French Ministry of Interior published one additional certificate with three variations (to be used according to which type of travel is done) that must be used by people to justify their international movements. The three variations of the certificate cover the following cases and can be downloaded [here](#):
  - Exit of third country nationals.
  - Travel from mainland France to French overseas territories
  - Travel from abroad to mainland France
  - Travel from abroad to French overseas territory
- Note that the French authorities are allowing non-French professional drivers and French drivers operating international transport to use the form provided by Annex 3 of the EC communication on green lanes - [Template of Certificate for International Transport Workers](#) – to enter France. These measures are however not applicable for national transport.
- Only the Schengen area borders are being closed for the next 30 days (external borders of the European Union).
- On 20 March 2020, the French Government published a number of additional requirements for passenger transport by bus, coach and taxi, and road freight transport:
  - Bus and coach*
    - Vehicles must be disinfected once per day.
    - The front door of multi-door vehicles can no longer be used by passengers, unless the driver is completely protected by a transparent barrier.
    - The social distancing rules must be displayed on the vehicle.
    - Tickets are no longer sold on board.
  - Taxi*
    - Passengers can no longer sit next to the driver.
    - The driver can refuse passengers with visible symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
  - Road freight transport (conditions are applicable to drivers and staff at loading and unloading points)*
    - Social distancing rules must be observed.
    - Where there is no access to water, disinfectant gel must be made available.
    - No personal contact is allowed when signing contracts.
    - Goods can only be delivered at the place indicated on the transport document.
    - Home delivery is only possible by leaving the goods at the door. No physical contact with the customer is permitted.
    - Delays for complaints about the delivery have been set.
- FNTR and other French transport associations published guidelines on best practices that workers of goods transport and logistics companies must follow to ensure the continuation of activities whilst preventing the spread of Covid-19 virus. Guidelines can be downloaded and consulted [here](#).

### **Facilitation measures**

- Following considerable disruption on the road encountered by road freight transport and logistics operators following the announcement of the lockdown, the French Government has issued new measures to facilitate freight transport.



- These include guarantees for access for freight transport and logistics workers to their workplace and to loading and unloading places, extra protection for freight transport and logistics workers and a derogation to keep stores, restaurants and sanitary facilities open at service stations.
- The text of the announcement can be found [here](#). On 23 April, APRR provided updates and details on the activities of some rest areas in France that are open to truck drivers. Details can be found [here](#) and [here](#). A map showing restaurants that are open is also available [online](#). On 25 March, AFTRI has shared a [communication](#) and a [map](#) on the situation of some service and rest areas in Brittany and Pays de la Loire.
- According to a [decree published on 20 March](#) and an official e-mail answer seen by the IRU and following the confirmation by IRU's Member Associations in France, FNTR and AFTRI, we inform that a crew of two drivers in the cabin is allowed in France (but not a crew of three), as long as the minimum distance of 1 meter is respected.
- On 18 May, the French government [lifted](#) the current driving bans to allow specified freight traffic during the Ascension and Pentecost holidays.  
**From 16:00 on 20 May to 24:00 on 21 May, and from 22:00 on 31 May to 24:00 on 1 June**, driving bans are lifted for the following categories:
  - Vehicles transporting food (for animal or human consumption), health products (for animal or human health) including all products and materials necessary for their production and provision
  - Vehicles transporting materials, products, equipment, devices, fuels or fluids used for public construction works (the building or renovation activities for the service sector, industrial or commercial buildings as well as collective housing)
  - Vehicles transporting manufactured products, including all products and materials necessary for their production and provision
  - Vehicles transporting parcels in relation to mail operations
  - Removal vehicles (for removals or relocations)

The empty return of these vehicles is also permitted during the period that the ban is lifted.

**Sources: AFTRI and FNTR**

## Germany

*Updated on 14/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- As of 16 March, 08:00, Germany has been re-introducing temporary border controls at the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxemburg and Denmark. Access at these borders must be performed via dedicated border crossings. For a full list of these border crossings please refer to this [link](#). On 4 May, the Federal Minister of the Interior has decided to extend border controls **until 15 May**.
- On 13 May, the German Minister of the Interior announced the following measures, which come into effect **from 16 May**:
  - All border crossings at the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg and Denmark will be operative again.
  - Controls at the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France and Denmark will be reduced to sample checks.



- Controls at the border with Luxembourg will be completely abandoned.

Companies should be aware that controls at the border with Denmark will be abandoned as soon as possible, however, the relevant date is still to be agreed. Controls at the borders with Austria, Switzerland and France are scheduled to cease on 16 June, subject to the COVID-19 pandemic's further development.

- The following groups of persons may continue to enter German territory via the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg and Denmark:
  - persons with German nationality.
  - persons with a German residence permit.
  - persons with residence in Germany.
  - professional commuters, regardless of their nationality - proof of commuting status should be carried (template for a commuter certificate [here](#)). Seasonal workers, EU parliamentarians and accredited diplomats may also enter the country.
  - persons who have urgent reasons for entry - proof of urgent reasons should be carried. The Federal Police make individual decisions at their discretion.
- Cross border movement of goods remains guaranteed. BGL is not aware of any cases where cross border goods transports have been refused entry into Germany via the above mentioned borders.
- The following groups of persons will be refused entry onto German territory via the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg and Denmark:
  - persons who do not belong to any of the above mentioned groups allowed to enter German territory.
  - persons who show symptoms of illness - in these cases, the competent health authority will be consulted immediately.

More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

- *Situation in rest and service areas on German motorways:*
  - In rest and service areas operated by the TANK & RAST group, use of the SANIFAIR sanitary facilities free of charge since 17 March, with the objective of ensuring drivers' access to crucial hand hygiene. Free access to the SANIFAIR sanitary facilities is granted via the "children's entry" and will be explicitly signposted. TANK & RAST group is operating 330 of the rest and service areas on German motorways and drivers should look for the TANK & RAST symbol.
  - TANK & RAST have also announced that they will keep open not only the petrol stations but also the attached shops (bakery products, snacks, retail) at all rest and service areas operated by them. They also inform that they extended their range of warm takeaway food in order to best suit the drivers' needs.
  - In case of any problems with the TANK & RAST service, drivers are invited to call a special, free of charge hotline: 0800 9 555 777 (available from the German networks) or by sending an email to [kundenservice@tank.rast.de](mailto:kundenservice@tank.rast.de)
  - BGL is in contact with all remaining providers of motorway rest and service areas to ensure ongoing services and access to sanitary facilities with suitable opening times for all German rest and service areas on motorways. This subject is also being discussed with the Ministry of Transport on the highest political level.
- On 8 April, the German Federal Ministry of Health issued a [regulation](#) banning travellers from entering Germany without a valid reason. The following content replaces the Orders issued by the same Ministry of 2 April.  
People entering Germany must proceed directly to their home or to a suitable accommodation and isolate themselves for a period of 14 days after the entry into the country. They are also required to contact their competent public health office without delay and inform them of their entry into the



country. People must provide the local health authority with the following information: identity and date of birth, travel itinerary, contact data, address of the domicile.

Derogations to this rule may be applied by regulations issued by federal states and only concern people that show no symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

Bus companies and tour operators doing cross-border transport to Germany must comply, within the framework of their operational and technical capabilities, with the following provisions:

- Provide travellers with a barrier-free version of the information on the risks posed by COVID-19 infection and the possibilities for preventing and combating it.
  - Keep the data available for up to 30 days after arrival in Germany. This applies in particular to electronically stored data which enable passengers to be identified and located, as well as to passenger lists and seating plans.
- There are no restrictions on the cross-border movement of goods, regardless of the nationality of the drivers.

### **Measures applying to drivers: Health equipment**

- All German Federal States have introduced legislation making the use of facial masks mandatory in order to prevent further spreading of the COVID-19 virus. However, due to the federal structure of Germany, there is no unique nationwide provision defining the exact circumstances in which a mask must be worn. Therefore, to ensure that legal requirements are definitively fulfilled, BGL recommends that drivers wear a facial mask whenever leaving the vehicle's cabin.

### **Facilitation measures**

- German control authority BAG is publishing a list of German COVID-19 derogations concerning road transport under [BAG link](#). On this page, please click the link called "Straßengüterverkehrsrechtliche Ausnahmen aufgrund Covid-19" in order to open the PDF list's most up-to-date version. Most relevant content:
- Germany decided, at Federal level, on a **temporary relaxation of driving and rest times rules** based on Article 14.2 of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). The German Federal Administration has temporarily relaxed driving and rest times rules with a prolongation **until 31 May**. The measure applies to road transport of goods of daily necessities, including food, medical equipment and fuel.
- Measures lifted are as follows:
- Possibility to extend driving time to 10 hours five times per week
  - Possibility to take two consecutive reduced weekly rests within a period of four weeks
- These measures apply to professional and privately owned transportation companies. For details, please use the [above BAG link](#). Click the link called "Straßengüterverkehrsrechtliche Ausnahmen aufgrund Covid-19" and consult the resulting PDF document's section 1 called "Fahrpersonalrecht".
- The Federal Government of Germany has asked the Länder to suspend the **weekend and holiday traffic bans of truck movements** to ease the situation during the crisis. The German control authority BAG is providing an up-to-date overview of the situation in the different regions under [the above BAG link](#). Click the link called "Straßengüterverkehrsrechtliche Ausnahmen aufgrund Covid-19" and consult the [resulting PDF document's section 4](#). "Straßenverkehrsrecht – Sonn- und Feiertagsfahrverbote". Following requests for clarification on the suspension of weekend and holidays traffic bans in Germany, BGL has confirmed that dates of expiration should be read as "until and including", therefore, the date mentioned on the document is the last day when operators can take advantage of the suspension.

**Sources:** BGL (from [Federal Government](#)), German Minister of Internal Affairs, BAG, DSLV, and EC (DG MOVE)





## Georgia

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### **Measures on international freight transport**

Foreign truck drivers transporting cargo on the territory of Georgia are subject to the following conditions:

- After completing the procedures at the customs checkpoint, the driver shall proceed immediately (non-stop) to the point of destination. Stops are allowed only at specially designated areas called [STOP POINTS](#). At certain STOP POINTS drivers can purchase the compulsory civil liability insurance (<https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints>). Other STOP POINTS can be found in the parking areas located near customs checkpoints (see below for details);
- At a STOP POINT, the driver has the right to park his vehicle, refuel, purchase a road usage card, use the sanitary facilities, and purchase items/food for personal use;
- In case of problems (vehicle malfunction, illness, etc.), the driver should contact the relevant services and stay in the truck cabin until help arrives. In these situations, drivers should call 112 - the Emergency and Operative Response Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
- The truck must leave the territory of Georgia:
  - In case of transit (except for moving from or to the customs checkpoint Kazbegi and exit by ferry) - within 24 hours of entering the country;
  - In case of driving (except exit by ferry) from or to the customs checkpoint Kazbegi - within 48 hours of entering the country.
  - In case of exit by ferry when transiting the country – within 7 (seven) calendar days of entering the country;
  - In other cases, within 48 hours of entering the country. However, in cases where a cargo vehicle, after importing and unloading goods in Georgia is loaded with goods intended for export from Georgia, or if the entry and/or exit of trucks from Georgia is carried out using ferry transport – within 7 (seven) calendar days of entering the country.
- It is strongly recommended to only make non-cash payments (online payments, credit/debit cards, etc.) and to use personal protective equipment (medical masks, gloves, etc.).
- **The following places are designated STOP POINTS for specific areas:**
  - Urbnisi - Kareli Region, village Urbnisi, cadastral code: 68.16.45.054;
  - Terjola - Terjola Region, village Siktarva, cadastral code: 33.08.38.224;
  - Gori - Gori Region, village Tiniskhidi, cadastral code: 66.44.02.033;
  - Zestaponi - Zestaponi Region, village Argveta, cadastral code: 32.03.34.211.

#### **Note:**

- The time periods required for carrying out the customs formalities and stopping at the parking areas (separately, semitrailers or trailers) located in the vicinity of the Georgian State Customs Border, Customs Checkpoint shall not be counted.
- For violating the above-mentioned rules (except for non-compliance with the recommendations, or when weather conditions or other external factors complicate and/or make it impossible to fulfill the established conditions), the driver of the vehicle will be fined 3,000 GEL. However, if the violation concerns the time limit of the transport operation, the vehicle must leave the territory of Georgia immediately, otherwise the driver will be placed on a 14-day quarantine and the vehicle will be impounded.

Source: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia](#)





## Greece

Updated on 15/05/20

### **Restrictions on movements**

- On 22 March 2020, the Greek Prime Minister announced that Greece will impose a national lockdown as of 23 March 2020.

### ***Passenger Transport:***

- The movement of Greek citizens is heavily restricted within Greek territory. Special written permission is required under certain circumstances. For people going to/from their place of work, an attestation form from their employer is required (in [Greek](#) and [English](#)).
- Foreign citizens are not allowed to enter Greece.
- Greek citizens returning to Greece from abroad must self-isolate at home for 14 days.
- Most international flights to/from Greek airports have been temporarily cancelled.

### ***Goods Transport:***

- All borders are open for international transport operations.
- In some cases a Locator Form may be required by port authorities when entering Greece. Truck drivers will be given the form and asked to complete and sign it. The form requires personal and family contact details ([attached in English](#)).
- At the Customs office of Evzoni (BCP Greece-North Macedonia) truck movement restrictions are enforced every day from 22:00-06:00. Trucks carrying ethyl alcohol, perishable goods and medical supplies are exempt from the provision.
- On 2 April, the Greek government published a new Ministerial Decree on the quarantine routine that people entering Greece from abroad must follow. Art. 2 of the decree sets out specific provisions for truck drivers, as follows:  
Workers of all nationalities engaged in international transport operations (land, air or maritime) must, upon entering Greece and without any delay, either transit through the country or reach their final destination within the country. After having reached the final destination in Greece, drivers must commence a temporary isolation period of 14 days. Trucks drivers travelling from Italy to Greece by ship are requested to fill in the following [form](#).  
Exemptions to this rule apply in the following cases:
  - When there is a need to start a new international transport operation (e.g. bilateral transport). In this case, mandatory quarantine can be lifted at any time, even the day after it began;
  - When there is a need to make a national transport operation (within Greek territory). In this case, the driver must spend at least 7 days in isolation, starting from the day he entered the country. Because of the mandatory week spent in isolation, cabotage operations will not be possible.

This quarantine routine has been prolonged **until 31 May 2020**, with a fine of EUR 5,000 to be imposed in the case of any violations.

### **Facilitation measures**

- Regulations on driving and rest times have been temporarily relaxed in Greece. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(1) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#). This temporary relaxation applies



**from 18 April and will run until 31 May.** It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the territory of the Greece:

- Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours to 11 hours;
  - Art. 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours to 58 hours;
  - Art. 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours to 96 hours;
  - Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
  - Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
  - Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour period or reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours;
  - Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.
- The same derogations apply to international transport operations in Greece, that are conducted under the provisions of AETR (1970).

**Source: OFAE**

## Hungary

*Updated on 20/04/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- With effect from midnight, 17 March, Hungary has closed its internal and external borders from passenger traffic. Hungarian citizens and EEA citizens (entitled to permanent residence and proving this right with a permanent residence card) will still be allowed to enter the country.
- According to the [government decree nr 81/2020](#), article 3 (7), provisions of articles 2 and 3 of this government decree, **these restrictions do not apply to freight traffic**. Goods transports arriving and departing from Hungarian destinations, as well as those in transit, are allowed to cross the state border and continue their journey without restrictions, **but only through the designated border points** (transit routes are highlighted in blue): [here](#).
- Stops are only permitted at designated rest areas and fuel stations.
  - Transport operators must have police stamps/stickers (stickers are given by the police at the border crossing points) attached to the windscreen.
  - Only the driver is permitted in the cabin; no passengers (no double-manning).
  - Drivers should cross the territory as quickly and efficiently as possible, without violation of any traffic rules - police procedures are in place at the points of exit.

Official webpage of the Government [here](#).

MKFE is providing all information related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) relevant to foreign hauliers on an up-to-date webpage in [English](#).

### Facilitation measures

- According to the European Commission, Hungary granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules. Relaxations apply until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Hungary. Provisions from [EU Regulation 561/2006](#) derogated from:
- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
  - Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
  - Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 105 hours;



- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
  - Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
  - Art. 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours, provided that the reduction shall be compensated by an equivalent period of rest taken en bloc before the end of the third week following the week in question OR
  - Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour period.
- o Driving restrictions for goods transport: General exemption was granted from the driving restrictions in Hungary for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5 t. The exemption is valid until revoked.
  - o **Requesting route licences for the transport of heavy vehicles with overweight and oversize:** the UVR Eoffice system is available in English for requesting route licences for the transport of heavy vehicles with overweight and oversize from 16/04/2020. The English version of UVR Eoffice system allows the administration and completion of the application in English, facilitating the usability of the system. The documents, the route licences and the invoices are still issued and printed in Hungarian in accordance with the relevant regulations. The instructions for the basic use of the system have also been translated and the new customers of UVR Eoffice system will also receive them in a separate email upon registration.  
Availability of the electronic administration UVR Eoffice: [here](#).

**Sources: MKFE and European Commission**

## India

*Updated on 2/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- o On 1 May, the Government of India issued an order extending the lockdown for a further period of **two weeks with effect from 4 May**.  
The lockdown extension measure includes the creation of Red, Orange and Green Zones; each of them has dedicated guidelines that can be read [here](#).

### ***Passenger Transport:***

- o The movement of Indian citizens is heavily restricted within India. Special written permission is required under certain circumstances.
- o All domestic flights have been suspended.
- o All incoming passenger traffic, at all 107 Immigration Check Posts which includes all Airport ICPs, all Seaport ICPs, all Land Port ICPs, all Rail Port ICPs and all River Port ICPs will remain suspended.

### ***Goods Transport:***

- o All transport services – air, rail, road – will remain suspended.
- o The Indian Ministry of Home Affairs has issued new guidelines which apply from 15 April. Bus passenger transport remains suspended, as does taxi transport (including auto rickshaws and cycle rickshaws) and the services of taxi aggregators (i.e. taxi apps). Road transport of goods is still permitted. Full guidelines can be read [here](#).



### Facilitation measures

- Transportation for essential goods only
- Fire, police and emergency services

Source: FICCI

## Iran

*Updated on 8/04/20*

### Restrictions at borders

- The situation at Iran's border crossing points is as follows:
  - **Iraq - Iran border crossing points in the Kurdish territory of Parvizkhan - Parvizkhan, Bashmakh - Bashmaq and Tamarchin - Haj Omran:**  
Iranian export fleet, admission of national fleet from both sides of the border, as well as border transshipment are authorised. However, third party fleet border crossing and Iraqi export fleet border crossing is prohibited by the neighbouring country. While admission of Iranian and Iraqi nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.
  - **Iraq - Iran border crossings in main territory of Chazabeh - Sheib, Shalamchah - Shalamjeh, Mehran - Zorbatieh:**  
Commercial fleet, except admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country. While admission of Iranian and Iraqi nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.
  - **Pakistan - Iran border crossing of Taftan - Mirjaveh:**  
Commercial as well as passenger fleet, including admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.
  - **Turkmenistan - Iran border crossing of Sarakhs - Sarakhs, Artiq - Lotfabad and Inchehboroun - GuderOlum:**  
Commercial fleet, except admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country. The neighbouring country has prohibited entry of passenger traffic. In Bajgiran - Gudan, commercial as well as passenger fleet, including admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.
  - **Turkey - Iran border crossings:**  
In Kapikoi - Razi BCP, commercial transport is already banned, while admission of Iranian and Turkish nationals is authorised, the departure of Iranian and Turkish citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.  
In Esendere - Sero and Gurbulak - Bazargan BCPs, while admission of Iranian and Turkish nationals is authorised, commercial fleet, except entry of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.
  - **Afghanistan - Iran border crossings:**  
In Islam Qala - Dogharoun BCP, commercial fleet is permitted.  
In Farah - Mahirood and Zaranj - Milak, commercial fleet is permitted.  
While admission of Iranian and Afghan nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Afghan citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by both countries.
  - **Armenia - Iran border crossing of Meghri - Nordooz:**  
Commercial and passenger fleet is prohibited by Armenia, while some recent exemptions, in particular for medical cargo, has been declared by Armenia.



- In March 2020, Iran's Ministry of Health published instructions and guidelines for combating the coronavirus (COVID-19) at the border crossing points of Iran.
- Please also note that:
  - All Iranian borders points are open for transit via the territory of Iran, provided drivers observe the published guidelines;
  - The emergency hotline number is 190;
  - As there are no specific restrictions, there is no requirement for a green lane and all transit routes are currently open to transport. Customs authorities are facilitating the transport of medicines and food.
- On 5 April, the authorities of Razavi Khorasan Province prohibited passenger transport from Afghanistan to Iran at the Islam Qala - Dogharoun border crossing point. Goods transport has been exempted from this provision.  
At Farah - Mahirood and Zaranj - Milak border crossing points, only goods transport and entry of Iranian and Afghan nationals is authorised. The exit of Iranian and Afghan citizens and transit of third country nationals is prohibited.

**Source: Ministry of Road and Urban Development, I.R. IRAN MRUD – RMTO and Iranian Customs Administration**

## Ireland

*Updated on 22/04/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- The Irish Government have issued special advice about travelling, including restricting movements for 14 days on those entering Ireland who have been to affected areas. Freight transport is exempted. The government published a [guidance note](#) for supply chain workers. This document contains about one and half pages of useful guidelines for drivers.
- To reduce the risk of infection, the ferry company Seatruck Ferries has temporarily stopped shipping any HGV drivers or any other passengers in their Irish Sea vessels. Accompanied road transport (complete truck combinations with driver) is then stopped until further notice, but the company will continue to carry unaccompanied semi-trailers, containers and swap bodies.
- On 27 March, the National Transport Authority [announced revised timetables](#) for Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland and Bus Éireann, coming into effect on 1 April. Under the new timetables, Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann services will run at approximately 80% of normal levels, while Go-Ahead Ireland will run at approximately 94% of normal levels. Measures apply until further notice.

### Facilitation measures

- On 15 April, the Irish department of transport agreed to relax rules on driving and rest times for a further 6 weeks. Exemptions will apply **from 17 April to 31 May** for all haulage activity within the republic of Ireland and are as follows:
  - Art. 6.3: the fortnightly driving limit is increased from 90 to 112 hours.
  - Art. 8.4: the maximum of three reduced daily rest periods between any two weekly rest periods is increased from three to five; if a driver reaches the maximum of five in the first five days following the end of the previous weekly rest period, and then continues to drive on the sixth consecutive day, his daily log must not exceed thirteen hours for day six.



- Art. 8.6: The current weekly rest rules will continue to apply, but no compensation will be required for a reduced weekly rest period. In any two consecutive weeks, drivers must continue to take at least either two regular weekly rest periods, or one regular weekly rest period and one reduced weekly rest period of at least 24 hours, whilst ensuring that the weekly rest period starts no later than six 24 hour periods from the end of the previous weekly rest period.
- Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.
- On 20 March, the Irish government [relaxed](#) national requirements for all drivers over 70 years who don't have an identified or specific illness: they will not be required to provide a medical report until 31 July 2020.
- On 26 March, it was decided to [extend](#) the validity of driver's CPC cards due to expire during the crisis for a maximum of six months up to 26 September 2020.
- On 28 March, the Road Safety Authority [suspended](#) the period of roadworthiness tests for M2, M3, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles and trailers. The measure applies until further notice.
- On 20 April, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport announced details of the legislative steps he has taken in support of the necessary closure of a range of Road Safety Authority services as result of the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

Under the new measures, the following have come into effect in relation to vehicle testing:

- NCT vehicles with a test that was or will be due on or after 28 March 2020 have that test date extended by 4 months
- Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Tests (CVRT) – vehicles with a test that was or will be due on or after 28 March have that test date extended by 3 months

The Minister has also taken the following steps in relation to driver licensing:

- Driving licences due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 inclusive have had their date of expiry extended by 4 months
- Learner permits due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 inclusive have had their date of expiry extended by 4 months
- Driver Theory Test certificates due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 inclusive have had that date extended by 4 months
- Certificates of Competency – issued when people pass a driving test and required when applying for a first full driving licence - due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 inclusive have had that date extended by 4 months
- Initial Basic Training certificates for motorcycle learners due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 inclusive have had that date extended by 4 months

In addition, and in line with the arrangements previously in place for NCT certificates in relation to private cars, it will no longer be necessary to have a current Certificate of Roadworthiness (CRW) in order to tax a commercial vehicle. Companies should be able to renew the motor tax for a commercial vehicle from 21 April without need of a CRW.

**Sources: IRHA and ITF**

**Italy**

*Updated on 18/05/20*





### **Restrictions on movements**

- On 17 May, the Italian Prime Minister published updated regulations, applicable from 18 May. The [DPCM 17 May](#) replaces DPCM 26 April:
  - The [self-certification](#) is now valid only for movements between two different regions, as intra-region movement is now permitted.
  - Art. 5.10.b of DPCM 17 May states that there are no limitations imposed on drivers, which means that there is no obligation to notify entry in Italy to local health authorities, nor is there the need to fill out [this document](#) anymore.
  - The protocol for the road transport and logistics sector published on 14 March is still in force and will apply until 14 June (in Annex 14 of DPCM 17 May).
  - [Until 2 June](#), freight transport to/from Sicily can only be operated via the port of Messina-Tremestieri. Rules on freight transport to/from Sardinia remain unchanged.
- The State Police confirmed [the self-declaration cannot be presented digitally](#) (apps or pdfs), but has to be printed, signed and given to the police officer. Photocopies of a completed document are not accepted either.

### **Facilitation measures**

- The Italian government also published a [decree 18 of 17/3/2020](#) (so-called “Cura Italia”) to address this crisis. It allows for an extension in validity of a number of road transport-related authorisations and certificates, as well as extensions for the payment of customs duties. Some elements mentioned are:
  - Art. 92.3: the date for payment of customs duties due between 17 March 2020 and 30 April 2020 can be extended until 30 May 2020 without additional interest charges.
  - Art. 92.4: vehicles that are due to be checked before 31 July /2020 can now remain in circulation until 31 October 2020.
  - Art. 103.1: certificates, attestations and permits expiring between 31 January 2020 and 15 April 2020 are now valid until 15 June 2020.
  - Art. 104.1: Identity documents and driving licences expiring after 17 March 2020 are now valid until 31 August 2020
- On 23 March, the government [published further relieves](#): certificates of professional competence and ADR driver training certificates expiring between 29 February 2020 and 29 June 2020 are now valid until 30 June 2020. Temporary driving permits are automatically renewed until 30 June 2020 in case the medical committee cannot gather on the day scheduled for the examination due to current emergency situation.
- On 31 March, the Ministry of Transport has extended the temporary authorization concerning the use of rolling highway permits, normally used by non-EU companies to enter Italy by rail; such permits are momentarily valid for entering Italy by road too. The extension applies until further notice.
- Sunday and holiday traffic bans for vehicles carrying out [international transport](#) in Italy are lifted until further notice.
- On 21 April, ANAS and ASPI have confirmed that prorogations mentioned in Art. 130 c.2 of Decree 18/2020 are applicable to certification for exceptional load transport operations. Therefore, authorisations which expire between 31 January and 15 April can be extended up to 15 June.

**Sources: Italian Government, Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Ministry of Interior, Sardinia Region, FIAP and CONFETRA**



## Jordan

Updated on 7/04/20

### Restrictions on movements

- The Kingdom of Jordan has taken measures to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Between the set of measures, it has been announced that:
  - airlines are closing flights from and to Jordan as of March 17th,
  - land borders with the West Bank, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia are closed for passengers transport. **Goods are allowed to pass.**
- A curfew is in operation 24 hours a day, with people only allowed to go to their local grocery stores. Police and army have been deployed on the streets.
- Customs administrations are all working remotely. At the borders, work is maintained with staff reduction in order to ensure the social distancing required to stop the spread of the virus.
- Borders with Saudi Arabia are open and only essential goods are allowed to transit.

Source: RACJ

## Kazakhstan

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- Freight vehicles and their drivers can now circulate across the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan without restrictions.
- In order to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), and according to the decision of the State Commission following the state of emergency declared on 20 March 2020, freight vehicles and their drivers can cross the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan without restriction, but will however be subject to sanitary epidemiological measures.
- The Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan issued a [memo](#) for drivers, carriers and transport companies engaged in international freight transport and passengers across the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This memo has been prepared to help them comply with the current measures in place to prevent coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in Kazakhstan.
- The combined list of open and temporarily closed border crossing points specified for road transport is as follows:

	Currently open border crossing points	<a href="#">Temporarily closed border crossing points (from 4 April)</a>
Kazakhstan – Kyrgyzstan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Karasu (Zhambyl region)</li><li>- Aisha-bibi checkpoint (Zhambyl region)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Aukhatty (Zhambyl region)</li><li>- Kordai (Zhambyl region)</li><li>- Sapatai Batir (Zhambyl region)</li><li>- Sartobe (Zhambyl region)</li><li>- Kagen (Almaty Region)</li></ul>



Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kaplanbek (Turkestan region)</li> <li>- Kazygurt (Turkestan region)</li> <li>- Tazhen (Mangistau region)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tselinniy (Turkestan region)</li> <li>- Sirdaria (Turkestan region)</li> </ul>
Kazakhstan - Turkmenistan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temir Baba (Manistau region)</li> </ul>	
Kazakhstan - China border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kolzhat (Almaty region)</li> <li>- Nurzholy (Almaty region)</li> <li>- Dostyk (Almaty region)</li> <li>- Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kolzhat (Almaty region)</li> <li>- Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region)</li> </ul>
Kazakhstan - Russia border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kairak (Kostanay region)</li> <li>- Zhana Zhol (North Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Karakoga (North Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Sharbakty (Pavlodar region)</li> <li>- Urlitobe (Pavlodar region)</li> <li>- Kosak (Pavlodar region)</li> <li>- Auy (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Ube (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Zhaisan (Aktobe region)</li> <li>- Alimbet (Aktobe region)</li> <li>- Syrym (West Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Taskala (West Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Zhanibek (West Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Kurmangazy (Atyrau region)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kandibai (Kostanay region)</li> <li>- Akbalshik (Kostanay region)</li> <li>- Kyzyl Zhar (North Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Naiza (Pavlodar region)</li> <li>- Zheskent (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Baitanat (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Koanbai (East Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Orda (West Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Shagan (West Kazakhstan region)</li> <li>- Karashatau (Atyrau region)</li> </ul>

- On 12 May, IRU received confirmation that visa-free procedures in Kazakhstan have been extended to all international drivers up until 1 June 2020. Confirmations came from KAZATO and AIST, who received it from Kazakh Embassy in Berlin.  
Full notice can be read [here](#).

Source: KAZATO (<https://www.kazato.kz/posts/utochnennyj-spisok-punktov-propuska-na-gosudarstvennoj-granice-respubliki-kazahstan>), AIST

## Kuwait

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- Customs were allowing only 25-30 trucks to enter the country, per day, since the start of the pandemic. This has created long queues at the border with Saudi Arabia, which could result in waiting times of up to 3 days.  
Customs are allowing clearance to be done at the border rather than inland. This has significantly eased the traffic and the queues are gradually diminishing.



Source: IRU Secretariat

## Latvia

Updated on 15/05/20

### Restrictions on movements

- International passenger transport between the Baltic States is authorised from 15 May. The government decided to authorise the resumption of international passenger transport by air, sea, bus and rail from and to Lithuania and Estonia.
- International passenger transport to other destinations will still require the permission of the Minister for Transport, based on a case-by-case basis.
- Latvian nationals and permanent residents, as well as foreigners who have not visited other countries in the last 14 days, except Lithuania or Estonia, as well as Lithuanian and Estonian nationals who cross Latvia in transit, do not have to spend 14 days in self-isolation. Persons who transit through Latvia do not have to spend 14 days in self-isolation either.
- Amendments to the Order provide that persons who have arrived in Latvia from abroad, except Estonia and Lithuania, may only use public transport if they have self-isolated and they must cover their mouth and nose within the public transport network.
- The carriage of goods is allowed. However, from 18 March 2020, people entering Latvia will have to fill out the following application forms and submit them to the State Border Service:
  - Form for Latvian citizens, and persons permanently residing in Latvia (holders of permanent/temporary residence permits and long-term "D" visas, provided they were issued in the Republic of Latvia). The form is available in [Latvian](#), [Russian](#) and [English](#).
  - Form for Lithuanian and Estonian citizens and residents (holders of permanent/temporary residence permits and long-term "D" visas, provided they were issued in Lithuania or Estonia), returning to Lithuania or Estonia.
  - By signing the form, the person “undertakes not to visit publicly available spaces”. Parkings and refuelling station are not concerned by these measures. The form is available in [Russian](#) and [English](#).
  - Form for all freight carriers (including foreigners transiting through Latvia), by which the person “undertakes not to visit publicly available spaces”. Parkings and refuelling station are not concerned by these measures. The form is available in [Latvian](#), [Russian](#) and [English](#).
- On 23 April, Latvian Customs authorities informed that drivers must use self-protection equipment (masks and gloves) upon entering or leaving the country. The obligation enters into force immediately.
- More detailed information can be found on the official website [here](#).

Sources: LATVIJAS AUTO, ITF, Latvian Customs

## Lebanon

Updated on 7/04/20



- Borders with Syria are completely closed. Beirut Port is operational.

**Source: Lebanese customs authority**

## Lithuania

*Updated on 11/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- To control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government has decided to declare quarantine on the entire territory of the Republic of Lithuania. This quarantine has now been **extended to 24:00 on 31 May**.
- With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle.
- Persons returning or arriving from foreign countries are required to isolate for 14 days. Please note that this does not apply to crew or crew members working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, or to any foreign citizens transiting through the Republic of Lithuania with a mandatory escort (convoy) to the state of their residence, and who do not have symptoms of COVID-19.
- For crew or crew members who either work for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport, or who perform international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, isolation is mandatory from the day of arrival in the Republic of Lithuania until the day of departure from its territory, but not exceeding 14 days. The National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health organise screening at border crossings for symptoms of COVID-19 when returning or arriving from abroad.
- Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted. However, crew or crew members performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle must travel through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without stopping unnecessarily.  
Upon detection of any COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms at the border of Lithuania, crew or crew members engaged in international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, transiting through the territory of Lithuania, will not be allowed to enter the country unless they are citizens or legal residents of Lithuania.
- Drivers operating to or through Lithuania, must record all stops made during their international route in a free-form document, together with the reason for stopping and the duration. This applies to both Lithuanian and foreign drivers.
- Citizens of Estonia and Latvia will be allowed to enter Lithuania without restrictions as of 15 May. The requirement to comply with the 14-day compulsory self-isolation upon arrival from these countries will be abolished.



- As of 11 May, citizens of all other European Union (EU) countries will be able to enter Lithuania for business or study purposes, but they will be subject to the 14-day self-isolation, except for those coming from Poland (the 14-day self-isolation measure does not apply).
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### **Restrictions at borders**

- The number of border crossing points accessible for entry into Lithuania have been reduced to the following:  
Kalvarijos–Budzisko, Saločiai–Grenstalės, Būtingės–Rucavos, Smėlynės–Medumės, Medininkų–Kamenyj Logo, Raigardo–Privalkos, Kybartų–Černyševskojės, Panemunės–Sovetsko, Kenos–Gudagojo, Šalčininkų–Benekainių, Mockavos–Trakiškių, Lazdijų–Ogrodnikų, Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga, Šiauliai international airports, Vilnius railway station and Stasylai railway border crossing points, and Klaipėda seaport.
- The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija–Budziskas and Saločiai–Grenstalė. In exceptional cases, after obtaining the permission of the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, or a person authorised by him, persons and/or their passenger cars may enter the Republic of Lithuania through other international border crossing points.
- In addition, as of 15 May, Lithuanian citizens will be able to return from abroad or foreigners will be able to come to Lithuania through two more points on the border with Latvia, i. y. Būtingė–Rucava and Smėlynė–Medumi. At present, it is possible to leave for Latvia through these borders, but it is possible to return only through the Saločiai–Grenstalė point.
- Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through the Stasylai–Benekainiai railway border crossing point and the Pagėgiai–Sovetsk railway border crossing point, and the facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation, and back to the territory of the Russian Federation, shall additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.
- Passenger flights to and from Lithuanian airports are also prohibited unless authorised by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, subject to approval from the ministries for transport and foreign affairs.
- As of 11 May, ferry travel is permitted on the routes between Kiel / Rostock / Travemünde and Klaipėda, when passengers are not picked up at intermediate ports, and minimal contact with bystanders is ensured during the transfer to another ferry at the intermediate port.

**Source: LINAFA**

## **Luxembourg**

*Updated on 18/04/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**





- A state of emergency has been declared for 3 months but may be cancelled earlier. There are no restrictions considering transport of goods in Luxembourg, but there may be short waiting times at the borders.
- The Ministry of Mobility has set out [new measures](#) for bus and coach transport in Luxembourg. The measures apply immediately and until further notice and provide for the following:
  - The front door of multi-door vehicles can no longer be used by passengers
  - The first row of passenger seats should remain unoccupied. The driver is requested to put up barrier tape or similar
  - The driver does not sell tickets (RegioZone) anymore
  - The social distancing rules must be displayed on the vehicle
- The following measures apply until further notice:
  - Reduction of frequency of national regular bus services
  - Suspension of international bus services except for repatriation transport

### **Facilitation measures**

- On 16 April, the Luxembourg Minister of Mobility has signed a new [relaxation](#) of the rules regarding driving and rest times.  
The new rules apply from **18 April until 31 May**, included, and are as follows:
  - Art. 6.1: Increase of the maximum daily driving time from 9 hours to 11 hours, not more than three times per week
  - Art. 6.3: Increase of the fortnightly driving time from 90 hours to 96 hours
  - Art. 8.6: Postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour periods, with the obligation to compensate during the following week
  - Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities, for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.
- On 8 April, the government [extended](#) the validity of Certificates of Professional Competence that expire during the crisis for further six months.
- Validity of a series of ADR certificates is extended over different periods of time. Full list can be consulted [here](#).
- Note that no traffic bans have been lifted in Luxembourg.

**Sources: CLC and ITF**

## **Malta**

*Updated on 04/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- Sea and air passenger transport is banned until further notice.
- There are currently no restrictions on either sea or air freight, between Malta and the continent.



- Hauliers are urged to send unattended trucks and goods on RoRo vessels and to keep one team of drivers in Malta as well as one on the continent. In cases where this is not possible, a maximum of 2 drivers per truck will be permitted to disembark, however they may be subject to quarantine.

### **Facilitation measures**

- According to the European Commission, Malta granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules. Relaxations apply until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within the country. Provisions from [EU Regulation 561/2006](#) derogated from:
  - Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
  - Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 58 hours;
  - Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
  - Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

**Sources: ITF and European Commission website**

## **Moldova**

*Updated on 8/04/20*

### **Restrictions at borders**

- In the Republic of Moldova, several state border crossing points are closed for an indefinite period. According to Provision No.6 of 26 March 2020 from the Commission for Exceptional Situations of the Republic of Moldova, there will be a temporary closure of border crossing points "Costești-Stanca" (Moldo-Romanian border) and "Briceni-Rossoșani" (Moldo-Ukrainian border), from 29 March 2020.
- The following border crossing points will still operate normally:
  - **At the border with Romania:**
    - Leușeni - Albița (road/international)
    - Sculeni - Sculeni (road/international)
    - Giurgiulești - Galați (road/international)
    - Giurgiulești - Galați (rail/international)
  - **At the border with Ukraine:**
    - Otaci - Moghilev-Podolsk (road/international)
    - Vălcineț - Moghilev-Podolsk (rail/international)
    - Ocnîța - Sokireanî (rail/international)
    - Giurgiulești - Reni (road/international)
    - Giurgiulești - Reni (rail/international)
    - Etulia - Frikăței (rail/international)
    - Palanca - Maiaki-Udobnoe (road/international)
    - Tudora - Starokazacie (road/international)
- Additionally, from 17 March 2020, it is prohibited to cross the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border, and from 17 March, foreign nationals are prohibited from entering the Republic of Moldova from Romania using state border crossing points open to traffic.
- This restriction does not apply to foreign nationals and stateless persons domiciled or permanently / temporarily living in the Republic of Moldova, drivers and service personnel involved in the transport of freight, aircraft / ship crews and train crews. In addition, staff of diplomatic missions and consular



offices based in the Republic of Moldova, and staff working at international organisations / missions and their family members are also exempted.

- Individuals entering Moldova must fill in a medical card and sign a declaration of personal liability for compliance with the self-isolation regime for 14 days at specified locations.
- As an exception, car drivers and transport service personnel that carry cargo, crews of aircraft/ships and train crews, are not required to comply with self-isolation in the absence of clinical signs of respiratory infection or fever.

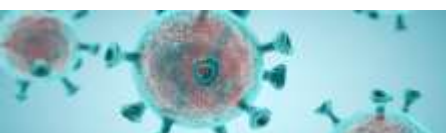
**Source: AITA (from Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova)**

## Mongolia

*Updated on 19/05/20*

- Following its 20th meeting held on 28 April 2020, the State Emergency Commission of Mongolia has extended a partial state of emergency until 31 May 2020.
  - In relation to this decision, international air, road and rail passenger transport is temporarily suspended **until 31 May 2020**.
- Please note:
  - National bus, air and rail transport are still operating normally
  - All borders remain open for the flow of goods and truck drivers
- All foreign trucks with goods arriving at the border crossing point of Altanbulag are subject to disinfection, which will be organised on the spot by the authorities. If the final destination is Mongolia, trucks will then be escorted by the police to the customs control zone in Ulaanbaatar, in order to perform the customs clearance formalities and to enable the delivery of goods to the consignee. Upon completion of these procedures, foreign trucks are requested to return immediately to the border crossing point of Altanbulag, and then exit the country. If trucks are in transit, vehicles will be escorted by the police to the Zamiin-Uud border crossing point. Stops at urban areas along the road is not permitted.
- Despite the fact that there are no restrictions imposed by the State Emergency Commission of Mongolia for trucks and goods crossing the Mongolian border, from 30 March 2020 foreign goods vehicles are only allowed to enter Mongolia through the border crossing points **Altanbulag** and **Ulaanbaishint**. As an additional measure, foreign goods vehicles are escorted to the point of destination or exit of the country. Therefore, foreign carriers are strongly advised not to enter Mongolia through other border crossing points, except for Altanbulag and Ulaanbaishint, pending clear instructions from competent authorities.
- On 19 May, the Ministry of Road and Transport Development of Mongolia confirmed that with effect from 25 May, the following vehicles will NOT be permitted to pass through the border crossing points of Mongolia:
  - Foreign vehicles destined for China via Mongolia, without valid Chinese permits;
  - Foreign vehicles not carrying one of the permits listed in the Intergovernmental Agreement on International Road Transport

**Source: NARTAM and IRU Moscow office**



## Morocco

*Updated on 16/03/20*

- The country has taken strict measures to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). International passenger movement is under “full ban” (air, road and ferry), with no transport operations handled between Morocco and the following countries (except special operations to let passengers get back to their country of origin): Italy, Spain, France, Austria, Denmark, Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, Bahrain, UAE, Oman, Jordan, Tunisia, Senegal, Mauritania, Niger, Mali, Chad, Canada and Brazil.
- No limit to freight transport has been reported.
- National passenger transport operations are maintained.

**Sources: ASTIC and Moroccan Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Transport**

## Nepal

*Updated on 6/05/20*

- The government of Nepal has extended the lockdown one more time. The lockdown is now in effect **until 18 May**. All border crossing points will remain closed.
- Restrictions also remain in place for the movement of people and vehicles within the country. Emergency movements only will be permitted, with prior permission from the District Administration Office. These restrictions also apply to international freight movements.

**Source: Nepal Automobiles' Association (NASA)**

## The Netherlands

*Updated on 17/04/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- Currently, the Netherlands is under a relatively relaxed Coronavirus (COVID-19) regime. Most people work from home. The government aims to have the number of infected people at the same time under control. Shops remain open although certain department stores have individually decided to close.
- To enable an efficient loading and unloading procedure at shippers' premises, it is recommended that drivers take personal protection materials with them such as masks and gloves.
- The associations are in communication with the government in order to safeguard restaurants and other facilities for drivers. The Ministry recommends that drivers take their meals at fuel stations. All other restaurants remain closed until at least 6 April.



- There is an ongoing debate in the Dutch Parliament and it is possible that measures will become stricter in the coming days.
- TLN has cooperated with a number of other logistical associations in the Netherlands to develop a short and simple flyer towards all the actors in the logistics chain and other service providers calling for respect and protection for professional truck drivers while doing their job. It is in Dutch only and can be found [here](#).
- The Dutch government is also maintaining a Q&A on travel restrictions in the Netherlands: [here](#).

### **Facilitation measures**

- In order to guarantee the flow of supplies, especially those destined for the supermarkets and pharmacies, the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management has extended the relaxation on driving and rest times **until 31 May 2020**.  
The same conditions continue to apply for the following:
  - Maximum daily driving time of 11 hours;
  - Maximum weekly driving time of 60 hours;
  - Maximum fortnightly driving limit of 96 hours;
  - Postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour periods.

**Sources: Evofenedex and TLN**

## **North-Macedonia**

*Updated on 17/03/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- To limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has taken the decision to close all border crossings in the Republic of Northern Macedonia to foreign nationals, passengers and vehicles (with the exception of entry and transit of freight vehicles), representatives of the diplomatic corps in the country, and any other persons for whom the Ministry of the Interior grants permission to, with prior agreement of the Main Coordination Crisis Staff confirming that there is a particular state or economic interest. Goods vehicles and persons exempt from the restriction will be allowed to enter the Republic of North Macedonia under special terms and conditions in accordance with the protocol of the Ministry of Health.
- Border crossing points open for freight are the following: Bogorodica (border with Greece), Kafasan (border with Albania), Tabanovce (border with Serbia), Deve Bair (border with Bulgaria) and Blace (border with Kosovo).

**Source: AMERIT**

## **Norway**

*Updated on 19/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**



- Everyone entering Norway by ferry, air, bus or private car, from countries other than Sweden and Finland, will be put in a compulsory 14-day quarantine (even if they are not experiencing any symptom of COVID-19). Tourists not willing to comply with this measure will have to return immediately.  
**International road freight is exempted.**
- However, the exception does not apply to drivers and personnel employed by Norwegian companies, who have stayed in countries outside the Nordic countries for a period before returning to Norway (many companies work with foreign drivers working on turns).
- In an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19), the Norwegian border control measures will be extended for 90 days, after 15 May. The current measures in place involve the posting of police and military employees at border stations in order to control persons crossing the borders. It is important for truck drivers to have their passport and driving license readily available when crossing the border.

### Facilitation measures

- On border crossings between Norway and neighbouring countries, controls and prioritisation of goods are the following:
  - Goods transport to and from Norway is not restricted in any way.
  - There are no extra queues reported at Norwegian border crossings.
  - In addition to the standard customs procedures, the border control has been reinforced by representatives from the police and the army. Their main task is to check the identity of drivers (passport, driving licences, etc.).
  - Prioritisation of goods: Companies who had previous arrangements with the Customs Directorate had some advantages related to customs procedures, but these advantages do not apply currently. There is an express customs procedure in place, but only at one border station. In general, there have been no new changes of priorities when it comes to border crossing.
  - Normally border crossings for trucks on the Norwegian-Swedish and Norwegian-Finnish border are quick and efficient compared to most other countries. There has been no substantial change to this pattern since the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus.
  - The exception is the Norwegian-Russian border which is currently closed.
  - Norwegian quarantine provisions: These have not changed - everyone who enters the country must be in quarantine for 2 weeks, except for truck drivers who come by car and for truck drivers who come to work. Truck drivers can work, but must follow the quarantine rules when he/she is not working (in addition to all other measures to prevent infection).
- As from 14 May, the relaxations of driving and rest time rules **have ceased to apply** in Norway. The government decided not to prolong them, therefore drivers operating in Norway should comply with the original provisions.

**Sources: NLF and EC (DG Move)**

## Pakistan

*Updated on 6/05/20*

- On 1 May, the Ministry of Interior of Pakistan announced the complete sealing of the western border. New measures apply immediately and can be seen [here](#).





Source: PNC-ICC

## Poland

*Updated on 13/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- On 13 March, the Prime Minister of Poland announced a “state of emergency”. In addition to measures to limit public gatherings, the government announced that border controls will be temporarily restored from 15 March (00:00). This measure has been prolonged to 13 May.
- During this period:
  - Foreigners will not be allowed to enter Polish national territory. All air traffic and train movements coming from abroad will be temporarily suspended.
  - Polish citizens and foreigners working in Poland that are returning from abroad must undergo a two week quarantine period.
  - National bus, air and rail transport will operate normally.
  - International road freight transport is not included in these restrictions. Borders remain open to the flow of goods and truck drivers operating international road freight will not have to comply with the two week quarantine period. The list of border crossing points open during this period is available [here](#).
- On 19 March, the Polish Minister of Health lifted the previous duty of fulfilment of driver localisation forms. In addition, according to information on the Border Guard website, quarantine is not imposed on:
  - people living in Poland who work in a neighbouring country and who regularly cross the border (cross border workers).
  - foreigners living in a neighbouring country who work in Poland and cross the border regularly (cross border workers).
  - drivers engaged in the professional transport of goods and passengers.In addition, from 4 May, any person crossing internal borders (of the European Union) with the Republic of Poland for professional activities (and not only cross-border workers) will be exempted from the quarantine period. This exemption does not apply to health workers or social workers.
- On 12 May, the Polish Government extended controls at borders **until 12 June 2020**. The full notice can be read [here](#)

### Measures applying to drivers: Health check and quarantine

- Health checks are still taking place at border crossing points. Drivers with a temperature of above 38 degrees will automatically undergo a medical examination and will not be able to continue driving. The updated border waiting times can be found here: [www.granica.gov.pl](http://www.granica.gov.pl).
- The Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration has extended the period of border control at the internal border with Germany, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia **until 13 May**. The current restrictions on the entry of foreigners into Poland will also be maintained.



- On 24 March, Polish Authorities amended the rules on mandatory quarantine: drivers engaged in international road transport operations using vehicles below 3.5 tonnes are not any longer subject to quarantine.
- As from 23 April, drivers operating in Poland are obliged to wear a face mask whilst they are outside of their cabin. In case there are two people in the cabin, both of them have to wear a face mask whilst driving.

### Facilitation measures

- The Polish Ministry of Infrastructure relaxed rules on driving and rest times **from 17 April to 31 May**. Relaxations apply to drivers performing national and international road transport of goods and persons, and are as follows:
  - Art. 6.1: the daily driving time may not exceed 11 hours
  - Art. 6.2: the weekly driving time may not exceed 60 hours
  - Art. 6.3: the total driving time over the next two weeks may not exceed 96 hours
  - Art. 7: after a driving period of five and a half hours, the driver is entitled to a continuous break of at least forty-five minutes
  - Art. 8.8: if a driver makes this choice, he can also use the regular weekly rest period in the vehicle, provided he has adequate sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary
- Temporary derogations from the application of the provisions apply to drivers performing road haulage. Whereas, drivers performing road passenger transport are subject to the above-mentioned derogations, only in the case of transport carried out in connection with the return of citizens to their countries of residence.

According to the wording of the notification agreed with the European Commission:

  - the drivers referred to above must indicate, on the back of the analogue tachograph record sheet or the digital tachograph printout, the derogation cases
  - the use of temporary derogations must not cause deterioration of drivers' working conditions and road safety levels.
- On 30 April, the Polish Prime Minister announced a relaxation of the conditions imposed on commuters at border crossing points. **From 4 May, Polish citizens working or studying in Germany will no longer have to spend 14 days in quarantine when returning to Poland**, and corresponding regulations have been agreed with neighbouring countries.

**Polish borders are still closed for foreigners, this applies until 13 May.** People with permanent residence permits, truck drivers and diplomats are exempt from the provision.

Sources: ZMPD and DSLV

## Portugal

*Updated on 15/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- On 9 April, the On 3 May, Portugal entered the first phase of their plan to ease the lockdown, which will last until 17 May and can be renewed every 15 days should the need arise. Social distancing measures remain mandatory and face masks should be worn when social distancing is not possible. Both measures must be applied in public areas.



- Borders remain closed to the movement of people **until 15 June**. International freight transport, cross-border workers and emergency vehicles are exempt from this measure, however they must cross *via* one of the following border crossing points: Quintanilha, Tui, Vilar Formoso, Elvas, Castro Marim, Vila Verde de Raia (Chaves), Monfortinho (Castelo Branco), Marvão (Portalegre) and Vila Verde de Ficalho (Beja).
- People using the motorways can check the status and activity of service stations and rest areas [here](#).

### **Facilitation measures**

- On 22 April, the Portuguese Government advised of a temporary relaxation in the driving and rest times rules, which is applicable from 22 April until 31 May and consists of the following:
  - Art. 6.1: extension of the maximum daily driving limit, from 9 hours to 11 hours;
  - Art. 8.6: in two consecutive weeks, a driver shall take at least one regular weekly rest and one reduced weekly rest period of at least 24 hours. This reduction does not have to be compensated;
  - Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver;
  - The maximum driving limits of 56 hours (Art. 6.2) and 90 hours (art. 6.3) are maintained.
- Portugal has also advised of an extension of validity on driving licenses and certificates for other professionals where the expiry date is after 24 February 2020. Their validity is extended until 30 June 2020.

**Source: ANTRAM**

## **Romania**

*Updated on 18/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- On 15 May, Romanian authorities confirmed that their 'state of emergency' status was reduced to 'state of alert' at national level. Social distancing measures remain mandatory and face masks should be worn in enclosed spaces. All foreign nationals are banned from entry into Romania, with the exception of: family members of Romanian citizens, family members of citizens of other member states of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or of the Helvetic Confederation, having residence in Romania; persons in possession of a long term visa or a residence permit; persons travelling in a professional capacity, proved by a visa, residence permit or other equivalent document; diplomatic or consular personnel, personnel of international organisations, military personnel or personnel ensuring humanitarian support; passengers in transit, including repatriated following the granting of consular protection; passengers travelling for imperative reasons (medical or familial); persons in need of international protection or other humanitarian reasons.
- The international transport of passengers between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey is suspended until 1 June 2020.
- There are no changes on the current measures regarding road freight transport:



- Upon entering Romania, drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes and who do not have symptoms associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) must complete a declaration using the template from the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication, where details of the location where drivers can be contacted during the period between the two transports must be given (templates of these forms are available in Romanian [here](#)). Drivers are not required to undergo self-isolation at home or quarantine, provided that the employer ensures they use protective materials against coronavirus (COVID-19).  
*Note: foreign drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement (see below).*
  - The provision of the previous article applies accordingly to drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes, who are travelling for professional reasons either from Romania to another European Union Member State, or from another EU Member State to Romania, to the state of residence of the driver, regardless of whether the trip is made in his/her freight vehicle, by individual means of transport or on his/her own. Upon entry to Romania they must present an [employee certificate](#) signed by the employer.
  - Drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement upon entry into Romania, provided they meet the following minimum conditions:
    - ✓ They only use transit corridors, and border crossing points at the end of these corridors, approved by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Any deviation from these is not permitted.
    - ✓ Transit through Romanian territory must be done within the minimum time frame, and must not exceed 48 hours from entry into Romania, including stationary periods for their daily rest.
    - ✓ Parking of the vehicle is done exclusively in allocated parking areas located along the identified transit corridors.
  - In the case of non-compliance with the conditions provided in the above paragraph, the driver of the vehicle will be obliged to enter quarantine for 14 days, bearing any expenses incurred for this quarantine.
  - Upon entering Romania the driver is required to apply a [special sticker](#) from by the State Inspectorate for Control of Road Transport to the vehicle's windscreen, in order to show the transit corridors (the model of which has been established by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications).
- Drivers transiting Romania must fill out [this form](#) when entering the country. The form must be handed over at the border of exit.  
Note: In this case, the Romanian Inspectorate for Road Transport Control confirmed that professional drivers are also required **to have the form provided by ANNEX 3, Template of Certificate for International Transport Workers (EC communication on green lanes)** [details here](#).
  - Romanian authorities have also published an [interactive map](#) displaying transit corridors, refuelling stations and rest areas.
  - The Romanian Ministry of Transport publishes daily information regarding the situation at border crossing points on its website [here](#). The information is updated every evening at 20:00. The updated border waiting times and the list of border crossing points closed [can be found here](#).
  - The following State Border Crossing Points will remain totally or partially closed during the entire period of the state of emergency:
    - **At the Romanian-Hungarian Border:**
      - ✓ Turnu, Arad County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
      - ✓ Salonta, Bihor County – railway and road (except for the movement of cross-border workers by road);
      - ✓ Săcuieni, Bihor County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
      - ✓ Valea lui Mihai, Bihor County - railway and road (except for railway freight traffic);
      - ✓ Carei, Satu Mare County.



*Note: A cross border-worker is understood as a person who makes proof of living and working within an maximum area of 30 km from the Romanian-Hungarian state border, calculated from the nearest border-crossing point open for people, and who returns home at least once a week. The Romanian-Hungarian border-crossing points open for cross-border workers when entering Romania are the following: Cenad, Nădlac, Turnu, Vârșand, Salonta, Borș, Săcuieni, Urziceni, Petea.*

- **At the Romanian-Bulgarian Border:**
  - ✓ Negru Vodă, Constanța County;
  - ✓ Lipnița, Constanța County;
  - ✓ Dobromir, Constanța County;
  - ✓ Zimnicea, Teleorman County;
  - ✓ Turnu Măgurele, Teleorman County;
  - ✓ Bechet, Dolj County (except for railway freight traffic).
- **At the Romanian-Ukrainian Border:**
  - ✓ Sighetu Marmăției, Maramureș County;
  - ✓ Isaccea, Tulcea County.
- **At the Romanian-Moldovan Border:**
  - ✓ Rădăuți-Prut, Botoșani County;
  - ✓ Oancea, Galați County.
- **At the Romania-Serbian Border:**
  - ✓ Porțile de Fier II, Mehedinți County;
  - ✓ Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedinți (except for railway freight traffic);
  - ✓ Orșova, Mehedinți County;
  - ✓ Moldova Nouă, Caraș-Severin County;
  - ✓ Naidăș, Caraș-Severin County;
  - ✓ Vâlcani, Timiș County;
  - ✓ Stamora-Moravița, Timiș County- railway (except for railway freight traffic);
  - ✓ Lunga, Timiș County;
  - ✓ Foeni, Timiș County;
  - ✓ Jimbolia, Timiș County - railway (except for railway freight traffic).

### **Facilitation measures**

- Romanian Authorities have extended the temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for drivers performing domestic/international road transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14.2 of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#). This exception applies **from 17 April to 31 May**. The measures lifted are the following:
  - Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
  - Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours driving.
  - Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
  - Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six 24-hour periods.
- On 16 April, the Ministry of Internal Affairs issued a new Military Ordinance for which the measures regarding the ban on exporting some agricultural food products ceased to apply.
- On 22 April, UNTRR confirmed that, although the Romanian Authorities have not sent the updated information to the European Commission regarding the extension of the state of emergency until 15 May 2020, it is understood that documents such as licences, transport certificates, authorisations, etc., will remain valid during the state of emergency period.



Therefore, documents issued by the Romanian Road Authority that expire during the state of emergency will remain valid until 15 May and can be renewed within 90 days of that date. Documents can be sent by post.

The validity of Romanian driving licences expiring during the state of emergency has also been extended until 15 May.

Source: UNTRR

## Russia

*Updated on 6/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- In its continued effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) across the territory of the Russian Federation, the Russian Government has issued the [Decree of 27 March 2020 No. 763](#) which temporarily restricts any movements through road, rail, pedestrian, rivers and combined border-crossing points, including the overland section at the Russia-Belarus border. This decision is effective from 30 March 2020.
- The above restrictions **do not apply to truck drivers engaged in international road transport of goods** (paragraph 2). This provision is valid for citizens of the Russian Federation and for foreign truck drivers (paragraph 2 clause 2 of the Government [Decree of March 16, 2020 No. 635](#) followed by amendments introduced by Government [Decree of March 25, 2020 No. 730](#)). It is, however, obligatory for drivers to use/wear individual protective equipment and follow personal hygiene rules.
- On 29 April, the Russian Government amended the Governmental Decree of 16 March 2020 No.635. The amendment, presented in the [Governmental Decree of 29 April 2020 No.1170](#), **extends the closure of the Russian borders for an indefinite period, including the border with Belarus**. Therefore, borders will remain closed until the epidemiological situation returns to normal. Truck drivers remain exempt from this provision.
- Currently there's no specific restriction imposed on crews engaged in international transport operations in Russia.

### Facilitation measures

- From 20 March onwards, the Russian Government has cancelled all restrictions (including customs) on the supply of basic consumer goods and a “green corridor” has been established for importers and large retail chains. A zero rate of customs duties has been levied on the import of a number of goods, including medicines and medical products.  
<http://government.ru/news/39221/>
- At a meeting of the State Commission on the sustainability and development of the Russian economy, [it was decided](#) to temporarily allow the use of on-board units making payments to the Platon Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) for paying toll charges over the next 90 calendar days from the date of expiration of their service (verification) with the possibility to extend this period.
- On 26 March, Russian Government decided to withdraw the introduction of spring restrictions on regional and local roads for HGVs in 2020. Further information can be found [here](#).





- On 28 April 2020, the Russian President announced the extension of measures to ensure the sanitary and epidemiological safety of the population in connection with the spread of the coronavirus infection, and [extended the 'non-working' period until 11 May](#).
- The movement of any person or transport in the city of Moscow or the surrounding region must obtain a special digital permit. Exemption is granted to international freight transport [in the Moscow surrounding region at any time of day](#), and [in the city of Moscow during the night \(22:00-06:00\)](#). Entry into the city of Moscow during daytime hours (06:00-22:00) will only be permitted for those in the possession of a special HGV permit (regulated by Moscow Government Order of 22 August 2011 No.379-ПП).

**Source: ASMAP and Russian competent authorities**

## Saudi Arabia

*Updated on 21/04/20*

- Only essential goods are allowed in transit such as food, medical and military supplies.
- Strict confinement measures are in place and there is a curfew from 15:00-06:00. This does not apply to those with special authorisation, such as drivers on duty.
- Containers are cleaned with special materials upon their arrival at Saudi Ports, as instructed by the Ports Authority.
- Citizens from the following countries are prohibited from entering from Saudi Ports (Decision of Ports Authority dated 14 March 2020): China, UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, South Korea, Oman, Sudan, EU, Switzerland, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Somalia and Philippines.

**Source: Saudi customs authorities**

## Serbia

*Updated on 3/04/20*

### Restrictions on movements

- In order to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) into the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the Government has taken measures through different decree (unofficial translation [here](#)).
- Among the different measures, it is stated that foreign nationals shall be temporarily banned from entering the Republic of Serbia. These measures do not apply to the following categories, among others:
  - **the crew of freight motor vehicles while performing international transport by road.** In case of international transit freight transport by road, the same shall be limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia.



- **Police escort for trucks in transit through Serbia has been abolished as of 2 April 2020**, which will enable faster transportation of goods to end customers.
- Trucks in transit can stop only at [designated resting points and fuel stations](#) marked with a TRANSIT sign. Drivers will receive a map of the dedicated resting points at the border crossing points. Stopping or parking out of these specific points is strictly forbidden and will be subject to sanctions. Drivers must wear protective masks and gloves.
- Please note that 45 borders are now temporarily closed (list [here](#)) and that international road freight operations should be redirected to the open borders.

Source: CCIS-AT

## Slovenia

*Updated on 04/05/20*

### Restrictions on movements

#### **General restrictions**

- Slovenian-Italian borders are closed for passenger transport by train and international occasional and regular bus services.
- Goods vehicles whose final destination is Slovenia and goods vehicles carrying postal items, medical equipment, pharmaceutical products or humanitarian aid are permitted to enter the country. At national level, the transport of goods is allowed for postal items, medical supplies and humanitarian aid.

#### **Convoys**

- Following Croatia's decision on 18 April, convoys have now also been abolished in Slovenia.

#### **Border with Italy**

- On the SLO-IT border, only the following four border crossing points are open to traffic: **Vrtojba**, **Fernetiči**, **Škofije** and **Krvavi Potok**. These border crossing points are open 24 hours a day except for Krvavi Potok which is open from 05:00 until 23:00. All other border crossings are closed. Entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic is permitted for citizens of the Republic of Slovenia, individuals who are not Slovenian citizens or who do not have a registered permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia if they submit proof in Slovenian, English or Italian, no older than three days, of having tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). If an individual does not have such proof, he/she is allowed to enter the Republic of Slovenia only if his/her body temperature is less than 37.5°C, and if he/she shows no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection (cough, sneezing, shortness of breath).

#### **Border with Austria**

- On the SLO-AUT border, only the following entry points are open: **Gornja Radgona** (open at all times), **Kuzma** (open at all times), **Holmec** (from 05:00 to 21:00), **Karavanke** (open at all times), **Jurij** (from 06:00 to 21:00), **Vič** (from 05:00 to 23:00), **Ljubelj** (open at all times), **Trate** (open at all times), **Radlje** (open at all times), **Gederovci** (open at all times), **Šentilj** (motorway, open at all times), **Šentilj** (highway, from 06:00 to 21:00) and **Korensko** (from 05:00 to 23:00). No passenger train traffic is allowed.



Entry from Austria is permitted for Slovenian citizens, temporary or permanent residents in Slovenia, and foreigners if they present proof, not older than three days, of having tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), or foreigners with a body temperature below 37.5°C with no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection.

The ordinance does not apply to those who own land on both sides of the state border who perform agricultural work, cross-border labour migrants, freight transport, passengers of emergency/ambulance vehicles, and for transit carried out in organised humanitarian convoys. Transit of persons who are assumed to be unable to leave the territory of the Republic of Slovenia due to actions of neighbouring countries shall not be allowed. The ordinance entered into force on 25 March.

### ***Border with Croatia***

- On the SLO-HR border, the following border crossing points are open for transit of vehicles from Italy: **Gruškovje, Obrezje and Starod**. Drivers must bear in mind that so far only Obrezje has been used by convoys coming from Italy.

### ***Border with Hungary***

- On the SLO-HUN border, entry into Hungary is possible at three border crossing points: **Dolga vas, Pince and Pince R1/232**. The latter is only open to Slovenian and Hungarian citizens. All vehicles entering Hungary are subject to controls, and while there is no particular restriction or control procedure on vehicles entering Slovenia, drivers should avoid contact with others and have protective equipment with them.

### **Facilitation measures**

- As of 27 March, road freight transport is allowed during the weekend.

### ***Extension of validity of control documents***

- The Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted a Decree on the temporary ban on performing periodic technical inspections and other procedures related to the registration of motor vehicles and work in tachograph workshops in the Republic of Slovenia, which temporarily prohibited, until 16 April 2020, the carrying out of technical inspections and other procedures. **Therefore, validity of driving licences including motor vehicle insurance and ADR certificates for transport of dangerous goods has been extended until 16 May 2020.**

The Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorised driver training centres in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits the training of learner drivers, additional training for learner drivers, training for safe driving, and training for learner driver providers and safe driving training. **As a result, the validity of driving licences has been extended until 16 May 2020.**

- The Decree amending the Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorised driver training centres in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits Initial Qualification Training, theoretical and practical tests for obtaining CPC certificates, and also the periodic training for renewal of the Union Code "95". In addition, it is prohibited to carry out all activities related to the obtaining and renewal of driving licences.
- Initial and refresher training courses for drivers transporting dangerous goods, basic and refresher professional training and tests for exceptional transport attendants, medical examinations for candidates, for the driver, and for the renewal of driving licences, control medical examinations of motor vehicle drivers, and training and tests for safe handling of tractors and tractor attachments are also prohibited. **As a result, the validity of driving licences, CPC certificates and ADR driver qualification certificates which expire on 16 April 2020 has been further extended until 16 July 2020.** Instructions were sent to the Slovenian Police and the Inspectorate of Infrastructure and Financial Administration to take into account the exceptional circumstances related to the validity of different documents in the transport sector, and also for foreign users.



- Slovenia has signed ADR Multilateral Agreements:
  - M324 concerning driver training certificates and safety adviser certificates; and
  - M325 concerning periodic or intermediate inspections of tanks and certificate of approval for vehicles (more details: <https://www.unece.org/trans/danger/multi/multi.html>).

### ***Exemptions from driving and rest time rules***

- Slovenia has notified the European Commission that it will apply (from 15 April to 14 May 2020, included) a temporary and limited **relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times** for all transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Art. 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality.  
For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:
  - Article 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
  - Article 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
  - Article 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours.
  - Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours.
  - Article 8.1: reduction of the regular daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
  - Article 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour period.
  - Article 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.
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- A comprehensive overview of measures taken by the Government of Slovenia can be downloaded [here](#).

**Sources: GIZ Intertransport, Government of Slovenia and European Commission website**

## **Slovakia**

*Updated on 08/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- An emergency plan entered into force on 13 March at 07:00. This plan from the Ministry of Interior states that:
  - International buses are prohibited from entering/exiting the country.
  - Freight transport will be allowed on national and international routes. Drivers must be equipped with protective equipment and only those drivers with a temporary/permanent residence permit will be allowed to travel.
  - Secondary border crossings will be closed.
- According to the additional clarification received by IRU member in Slovakia, CESMAD Slovakia, all international drivers involved in international road freight transport are allowed to carry out their operations. In addition, CESMAD Slovakia provided further clarification on the rules applicable to truck drivers:
  - Slovakian truck drivers returning to Slovakia are only exempt from the quarantine regulations if they are performing an international transport, and provided they remain at home during the time spent in Slovakia. Any Slovakian drivers returning to Slovakia by car must quarantine for 14 days, as per the current regulations;



- Foreign drivers performing international freight operations, to and from Slovakia, are also exempt from the quarantine regulations.  
Please find [here](#) the entire text of the decision, including details regarding drivers' protection equipment and protective measures.
- The Slovak government has decided to extend controls at the borders **until 27 May**. During this period it will only be possible to enter and exit Slovakia through the following border crossings:
  - **Slovakia – Austria**
    - ✓ Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
    - ✓ Bratislava – Jarovce - Kittsee (old road)
    - ✓ Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
    - ✓ Moravský Svätý Ján - Hohenau
  - **Slovakia – Hungary**
    - ✓ Bratislava Čunovo – Rajka (motorway)
    - ✓ Medveďov – Vámosszabadi
    - ✓ Komárno – Komárom
    - ✓ Štúrovo – Esztergom
    - ✓ Šahy – Parassapuszta
    - ✓ Slovenské Ďarmoty – Balassagyarmat
    - ✓ Šiatorská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
    - ✓ Král' – Bánréve
    - ✓ Milhost' – Tornyosnémeti (road no. I/17)
    - ✓ Milhost' – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
    - ✓ Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely
  - **Slovakia – Czech Republic**
    - ✓ Svrčinovec – Mosty u Jablunkova
    - ✓ Makov – Bílá-Bumbálka
    - ✓ Horné Srnie – Brumov-Bylnice
    - ✓ Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov
    - ✓ Moravské Lieskové – Strání
    - ✓ Lysá pod Makytou – Střelná
    - ✓ Vrbovce – Velká nad Veličkou
    - ✓ Brodské – Břeclav (highway)
    - ✓ Holíč – Hodonín
    - ✓ Skalica – Sudoměřice (new road)
  - **Slovakia - Poland**
    - ✓ Trstená – Chyžné
    - ✓ Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek
- Procedures at green lane border crossings remain unchanged.

### **Facilitation measures**

- On 17 April, the Slovakian government has notified the extension of driving and rest times rules relaxations. Relaxations apply **from 00:00 of 18 April until 24:00 of 31 May** and are the following:
  - Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving time from 9 hours to 11 hours
  - Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving time from 56 hours to 60 hours
  - Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving time from 90 hours to 96 hours
  - Art. 7: the driver shall have an uninterrupted break of at least 45 minutes if he does not take a rest period after five and a half hours of driving



- Art. 8.1: reduction of the minimum daily rest period from 11 hours to 9 hours
- No traffic bans have generally been lifted, decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.
- On 28 April, Slovak Authorities decided to lift driving bans that were originally planned for 1, 3, 8 and 10 May.

Source: CESMAD Slovakia

## Spain

Updated on 13/05/20

### Restrictions on movements

- The Spanish Government extended the state of alarm **until 24 May** (official decree [here](#)).
- The Spanish government announced that, as from 17 March, borders are closed for movement of persons. Are exempted Spanish citizens, Spanish residents, cross-border commuters and anyone justifying a case of Force majeure. Freight transport is exempted to guarantee economic activity and supply chain.
- The Spanish Ministry of Transport has provided instructions on the use of masks for various modes of transport, in a new Order [TMA/384/2020](#). The instructions include the following:
  - for the transport of **passengers** by road, it is mandatory to wear a mask (both drivers and passengers);
  - for the transport of **goods** by road, it is only mandatory to wear a mask in cases of double manning in the cabin.

This new regulation takes effect on 4 May (00:00).

- In addition, the Royal decree 463/2020 published on 14 March aims at banning traffic on some national routes. *Those provisions has been not put in place, at the moment.* The following vehicles / services are exempted from the provision:
  - Roadside assistance and road maintenance vehicles
  - Vehicles distributing medical, food and fuel supplies
  - Vehicles collecting solid waste
  - Vehicles transporting live cattle and perishable goods (ATP)
- Moreover, the 6-month period during which the holder of a foreign driving license (valid for driving in Spain) can drive in the national territory is suspended.
- On 30 March, the Spanish Ministry of Transport published [a list of tourist accommodation](#) that will remain open to host, among others, drivers engaged in the transport of passengers and goods. An interactive map can be found [here](#). The Government also released a [website](#) with information on restaurants, service stations and parking areas available for road carriers.
- On 31 March, the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism published an [explanatory note](#) on the application of Royal Decree 10/2020, which regulates paid leave for people working in non-essential sectors. The Ministry clarifies that the status of “essential” applies to types of workers and not to types of goods, so there is no list of “essential goods”. The last paragraph of the explanatory note clearly states that people working in import or export activity of any kind of goods or materials are exempted from the application of the decree.





**Therefore, the transport sector is considered essential regardless of the type of goods being carried.**

The obligatory leave for people working for non-essential sectors has been in force until 9 April, included.

- As from 12 May, an [Order](#) of the Spanish Government has announced a 14 day mandatory quarantine measure for individuals returning from abroad. These people must isolate at home, and can only leave their home for limited and justified reasons.

The following categories are exempted from the measure:

- Cross-border workers
- Transport carriers and crews
- Health professionals going to work, provided they have not been in contact with people that have tested positive to Covid-19

The Order will apply **from 00:00 on 15 May**, and throughout the duration of the state of emergency and its further prorogations.

### **Restrictions at the borders**

- The Spanish Government extended control measures at borders **until 24 May** (official decree [here](#)). The measures are as follows:

Third country nationals are banned from entering Spain, with the exception of the following cases:

- Residents of the European Union (EU), as well as the spouse or partner of the EU citizen and those relatives living under their care, and residents of a Schengen country or Andorra, travelling directly to their place of residence.
- Holders of a long-term visa issued by a Member State or Schengen country, heading to that country.
- Cross-border workers.
- Health or elderly care professionals travelling to or from their place of work.
- Personnel working in the field of transport of goods, including the crew of ships in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services and fishing activity, and flight personnel necessary for carrying out essential commercial air transport activities.
- Diplomatic, consular, international organisations, military personnel and members of humanitarian organisations, carrying out their professional duties.
- People travelling for imperative family reasons, duly justified.
- Persons for reasons of force majeure or situations of need, or whose entry is permitted for humanitarian reasons.
- For citizens of other EU States or other countries that are part of the European Economic Area (EU + Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), their entry will also be denied, except in the cases above (apart from the first two points which are not applicable to them) and as long as they are not resident in Spain or are heading directly to their place of residence in another Member State, Schengen country or Andorra.

Land borders with Ceuta and Melilla remain closed. Land borders with Gibraltar and Andorra are open.

### **Facilitation measures**

- Driving restrictions have also been lifted by the competent authorities.
- In all cases, the lifting does not apply to the mandatory itineraries for dangerous goods. The following restrictions are suspended for the entire duration of the state of emergency
  - Week traffic bans for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes
  - Weekend and festive bans for ADR vehicles



- Week, festive and weekend bans for abnormal transport
- All traffic bans for transport vehicles in Catalonia and in the Basque Country
- The following derogations apply:
  - Licenses, permits and any driving authorization expiring during the state of emergency is automatically extended until up to 70 days after its end
  - The validity of temporary authorizations for circulation are extended up until 60 days after the end of the state of emergency

More detailed information for [Spain](#), [Catalonia](#), and the [Basque Country](#).

- On 25 March, the Spanish Government published derogations to live animal transport rules:
  - Certificates, authorisations related to drivers and vehicles engaged in the transport of live animals expiring after 1/3/2020 are valid until 120 days after the end of the state of emergency or extensions thereof. In addition, this term may be extended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for a maximum of 30 more days.
  - The logbooks or route sheets will be valid despite not having been sealed by the competent authority until 7 days after the end of the state of emergency or its extensions, and may be extended 7 more days by the General Directorate of Agricultural Productions and Markets.
  - Exemptions granted on the rest times related to the protection of animals during transport and related operations. This applies to all animal movements that are carried out during the state of emergency. The total duration of the trip will be the maximum allowed for each species in Chapter V of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005, of the Council, of 22 December 2004, except for rest time.
  - These measures apply to the entire territory of Spain. The Government will notify the EC, aiming to extend the validity of such measures to other countries.
- On 14 April, the Spanish government advised of the [relaxation](#) of driving and rest times rules. These relaxations apply **from 14 April until 31 May** and are as follows:
  - Art. 6.1: increase in the maximum daily driving limit from 9 hours to 11 hours
  - Art. 8.2: reduction in the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours
  - Art. 8.6: possibility of taking two consecutive reduced weekly rests of at least 24 hours, provided that:
    - a) The driver takes at least 4 weekly rest periods in those 4 consecutive weeks, at least two of which must be the normal weekly rest periods of at least 45 hours
    - b) no compensation is required for reduced weekly rest
  - Art. 8.8: Possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver, and the vehicle is stationary.

Members should bear in mind that maximum driving limits of 56 hours (Art. 6.2) and 90 hours (art. 6.3) are maintained.

**Sources: ASTIC, CETM, and Confibus**

## Sweden

*Updated on 14/04/20*

### Restrictions on movements



- The Sweden government has taken measures introducing social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Freight transport activities within, to and from Sweden are not impacted by these measures.

### **Facilitation measures**

- The Swedish Transport Agency states that Sweden [plans to adopt](#) a temporary and limited relaxation on the enforcement of driving and rest times for the **drivers of vehicles transporting all types of goods and transport of passengers.**
- This temporary relaxation applies **from 15 April 2020 and will run until 31 May 2020**. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the Swedish territory.
- For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:
  - Article 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
  - Article 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
  - Article 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 120 hours.
  - No derogation to Article 7 of Regulation 561/2006.
  - Article 8.1: reduction of the regular daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
  - Article 8.6: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.
  - Article 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest shorter than 45 hours in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

**Sources: SA and Stoneridge Electronics**

## **Switzerland**

*Updated on 04/05/20*

### **Restrictions on movements**

- On 27 April 2020, Switzerland started a de-confinement plan in several phases. No decision has been taken to re-open the borders, [not all border crossings are open](#).
- Indeed, from 00:00 of 17 March, entry by road on the Swiss territory from Italy, France, Germany, and Austria is limited to Swiss citizens, Swiss residents and people entering for professional reasons. Only major border crossings are open for movements of persons.
- International freight transport is not affected by these measures, and all border crossing points are open for freight movements. [Green lanes](#) are also in place at some border crossings for import, export and transit of medical products, foodstuff, fuel supplies, and post. List of border crossings equipped with green lanes for freight transport is available [here](#).
- On 1 April, the Swiss Federal Department of Justice notified the **extension of border controls until further notice (as long as necessary, but for a maximum of 6 months)**. The prolongation involves all countries except the Principality of Liechtenstein.  
At present, there is no official date for the lifting of border controls.



- No Schengen visa will be issued to third country nationals until 15 June 2020.

**Source:** [ASTAG](#), Federal Customs Administration, Swiss Federal Department of Justice and European Commission

## Tajikistan

*Updated on 19/05/20*

- Government of Tajikistan has issued a [temporary regulation](#) concerning international freight transport in the Republic of Tajikistan in view of COVID-19 prevention (unofficial translation from ABBAT [here](#)).
- This temporary regulation specifies the entry, exit and transit of international freight vehicles and the movement of drivers engaged in international road transport to/from the Republic of Tajikistan.
- The regulation was approved by the Ministry of Transport, Health and Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Customs and the State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan.  
<http://www.abbat.tj/news/972>
- As from 30 April, the Karasu-Kulma border crossing point between Tajikistan and China has reopened to freight transport operations. Companies should be aware that transshipment operations are carried out at the border. Non-Chinese truck drivers are not allowed to leave their vehicles. “Contactless” controls are carried out by both border forces. Passenger operations and the presence of unauthorised persons remains strictly prohibited; the Chinese Government will immediately close the border if this rule is breached.

**Source:** ABBAT

## Tunisia

*Updated on 7/04/20*

- There are no restrictions on movement of goods in Tunisia; however, importers are facing difficulties importing goods, not because of internal regulations but rather due to the situation worldwide.
- Exporting medical supplies that are necessary for treatment of the virus, such as masks and oxygen machines require special authorization.
- Work at the borders is maintained with staff reduction to ensure social distancing whilst on duty. Staff are split into 2 shifts that alternate every week.
- Borders with Libya are already closed due to the political situation, therefore there is not very much transit movement in general, not because of the coronavirus, but because of the political situation in the region.
- Borders with Algeria are closed both way.

**Source:** Tunisian customs authorities



## Turkey

Updated on 18/05/20

### Restrictions on movements

- On 8 May, the Turkish Ministry of Interior updated the [measures](#) related to drivers entering Turkey (unofficial translation [here](#)). On 14 May the [measures](#) related to drivers transiting through Turkey (section A) were updated. According to the measures, all drivers will be subject to health checks. Individuals who show symptoms related to the disease will not be allowed to enter Turkey. According to the updated measures:
  - All drivers will be subject to health checks. Foreign drivers who show symptoms related to COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter Turkey. Turkish drivers who show symptoms related to COVID-19 will be put in quarantine.
  - The previous obligation for foreign drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 to leave Turkey within 72 hours of entering has been lifted. However, foreign drivers will be obligated to agree with a letter of commitment that they will exit Turkey as soon as possible. In this case only they will not be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.
  - The previous obligation for drivers in transit to leave the country within either 36 or 24 hours has been lifted. The new regulation states that customs administrations will determine the routes and resting/parking areas for vehicles in transit, and that drivers should exit Turkey as soon as possible.
  - Turkish drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed to leave Turkey without any quarantine procedures.
  - Trucks which are carrying goods such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies that are urgent for Turkey, will be given priority to enter Turkey.
  - Foreign drivers should go to the nearest healthcare institution if they feel any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.).
  - Ro-Ro vessels will only carry trailers (without truck) or containers; drivers will not be allowed to board Ro-Ro vessels, unless operating between the following ports:
    - Turkey-Ukraine:  
Zonguldak – Chornomorsk (Ilyichevsky)  
Istanbul (Haydarpaşa) - Chornomorsk (Ilyichevsky)  
Karasu – Chornomorsk (Ilyichevsky)
    - Turkey-Romania:  
Constanta - Karasu
    - Turkey-Lebanon:  
Taşucu - Tripoli
    - Turkey-Israel:  
Mersin – Haifa
  - All of above mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq. Foreign trucks and drivers in Turkey will be allowed to leave Turkey and reach those countries by using



open border crossing points. However, they will not be allowed to return to Turkey after they have left.

Sources: UND and TOBB

## Turkmenistan

Updated on 15/05/20

- According to a new measure, as of 17 March, people entering Turkmenistan via Uzbekistan, must present a health report. Entry into the territory will not be allowed without this health report. More information [here](#).
- With effect from 24 March 2020, the transportation of goods arriving in Turkmenistan by road through the checkpoints "Garabogaz" and "Farap" on the state border of Turkmenistan, followed by transportation inside Turkmenistan, will be carried out by Turkmen carriers. The goods can be transferred from the foreign freight carrier to a Turkmen freight carrier in specially designated areas on the state border, provided that they are transferred without contact.
- Foreign trucks which arrived in Turkmenbashi International Seaport prior to, or on 23 March (inclusive) can leave trailers or semi-trailers in the designated areas on the territory of the Turkmenbashi International Seaport for subsequent transportation to Turkmenistan, or for transit through its territory by Turkmen trucking companies. Subsequently, foreign tractors must return, with the driver, by sea. Full rules and procedures on cargo delivery concerning Turkmenbashi seaport can be consulted [here](#).
- However, with effect from 24 March 2020, **all** cargo arriving at the Turkmenbashi International Sea Port, including cargo in transit, can only be sent by sea vessel, on trailers or semi-trailers without tractors, drivers or persons accompanying the goods.
- At the same time, for the efficient functioning of transport and transit corridors passing through the territory of Turkmenistan, the Turkmen authorities propose to actively use combined modes of transport (both sea and land) for the transportation of goods in containers and railway wagons.
- For any issues relating to the transportation of goods in Turkmenistan and transit through its territory, the Turkmen authorities have set up hotlines:
  - Ashgabat - +99365647471;
  - Baku - +994502900301;
  - Tashkent - +998712023210 / 998901297455.
- Taking into account the introduction of additional measures in Turkmenistan to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is recommended that carriers, as well as organisations planning to deliver goods to Turkmenistan, minimise the volume of road freight transport in the region by using combined modes of transport.  
Please consider this information when planning transportation.
- On 14 April, The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva has informed IRU of the [following procedures](#) affecting freight transport in Turkmenistan, and has requested that IRU communicate this to all interested parties. Please consider this information when planning transport in Turkmenistan.





- According to preliminary feedback received from the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva, the cargo procedures should be extended until **20 June 2020**. An official confirmation is expected shortly.

**Sources: THADA, Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office, and Turkish Embassy – Ashgabat / Turkmenistan**

## Ukraine

*Updated on 7/05/20*

### Restrictions at borders

- The National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, Oleksiy Danilov, announced on 13 March that the country will close its borders for foreigners (effective 15 March) for 14 days, with prolongation if necessary. By now, the restrictions have been officially **prolonged until 11 May**.  
Border crossing points will remain open for freight transport (including transit). Temperature of drivers will be checked and they will be asked to wear masks, medical gloves, and have antiseptic gel for hands sanitation. The list of Ukrainian border crossing points closed or restricted for movements can be found on the annexes to the [governmental decree](#).
- Given the fact that Ukraine and neighbouring countries have imposed restrictions on crossing the state borders, the State Border Service of Ukraine has released a list of checkpoints that operate between Ukraine and neighbouring countries.
- In addition, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Ukraine and most of the neighbouring countries have restricted entry of foreigners to their territory.
- As of 7 April, the following 19 border-crossing points are operational at the Ukrainian border:
  - **Crossing points at the border with Belarus:**
    - ✓ Senkivka - Veselivka
    - ✓ Novi Yarylovychi - Nova Huta
    - ✓ Slavutych - Komaryn
    - ✓ Vystupovychi - Nova Rudnia
    - ✓ Domanove - Mokrany
  - **At the border with Poland:**
    - ✓ Krakowiec - Korchowa
    - ✓ Yagodin - Dorohusk
    - ✓ Rawa Ruska - Hrebenne
  - **At the border with Slovakia:**
    - ✓ Uzhhorod-Vyshnie - Niemetske
  - **At the border with Hungary:**
    - ✓ Chop (Tysa) - Zakhon
  - **At the border with Romania:**
    - ✓ Diakove - Khalmeu
    - ✓ Porubne - Siret
  - **At the border with Moldova:**



- ✓ Palanka-Maiaky - Udobne
- ✓ Starokozache - Tudora
- ✓ Reni - Dzhiurdzhiulesht
- ✓ Mohyliv-Podilskyi - Otach
- **At the border with Russia:**
  - ✓ Hoptivka - Nekhotieievka
  - ✓ Iunakivka - Sudzha
  - ✓ Bachivsk - Troiebortne
  - ✓ Senkivka - Novi Yurkovychi
- On 15 April 2020, the Ukrainian Government approved a mechanism allowing, on the basis of reciprocity, to take restrictive measures against those countries that have set restrictions towards Ukraine. On the basis of reciprocity, appropriate measures can be applied to drivers and the crew of goods vehicles from countries which imposed border crossing restrictions to Ukrainian goods vehicles drivers and crew. Meanwhile, crossing the state border of Ukraine is permitted for drivers and the crew of goods vehicles from countries which didn't impose any restrictions on Ukrainian goods vehicles drivers and the crew.

**Sources:** AsMAP-Ukraine, State Frontier Service of Ukraine - <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/Uryad-posiliv-obmezhennya-na-kordoni/?fbclid=IwAR3SYmtoLhYG0ZSajD3I2DawrzbC0--6eXC7tIlZyTcdtURaY4ONBSzZR9M>, IRU Moscow office

## United Kingdom

Updated on 22/04/20

### Restrictions on movements

- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the government has taken new measures, which include advising British nationals against all non-essential international travel.
- The advice against non-essential travel is not intended to apply to international and domestic freight transport. Thus, haulage continues under no extra restrictions in the UK officially.
- A first [guidance note](#) on Coronavirus (Covid-19) and freight transport has been published by the UK Department for Transport, followed by a second [guidance note](#) on Covid-19 for the transport sector.
- In cases of non-resident drivers becoming unwell with the coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms while in the UK, the national authorities recommend the following:
  - If emergency/clinical care is needed, an ambulance should be called;
  - The official guidelines must be followed, ie. immediate self-isolation; it is the responsibility of the freight company to safeguard employee well-being and therefore place them in suitable individual accommodation;
  - Foreign nationals can also approach their embassy for assistance;
  - In exceptional circumstances, depending on capacity, it may be possible to arrange accommodation at the London Isolation Centre.

### Facilitation measures

#### **Relaxation of EU drivers' hours rules:**



- In response to unprecedented pressures on local and national supply chains, the Department for Transport has pursuant to Article 14(2) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#), introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales. It has also introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of GB drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales.
- This relaxation began on 23 March and was due to end on 21 April 2020. A specific review of the continuation of the relaxations past 21 April has been conducted and, on the basis of the current evidence, a decision has been made to continue with the relaxations, (apart from the relaxation on break requirements) until **23:59 on Sunday 31 May 2020**. This relaxation applies to those undertaking carriage of goods by road in all sectors.
- The EU drivers' hours rules can be temporarily relaxed as follows:
  - Replacement of the EU daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours
  - Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours
  - Lifting the weekly (56 hours) and fortnightly driving limits (90 hours) to 60 and 96 hours respectively
  - Postponement of the requirement to start a weekly rest period after six 24 hours periods, for after seven 24 hours period; although 2 regular weekly rest periods or a regular and a reduced weekly rest period will still be required within a fortnight
  - Drivers using the relaxation at 'b', reducing their daily rest from 11 hours to 9, can still use the derogation allowing them to interrupt their daily rest, by up to one hour, to embark and disembark from a train or a ferry.
- Drivers must not use relaxation 'a' and 'd' at the same time. This is to ensure drivers can get adequate rest. Relaxations in force before 21 April are no longer applicable.

#### ***Relaxation of GB drivers' hours rules:***

- The GB drivers' hours rules can be temporarily relaxed as follows:
  - Replacement of the GB duty time limit of 11 hours with 12 hours
  - Replacement of the GB daily driving time limit of 10 hours with 11 hours.
- Drivers can only take advantage of this temporary relaxation 5 days in any 7-day period and must take a rest period of 24 hours within the same 7 day period when taking advantage of this relaxation. More information [here](#).
- In addition to these measures, from Monday 23 March, all road user charging schemes in the capital will be temporarily suspended until further notice. This includes the Congestion Charge, the central London ULEZ and the London-wide LEZ.

#### ***Relaxation of NI drivers' hours rules:***

- In response to unprecedented pressures on local and national supply chains, the Department for Infrastructure has introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules **in Northern Ireland**. It has also introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of NI drivers' hours rules in Northern Ireland.

This relaxation began on 23 March 2020 and was due to end on 21 April 2020. A specific review of the continuation of the relaxations past 21 April 2020 has been conducted and on the basis of the current evidence, a decision has been made to continue with the relaxations (**apart from the relaxation on break requirements**) until **23:59 on Sunday 31 May 2020**.



The Department will keep these temporary arrangements under review and the relaxation may be amended or brought to an end earlier if circumstances change.

The Department would like to remind all transport operators and the customers who influence their practices that:

- The standard drivers' hours rules are important safety-related rules. They are in place to improve road safety and the working conditions of drivers, and reduce the risk of drivers being involved in fatigue-related accidents.
- Therefore, these temporary relaxations should only be used where absolutely necessary. Operators should, wherever possible, attempt to recruit additional drivers from other sectors who are out of work or facing being furloughed.
- The temporary relaxations are designed to support the transport of vital goods, including the supply chains related to medicines, health, fuel, food and other necessities.

The current situation is being kept under review and the relaxation may be amended or withdrawn earlier than 31 May 2020 if circumstances change. Operators should use this period to increase resilience.

If any drivers or operators consider that they are being asked to use the relaxation without correct justification then they can email their concerns to [drivershours@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:drivershours@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk).

Retrospective checking of the use of these relaxations will take place as necessary, including by the Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA).

**Please note that the previous relaxation of the EU drivers' hours rules on breaks (i.e. the requirements for daily breaks of 45 minutes after 4.5 hours driving replaced with a break of 45 minutes after 5.5 hours of driving) was applicable from 23 March 2020 until 21 April 2020 only.**

Those wishing to use this relaxation should read the full notice [here](#) and must follow its requirements.

Sources: RHA and FTA

## USA

*Updated on 23/03/20*

### Updated situation on Cross-Border Operations in North America (Canada, Mexico and USA)

- IRU's US freight member, ATA, has reported the following:
  - With effect from midnight, Friday 20 March, the US-Canada and US-Mexico border ports of entry have implemented a partial travel ban. This ban does not apply to trade or truck freight of any kind, nor to truck drivers from these three countries (providing the driver is in good health). Please see the highlights below, as well as the attached Federal Register notices.  
[US-Canada Joint Initiative COVID-19 Statement](#)  
[US-Mexico Joint Initiative COVID-19 Statement](#)
- There have been reports of some Customs and Border Protection officers on the northern border informing drivers that, with effect from 23 March, their loads will not be considered "essential". There are also reports that some loads have already been turned away for the same reason. ATA has been informed that ALL truck freight is essential, and if drivers are told otherwise then he or she must request



the assistance of a supervisor. Furthermore, drivers commuting to work across the border, or persons crossing the border on foot to collect a load, are also permitted to cross.

If you receive reports from your drivers of any issues, please inform ATA immediately to inform the CBP. Field officers should be fully aware that all freight and all truck drivers are considered essential at this point.

#### **Updated situation on Domestic Freight Operations in the United States of America**

- On 18 March, the FMCSA released an updated Emergency Declaration for commercial motor vehicle operations providing direct assistance to COVID-19 relief efforts. The declaration can be located on the FMCSA's website [here](#).  
In the update, the FMCSA provided new guidance on which operations are covered by the declaration, clarifying that fuel haulers are in fact included. The updated declaration also provides new guidance on "mixed load" operations.  
"We thank Administrator Mullen and the Trump Administration for continued support to our industry as we deliver food, water, medicine, medical supplies, fuel and other essentials throughout this public health crisis," said Dan Horvath, Vice President of Safety Policy at the American Trucking Associations. "The men and women of the trucking industry are heroes who remain on the front lines in this national effort."
- ATA encourages individuals to review the official declaration to determine whether their operations are included

**Source: ATA**

## **Uzbekistan**

*Updated on 06/05/20*

#### **Restrictions on movements**

- Starting from 16 March, Uzbekistan is suspending all air and road connections with third countries. Railway connections are closed.
- According to the State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan, restrictions shall not apply to persons and vehicles engaged in goods transport by road, rail, sea, river, and air.
- As of 1 May, new temporary rules are applicable in Uzbekistan for international road transport in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This new procedure applies to both national and foreign drivers engaged in international road transport.  
The movement of trucks can be carried out through specially designated state border checkpoints, until further notice. This was stated in the decision of the Republican Special Commission on the preparation of a program of measures to prevent the entry and spread of coronavirus (Covid-19) in the Republic of Uzbekistan. According to this decision, the movement of trucks will be carried out only through the following state border checkpoints:
  - with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan - "Termez";
  - with the Republic of Turkmenistan - "Olot";
  - With the Republic of Tajikistan - "Sarosiyo", "Oybek" and "Plotina";
  - With the Kyrgyz Republic - "Do'stlik", "O'zbekiston", "Vodil", "Chashma" and "Oq qiya";
  - With the Republic of Kazakhstan - "Daut-ata", "Gulistan", "Yallama", "Zangiota" and "Toshkent".



- With effect from 30 April, all trucks arriving in Uzbekistan will be directed to special parking areas close to the border crossing points, where the drivers will be tested for coronavirus (Covid-19). The vehicles and their drivers will remain in those special parking areas until the test results are announced. If the coronavirus (Covid-19) test is negative, the journey according to the confirmed route will be authorised to continue. Drivers must wear protective suits, disposable masks and gloves. In the case of a positive test result, the driver will be taken to a medical facility in accordance with regulations, and the co-driver, if present, will be transferred to a quarantine facility. After the complete disinfection of the motor vehicle, the transport operation may continue with another driver (who has no connection with the consignor or consignee of the transport operation concerned), or the goods carried may be transferred to another motor vehicle under customs control. In the case of a new driver, the obligations connected with the delivery of goods under customs control remain applicable to this driver. Foreign drivers entering Uzbekistan to deliver goods must leave the territory within 10 days of the delivery of goods. If they must collect goods for the return leg during this time, they are obligated to wait in the designated parking area closest to the place of delivery. These areas have strict quarantine and social distancing rules; drivers cannot talk to other people nor leave the area. Unauthorised people cannot enter the area. The control over the movement of foreign motor vehicles crossing the Uzbek customs border is carried out on the basis of the "Obligation to return vehicles". Drivers should be aware that the following situations are considered a violation of the quarantine rules:
  - Deviation from the planned route;
  - Failure to wear the protective suits, masks or gloves;
  - Failure to comply with the time set for repatriation;
  - Lack of necessary transport documents (driving license, clearance documents, certificates, international transport permits)If a driver fails to comply with the delivery time set by the customs authority, and proof is provided (by way of entries in his/her paperwork) that the non-compliance to these delivery times is due to the driver's compliance with the present temporary regulation, then no administrative proceeding will be initiated.

**Sources:** [Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan](https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/03/15/measures), <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/03/15/measures>,  
**Uzbekistan Embassy in Germany**