Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – updated situation in Belarus

The Belarusian Government has issued a Regulation of 25 May 2020 No. 311 on THE DEPLOYMENT OF NAVIGATION DEVICES (SEALS). This regulation was published yesterday and WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON 7 JUNE 2020.

The document notably requests that transport operators in transit who have violated subparagraph 1.2. and (or) 1.3. of the Regulation of 25 March 2020 No. 171 _(i.e. failed to use only designated highways or parking areas to comply with transit deadlines)_ will be allowed to transit the territory of Belarus only in cases where navigation seals are attached to the goods compartments of their vehicles in order to track their location.

These provisions shall not apply in cases of malfunction of the navigation system caused by technical problems, or breaches in the means of communications, or when customs escorts are used in accordance with the customs procedure of customs transit.

Navigation seals will be attached at the border crossing points before entry into Belarus either by customs authorities, or by the national operator (Belneftegaz), or by other authorised entities.

Removal of navigation seals will be carried out at:

- the external borders of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) by either the customs authorities, or by the national operator (Belneftegaz), or by other authorised entities;

- the RUS-BLR border by either the national operator (Belneftegaz) or by other authorised entities.

Governmental Regulation of 25 May 2020 No. 311 has also set A FEE FOR THIS SERVICE – 3 BASIC UNITS WHICH IS CURRENTLY BYN 81 OR EUR 31, VAT included.

This legal act has been adopted by the government to ensure deployment of navigation seals in Belarus, as well as to take additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 2020.

Additional information in Russian can be found here On 26 May, the Government of Belarus informed of a new procedure for booking a place in the queue at the border.

Further details can be seen here.

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