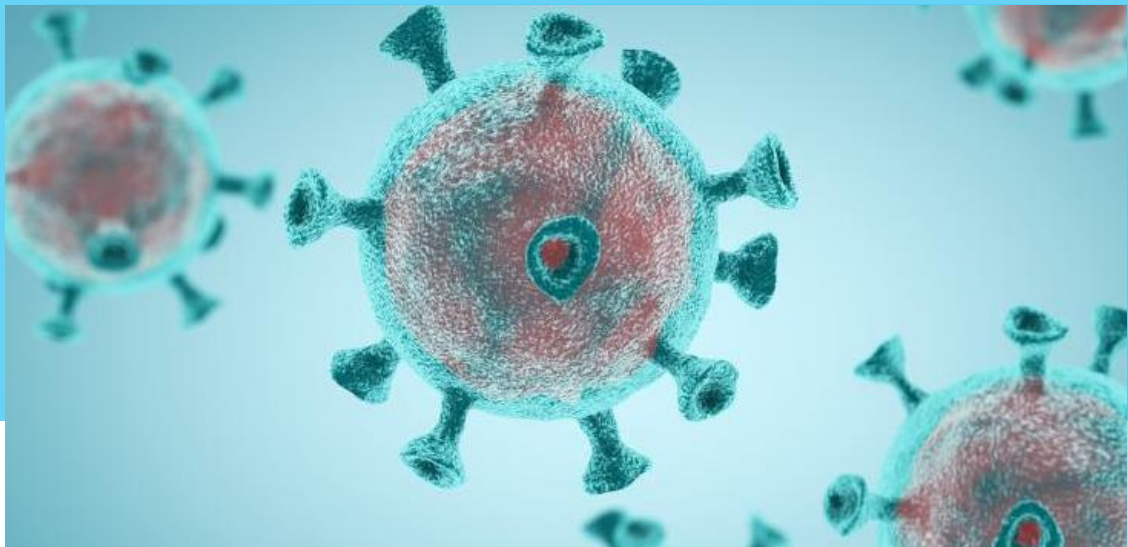


Impact on freight and passenger transport of the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

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Updates of the day: Hungary, Greece





Albania

Updated on 29/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- As from 15 June, maritime and air borders have re-opened, while public transport operations are banned until further notice. Since 1 June, land borders with all neighbouring countries are open. Taxi services are allowed for a maximum of two passengers from the same family per vehicle. More information can be found [here](#).

Source: OECD

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 17/06/20

- The state of emergency is extended until **15 July**

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 26/06/20

- As of June 15, measures in Austria have been relaxed. People now only need to wear a mask on public transport and in the health sector, such as in pharmacies, hospitals etc.

Restrictions on movements

Entry to Austria (generic rules)

- As of 16 June, the following applies: People entering Austria from the Schengen area and from the European non-Schengen countries (Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus) must provide a medical certificate, in [German](#) or [English](#), proving that they have a negative COVID-PCR test result. The certificate must not be older than 4 days at the time of entry. As an alternative, a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation must be undertaken.

The entire regulation does not apply to people who enter Austria from the 32 European countries listed in [Annex A](#) and (cumulatively) have their residence or usual habitation in Austria or in one of these countries.

Entry from outside the Schengen area

- People entering Austria must provide a medical certificate in [German](#) or [English](#) confirming a negative COVID-PCR test result (certificate must be not older than 4 days at entry) or undertake a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation (If quarantine is refused, entry will be prohibited). There is the possibility of free-testing during quarantine. The quarantine may be interrupted only in case an immediate departure from Austria is ensured. These provisions apply to: Austrian citizens, EU/EEA citizens, Swiss citizens and members of their families living in the same household, holders of an Austrian visa D or a photo identification card, in accordance with § 95 FPG (photo identification for holders of privileges and immunities in Austria) or persons with a right of residence or documentation of the right of residence, in accordance with the Austrian Settlement and Residence Act or the Austrian Asylum Act, which authorises them to stay in Austria.

The following categories of third country nationals are allowed to enter the country from anywhere (whether or not they come from the Schengen area or from Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican City, the United Kingdom and Cyprus):

- Members of staff from diplomatic missions and members of their families living in the same household.
- Employees of international organisations and members of their families living in the same household.
- Humanitarian aid workers.
- Nursing and health personnel.
- Seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism.
- Passengers in transit.



- Drivers engaged in freight transport.

Exemptions from testing and quarantine requirements

- Upon entry, individuals are exempt from testing or quarantine requirements in case they are carrying out one of the following:
 - Goods transport operations.
 - Commercial transport operations.
 - Repatriation trip or flight.
 - Transfer journey or flight.

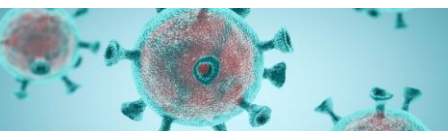
Driving bans

- With effect from 18 May, weekend and holiday driving bans for trucks over 7.5t and trucks with trailers, has been reapplied. As of today, AISÖ has not received information concerning a summer driving ban calendar. Subject to neighbouring countries' behaviour, it is possible that, at best, a very short calendar could be issued.

Restrictions at borders

- Austria – Italy
Since 16 June, Austria has opened its borders with Italy. All border crossings between Austria and Italy are open again. From this date, neither a negative SARS-CoV-2 test nor a 14 quarantine is required. Sporadic border controls continue to be carried out.
- Austria – Germany
Coming from Germany, entry into Austria has been possible since 4 June, without the obligation to have a medical certificate or the obligation to quarantine at home. There are no systematic border controls being carried out.
- Austria –Switzerland
Since 4 June, complete freedom of travel between Austria and Switzerland has been restored.
- Austria – Hungary
Since 5 June, there are no more border controls. However, border crossings between Austria (AT) and Hungary (HU) are only permitted at these official border crossing points: Klingenbach, Deutschkreuz, Nickelsdorf and Heiligenkreuz. Commercial traffic between AT and HU is not subject to restrictions anymore.
- Austria-Slovenia:
All border crossings between Austria and Slovenia are open again, but only Slovenian and Austrian citizens are allowed to use them. All other citizens may only use the following border crossing points: Karawanken Tunnel, Loibltunnel and Spielberg Motorway, as well as Spielfeld Bahnhof, which only relevant to rail traffic.

The regulations are not applicable to the transport of goods or the carriage of goods. Freight transport runs smoothly across all open border crossings with the Republic of Slovenia; as long as the relevant documentation (order and delivery documents, note documents, driver's passport or ID card and proof of employment) are available.



- Austria – Slovakia
Borders are open and freedom of travel between Austria and Slovakia is restored. Since 4 June, individuals are free to enter Austria from Slovakia.
- Austria- Liechtenstein
Since 4 June, border controls and health checks have been discontinued
- Austria-Czech Republic:
All border crossings between Austria and the Czech Republic are open.

Facilitation measures

- 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 24/06/20

- Quarantine regime is extended until 1 August.

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)

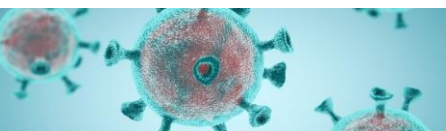
Source: Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Belarus

Updated on 30/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- 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.
- 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...](#)
- The Belarusian Government has issued a [Regulation of 25 May 2020 No. 311](#) on **the deployment of navigation devices (seals)**.
- 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.



- 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.

- On 29 June, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus issued [Resolution No. 372](#), which amends Resolution No. 171 of 25 March 2020; concerning measures to prevent the importation and spread of infection caused by the coronavirus COVID-19; as well as Resolution No.311 of 25 May 2020, on the deployment of navigation devices (seals).

Notably, **drivers in transit are no longer requested** to use designated highways or stop for rest and fuelling at designated rest areas or fuel stations, or exit Belarus, no longer than the next day, upon the date of entry. Drivers are no longer required to use navigation seals for transit via the territory of Belarus. Navigation seals will be offered as an alternative to customs convoy in cases required by the legislation.

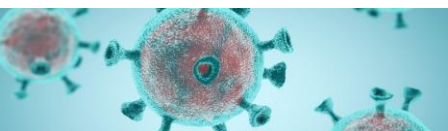
Also, **drivers who failed to comply with the above requirements will no longer be requested to use navigation seals for transit** via the territory of Belarus. Navigation seals will be offered as an alternative to customs convoy in cases required by the legislation.

The Resolution shall enter into force **on 1 July 2020**.

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

Belgium

Updated on 13/07/20



Restrictions on movements

- As of 15 June, Belgium has lifted border restrictions on all movements within the European Union, the Schengen Area and the United Kingdom, subject to a favourable epidemiological situation in Belgium and the countries concerned. Any person with Belgian nationality, with or without their main residence in Belgium, long-term residents in Belgium and persons with legal residence in Belgium, may always return to Belgium.

The EU Member States and associated Schengen countries still temporarily ban all non-essential travel to and from so-called “third countries” in the EU+ area until 30 June 2020. These measures may be extended.

The temporary travel restrictions do not apply to persons doing essential work or for compelling reasons, such as:

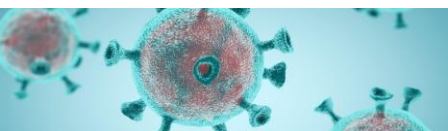
- Health professionals, health researchers and professionals providing care for the elderly.
 - Frontier workers
 - Seasonal agricultural workers.
 - Transport staff responsible for the transport of goods and other transport personnel, as necessary
 - Diplomats, staff of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties
 - Passengers in transit
 - Passengers travelling for compelling family reasons
 - Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons; travel in accordance with the principle of ‘non-refoulement’
- Phase 4 of the lockdown easing plan will start on 1 July, with no impact on transport operations.
 - FEBETRA has created a comprehensive webpage on measures taken in Belgium. The page can be consulted in [Dutch](#) and [French](#).
 - On 13 July, the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs updated its travel advice list and included Sweden in the red list.
Countries and areas included in the red list are subject to a formal travel ban and mandatory test and quarantine upon return in Belgium.
Full details can be read [here](#).

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 25/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 24 June, the Bulgarian authorities extended the emergency epidemic situation **until 15 July**.
- In a [new order](#) issued on 4 June, the Minister of Health has confirmed the temporary entry ban from 20 June until 30 June 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, citizens of Member States of the European Union, UK, Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican), Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro, family members of Bulgarian citizens, persons who are in actual cohabitation with a Bulgarian citizen, persons with permanent and 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 passengers and 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
- Provided that immediate leaving from the country can be guaranteed, transit through 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;



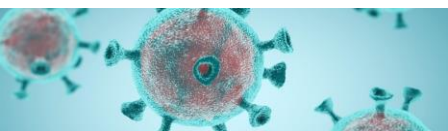
- Third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
 - Citizens of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Turkey, Albania and Kosovo in order to return to their country;
- Quarantine rules have been set out as follows: people entering the territory of Republic of Bulgaria from Sweden, UK and Portugal, as well as from third countries, except Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican, shall be quarantined for a period of 14 days at home or other accommodation where the person has indicated that he/she will reside, with a prescription issued by the director of the relevant regional health inspectorate, or a person authorised by him.

Exemption to the quarantine provisions are granted to Bulgarian citizens and citizens of other EU Member States, UK, and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) who are:

- Travelling for humanitarian reasons
- Representatives of trade, economic and investment activities and persons directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria. In the implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analysis of projects of potential investors and other activities relevant to the country's economy. The journey must be certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy or other ministries responsible for the respective activities. Persons involved in shipbuilding and ship repair, including their family members, are also exempt
- Bus drivers performing international transport of passengers
- Truck drivers performing or completing international transport of goods
- Vessel crew members who are Bulgarian citizen

The following persons, regardless of their nationality, are also exempt:

- Medical professionals, medical scientists, social workers, and their managers, if the purpose of their journey is linked to their professional work
 - Workers involved in the delivery of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment, medical equipment, including its installation and maintenance
 - Officials (Heads of State, Government, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organisations, military personnel, personnel of the security and public order services and humanitarian workers, carrying out their duties, including their family members
 - Cross-border workers
 - State administration officers on short-term business trips abroad, carrying out their duties.
- Since 22 May, International goods transport drivers and anyone not subject to quarantine provision entering Bulgaria are required to fill out the declaration forms (in [English](#), [Bulgarian and Romanian](#), [Turkish](#) and [Czech](#)) for people entering Bulgaria. Members are reminded that such declaration does not substitute Annex 3. In order to minimize waiting times, drivers are advised to fill in the declaration prior to their arrival at the border crossing points.
- 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 by the Road Infrastructure Agency where the truck and the driver must stay until the ban is abolished.
- 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 face masks is mandatory in all closed public spaces (except for eating and drinking places). However, it remains highly recommended to use masks in open public places where physical distancing cannot be ensured.

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.
- Relaxations of driving and rest time rules have not been renewed after 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 fully applies **from 00:00 on 1 June**.

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 10/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- 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.
- 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.
 - With effect from 6 April, the Pogradichny-Suifenhe border crossing point is closed for passenger transport, **however freight transport remains open.**
 - 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. **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.
 - On 21 April, the border crossing point of Karasu, on the China-Tajikistan border, has been reopened to freight transport. Passenger transport remained banned.

Restrictions on movements

- 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.
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).
- 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.
- At a press conference held on 19 May, the Minister of Transport informed that the Ministry will ensure the smooth flow of international road transport by increasing transport capacity and conducting transshipment at borders.

Facilitation measures

- As from 3 July, a Green Lane system is being implemented on designated border crossing points between China and Mongolia. Green Lanes can be used by:
 - Goods drivers carrying out operations between the two countries.
 - Key personnel that need to cross the border for business, logistical or production purposes.
 - Staff urgently needed to engage in major cooperation projects between the two countries.

Detailed rules can be found [here](#).

Sources: Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Heilongjiang Province, People's Daily, Irkeshtam Customs, Foreign Ministry, the National Immigration Administration, [China Daily](#), CRTA and the [State Council of the People's Republic of China](#), China Transportation News, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Mongolia

Colombia

Updated on 17/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 17 June, the Colombian Government extended the national quarantine **until 1 July**.
- 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.
- Following the extension of the national quarantine measures, on 17 June the Colombian Transport Authority updated guidelines for transport operations. Intercity transport services are only used for the provision of health services and for people in need. Public transport (BRT) operations are only allowed a maximum occupancy rate of 35% per vehicle.



Taxi operations are allowed without restrictions. Transport of tourists and students is not allowed. Coaches and school buses are being used to support the BRT operations. Until 1 July, long haul passenger transport operations are only allowed in exceptional cases. From that date, long and medium haul bus operations will be allowed to operate in coordination with the municipalities of the place of departure and destination respectively.

- 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 30/06/20

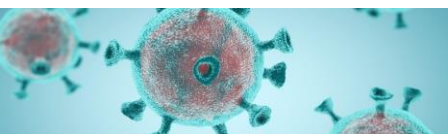
Restrictions at borders

- As of 11 May, citizens from Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany and Poland, can enter Croatia without restrictions and without having to prove the reasons for their travel. Citizens from other EU countries can enter Croatia, provided they are able to prove the reason for their travel. More information can be found [here](#).
- As of 10 June, maritime border crossing points have been reopened.
- The government has also set out a special regime for some people entering Croatia: individuals coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia and North Macedonia, have to self-isolate for 14 days upon entering the country. **The measure does not apply to passengers transiting through Croatia.** People transiting through Croatia, to reach a neighbouring country, must check the Ministry of Interior website to learn whether they are eligible to enter Croatia. Once travelling, people must have evidence of their status and eligibility to enter that country before Croatia can permit their entry for transit.
- Non-EU/EEA nationals are banned from entering Croatia until 30 June. Transport workers are exempt from this provision.

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](#).

- On 24 June, the Croatian government announced new measures to contain the spread of the virus. As of 00:00 of 25 July, masks are compulsory on public transport (both for passengers and drivers); passengers not complying with the provision will not be allowed to take the public transport. More information on rules applying to public transport operations can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Commercial road transport

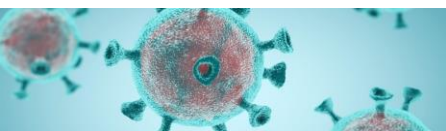
- According to the latest exchange (20 April) with the Croatian authorities, the current situation is the following:
 - There are no limitations to transit at the border crossings when using green lanes, as defined by the European Commission [communication](#) (see Annex 1 and the [green lanes map](#)). 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.
- **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).
- As of 16 May, goods drivers transiting through Croatia [must only use the motorways](#). In case the driver crosses the border on secondary roads, he must take the shortest route to the motorway to successfully conclude his transit through the country. Stopping at rest areas is allowed with the obligation of observing physical distancing, both indoor and outdoor.

Measures applicable to drivers: Quarantine measures

- As of 7 May, the requirement for international goods drivers to quarantine upon arrival [does not apply anymore](#).

Sources: Croatian government, European Commission and ITF

Czech Republic



Updated on 9/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 30 June, the Czech Ministry of Health relaxed the rules on travelling to the Czech Republic. Foreigners coming from high-risk countries are still subject to provisions to comply with upon entry. Rules in detail can be read [here](#).

The classification of countries, according to their risk, is updated every other week, and the latest can be found [here](#). As of 30 June, Polish, British and EU citizens with temporary or permanent residency in Poland and Great Britain, can enter the Czech Republic without the necessity of having a negative PCR test and without the necessity to prove the purpose of travel.

Entry restrictions and quarantine measures do not apply to people working in international transport. Details can be found [here](#).

All border crossings with Austria, Germany, Poland and Slovakia are open.

- Members are reminded that, in combination with Covid-specific measures and updates to the Road Transport Act, the following documents are required when entering Czech Republic:
 - a document certifying their status, i.e. international transport workers ([in English and Czech](#)),
 - a proof of their professional competence,
 - an employment contract,
 - for drivers of companies established in the EU, a Czech translation of their employment contract.

Measures apply as from 1 July.

Facilitation measures

- 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.

Sources: CESMAD BOHEMIA and Czech Police

Denmark

Updated on 12/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- Existing restrictions at Danish borders have been extended until further notice. However, some relaxations have been added to reflect the evolution of the pandemic. Persons with a “worthy purpose” (such as drivers) will be allowed to enter Denmark. Business travellers who enter Denmark as part of their jobs, with the purpose of attending meetings, etc., are now deemed to have a “worthy purpose” and can enter Denmark if such meetings, etc., cannot be postponed or held without their physical presence.

From 15 June, persons (tourists) permanently residing in Germany, Norway and Iceland will also be allowed entry if they can prove that they will stay a minimum of 6 nights in Denmark (outside Copenhagen). The rule does not apply to drivers. For persons residing in Sweden and Finland – a decision has not yet been reached.



More information can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

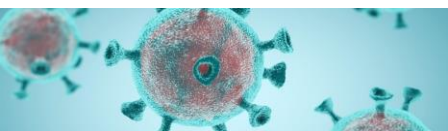
- Transport of goods will still be possible. All channels of freight transport by road, sea, rail and rail will be kept open without any other control than the normal customs/passport controls on random basis. However, international freight transport (including transit) by road should be operated through 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](#).
- On 12 June, the Danish authorities have informed of the opening of Padborg border crossing point from 13 June, from 07:00 to 23:00. Together with Frøslev/E45 and Sæd (both open 24 hours a day), the three can be used by trucks over 3.5 tonnes to cross the border. Members are advised that controls will be increased.
The “blue border” (ferry routes) can still be used and controls will be still carried out. The same applies for the Øresundsbridge between Denmark and Sweden.
Members are reminded that goods drivers are allowed to enter the country unless they show symptoms of Covid-19 virus. The full list of categories allowed to enter the country can be seen [here](#).

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

Updated on 7/04/20

- 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 18/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 1 June, the Estonian borders have been reopened for people arriving from European countries. Concerning arrivals in Estonia, no self-isolation at home is required if people:
 - arrive from a EU Member State, a Schengen country or the UK,
 - show no symptoms,
 - have stayed in one of the countries mentioned above, where the infection rate has been below 15 persons per 100.000 inhabitants during the past 14 days.

More information can be found on the Government website ([Estonian](#), [English](#) and [Russian](#))

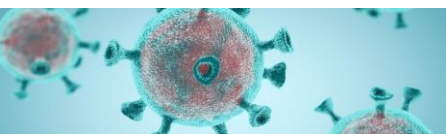
Source: ERAA

Finland

Updated on 24/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- 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 16 June, the Finnish government [lifted](#) the state of emergency. From 15 June, controls at the internal border with Norway have also been lifted. Traffic returning to Finland, commuting and other essential traffic are allowed. Controls at the internal border between Finland and some Schengen countries (other than Norway) remain in place. **Restrictions at external borders remain in place until 14 July.**

Self-isolation remains recommended for people arriving from countries that are still subject to internal or external border control. Such countries include Sweden and Russia. Self-isolation is not required if the person arrives from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Denmark or Iceland.

More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

- On 24 June, the Finnish Government updated policies on travel and border crossing rules. Controls at internal borders have been lifted for the following countries: Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Liechtenstein. Travel to Finland has been allowed for people coming from Croatia, Cyprus and Ireland. The Government will continue to assess the overall situation in the Schengen Area and the EU Member States until 10 July, and will update the list of countries based on the development of the pandemic at that time.

Based on the current epidemiological assessment, internal border control and travel restrictions will continue between Finland and the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Poland, France, Sweden and the Czech Republic, with the exception of leisure boating. Anyone travelling from Finland to these countries must remember to check the entry restrictions for the country of destination.

Further information on measures adopted can be found [here](#).

Facilitation measures

- Temporary relaxations of driving and rest times rules have ceased to apply on 31 May. Normal driving times and rest periods will apply again as of 1 June 2020.
- 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](#).
- On 19 May, the Finnish Parliament adopted a legislative package on temporary modifications to transport legislation. The amendments aim to facilitate business activities and people's daily lives and ensure well-functioning transport operations under the emergency conditions resulting from the coronavirus epidemic. Concerning road transport, relevant measures are the following:



- The notification period of providers of passenger transport services will be shortened from 60 days to 5 days.
- The Finnish Transport and Communications Agency will be allowed to renew a taxi driver's licence so that the applicant can submit the required medical certificate within six months of the renewal of the licence. This applies to licences that expire between 16 March and 31 October 2020.

Full press release can be found [here](#).

Sources: FinMobility, SKAL and Ministry of Transport and Communications

France

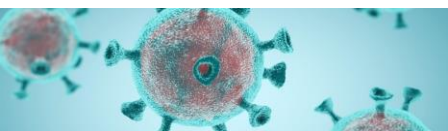
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Restrictions on movements

- 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. FNTR has received the confirmation from national authorities that only drivers entering France from third countries should present the certificate for international transport.
- 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 10 June, FNTR received the following clarifications from national authorities: drivers do not have to present a declaration that certifies the absence of Covid-19 symptoms, nor the lack of contact with a positive case. The [Decree of 31 May](#) sets out a declaration of lack of symptoms which is only mandatory for air passengers, and optional for sea and inland waterway passengers. Moreover, road transport workers are not obligated to obtain a declaration from the client that certifies that their work cannot be postponed.
- On 25 June, SFTRF and SITAF decided to amend the rules on access to the Fréjus Road Tunnel for Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. It was decided at first to ban these vehicles from using the tunnel as of 1 July 2020. However, in the context of the current Covid-19 pandemic, there is now a derogation of this rule.

From 1 July until 30 September 2020, Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes can still drive through the Fréjus Road Tunnel provided that the vehicle owners have already ordered replacement greener vehicles (Euro 5 or Euro 6). A [declaration](#) has to be filled out (in Italian, French or English).

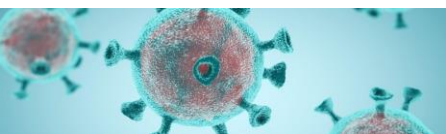
Sources: AFTRI, FNTR and CONFETRA

Germany

Updated on 2/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- As of 16 June, temporary border controls, introduced in March 2020 at the German borders with Austria, France, Switzerland and Denmark, for reasons of pandemic control, have been abandoned again. Entry into Germany of travellers from EU member states and EU associated states, is no longer subject to show proof and justification of the urgent need to travel. Restrictions may still be reintroduced again subject to the pandemic's further development.
- As of 16 June, The federal and state governments have agreed that **only persons entering Germany from third countries** (countries outside EU) **are required to self-quarantine for two weeks**. Persons travelling from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom are exempt from this requirement, as are persons travelling from EU countries. Please note that persons travelling from these countries could be instructed to quarantine if, over the last seven days, the number of new infections in the respective country has amounted to more than 50 per 100,000 inhabitants (detailed numbers can be found on the [Robert-Koch-Institut](#) website).



The quarantine requirement does not apply to persons entering Germany from a third country with an infection rate already determined as low. A list of these countries will be published on the [Robert-Koch-Institut](http://www.rki.de) website.

Please consult the website of the specific German federal state to which you are travelling, either in which you have your residence or in which you intend to stay, for more details as rules may vary from state to state. More information [here](#).

- 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

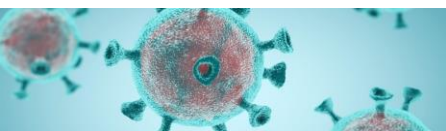
- All German Federal States have introduced legislation making the use of facial masks mandatory in order to prevent further spreading of the COVID-19 virus. However, due to the federal structure of Germany, there is no unique nationwide provision defining the exact circumstances in which a mask must 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:
- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, German regions (Bundesländer) have been granting exemptions from **the general week-end and holiday driving bans**. Several Bundesländer have now stopped prolonging the exemptions and are returning to "business as usual" while others still are maintaining the exemptions. As for the **additional German summer driving restrictions** (Saturdays between 1 July and 31 August, 07:00 to 20:00 on special sections of motorways), the Federal Ministry of Transport asked the Bundesländer to suspend this restriction in 2020. Implementation of this suspension by the Bundesländer is presently under way. Up-to-date information on the situation concerning both restrictions is being published under the [BAG link](#) – see pages 6 and 7 of the "Übersicht..." document. The overview on these pages has:
 - a **column headed "Ausnahme SoFV"** which is indicating the date of expiry for exemptions from the **week-end and holiday driving bans**, and
 - **another column called "Ausnahme FerReiseV"** which is indicating the date of expiry of exemptions from the **additional German summer driving restrictions** (if any).

All dates of expiry mentioned in this document should be read as "until and including" ("bis einschließlich"), that's to say the date indicate is the last date when operators can take advantage of the relevant exemption/suspension.

- On 28 May, the German government informed that, in the absence of compelling reasons that justify further prorogations, relaxations of driving and rest time rules will not be renewed after 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 will fully apply **from 00:00 on 1 June**.



- On 3 June, the German Federal Foreign Minister announced the lifting of the global travel warning from 15 June, which will be replaced by country-specific travel information. The lifting applies to EU Member States (except Spain, whose warning will be lifted at a later stage), Great Britain, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein; Norway's travel warning will be also lifted at a later stage. Travel warning will be reinstated in case infections rise over 50 per 100,000 inhabitants.

For what concerns domestic passenger transport in Germany, BDO has provided [an overview table and a map](#) (in German) on the current state of bus travel bans as well as preventive measures to be applied on board.

Sources: BGL, DSLV, BDO

Georgia

Updated on 16/06/20

Restrictions at the borders

- As of 16 June, a special regime applies to drivers (both Georgian and third country nationals) carrying out international transport operations. The following regime does not apply to drivers transiting through Georgia.

Before entering the country, drivers will have their temperature tested; in case of fever, entry into Georgia will be denied. Foreign drivers are not allowed to stay in Georgia for more than 7 days in the case of a reverse shipping operation or in the case they need to board a ferry; in any other case, they must leave the country 96 hours after entering Georgia, at the latest. In case a foreign driver is still in Georgia 72 hours after having entered the country, he must test again at a local health authority.

Breaches of the regime will result in a fine in accordance with Georgian legislation. A hotline number is active for further information: (+995) 032 2 36 55 01.

Source: GIRCA

Greece

Updated on 14/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- The Greek-Bulgarian Promachonas-Kulata border crossing point is open; travellers are subject to random testing and NO quarantine requirements. The land borders with Albania, North Macedonia and Turkey remain closed until further notice.
- As of 06:00 on 15 July, all travellers entering Greece for non-essential reasons through the Promachonas border crossing point will be obliged to present the proof of a negative test upon arrival. The certificate should be dated within 72 hours of taking the test.



Only travellers who have such proof will be allowed to enter Greece by the border authorities. The certificate should be written in English and bear the name and passport/national ID number of the traveller.

The Laboratories that perform the RT-PCR testing should be:

- National Reference laboratories
- National Public Health Laboratories, or
- Private laboratories which are accredited from the respective national accreditation authorities (not necessarily specifically for COVID-19).

Certificates that do not fulfil the above criteria will not be accepted. Certificate forgery is punished by Greek Law.

Travellers will still have to complete and submit their PLF form and may be subject to random testing upon arrival at the Greek border.

In order for these changes to be implemented, the PLF system will not be available for travel through Promachonas until 00:01 of 14 July. Travellers who had already issued their PLF forms will still be able to cross the Promachonas border crossing, but travellers without a PLF form will not be allowed to enter and should reschedule their trip for Wednesday 15 July.

The other land border stations remain closed for non-essential travel.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Restrictions on movements

- On 4 May a plan for the gradual easing of the COVID-19 restrictive measures was implemented.
- **From 1 July until 31 August**, new procedures are in place for travellers arriving in Greece. All individuals entering the country must fill in a [Passenger Locator Form](#) (PLF) upon arrival. Passport and customs controls are carried out and each person's unique quick response (QR) code is checked on their mobile phone screen or on the printed form with their QR code. Depending on their code, arriving travellers are directed by security personnel either to the screening area or are allowed to continue their trip to their final destination in the country. They will be given instructions from the border personnel concerning, in particular, required action in case they develop symptoms of respiratory infection, in which case they must immediately contact the National Public Health Organization (EODY) Operations Centre. If arriving travellers plan to have multiple stop-overs in Greece, they must declare this and report their initial destination and their travel itinerary for the next 7 days. EODY Mobile Health Units (KOMY) operate around the clock at land border checkpoints.

Arriving travellers who test positive for Covid-19 are obliged to self-isolate at the address of their final destination as declared on their Passenger Locator Form (PLF). Their data is entered into the EODY information system, which is linked to the Covid registry to facilitate contact tracing in the event someone tests positive. Upon completion of the screening, and after having received instructions concerning self-isolation and until the results of their screening are announced, they can enter the country.

All passengers must follow all necessary preventive hygiene measures (use of masks and physical/social distancing). Masks or face coverings are mandatory in public transport, taxis, lifts, hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres. Masks are recommended in supermarkets, hair salons and other enclosed spaces. Those violating the rules may be fined 150 Euros. Physical distancing measures are in effect until further notice.

- On 8 July, the Ministry of Citizen Protection withdrew the exemption initially granted to international transport workers from filling out the Passenger Locator Form.

Therefore, **drivers travelling to Greece have to submit the duly filled out form and get a QR code**; a dedicated check box for drivers has been included in the document, which allows the submission at any time before the date of arrival (whereas, passengers travelling to Greece must submit the form within 48 hours before their arrival).



- On 1 July, the Greek Customs issued a Decree implementing temporary measures for the facilitation of international trade during the Covid-19 pandemic, including some provisions on the validity of the certificate of vehicle approval for TIR operations. It reads, in particular: “Customs authorities at the entrance, exit or destination may allow the continuation of the TIR transport, even if the period of validity of the Certificate of vehicle Approval has expired for the road vehicle or the container for the transport of goods by customs sealing. In this case, the holder must be able to prove that he has submitted request for renewal of the certificate to the competent authority of his country (eg via e-mail, letter, official reference to the certificate or TIR card, etc.).

Facilitation measures

- On 28 May, the Greek Government advised that the relaxation of driving and rest time rules will not be renewed after 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 will apply **from 00:00 on 1 June**.
- Greece has signed these ADR Multilateral Agreements: M324 on driver training certificates and safety adviser certificates, and M325 on periodic or intermediate inspections of tanks and certificate of approval for vehicles.

Source: OFAE

Hungary

Updated on 14/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 19 June, the Hungarian Parliament put an end to the state of emergency, replacing it with a state of “epidemiological preparedness”.
Foreign nationals cannot enter Hungary whilst Hungarian (and their families), EU, EEA and EFTA citizens (except UK citizens), are allowed to enter the country. Detailed rules concerning travel to/from Hungary can be found [here](#).
No restrictions apply to freight transport operations; mandatory transit routes previously in place have been dropped.
- Information on developments in Hungary can be found on the [Government](#) and [MKFE](#) dedicated webpages.
- Passenger transport:
Information updated by the police on travel regulations is available [here](#) (in English).
- On 14 July, the Hungarian Government introduced a classification system of foreign countries based on their epidemiological risk. Hungarian nationals coming from a country on the yellow or red list must quarantine at home for 14 days. An alternative is, they can produce proof of two negative tests, where the second should be made 48 hours after the first one.
Foreign nationals arriving from a country on the yellow list must undergo a medical examination upon arrival. If no infection is suspected, they must quarantine for 14 days. Foreign nationals coming from countries on the red list, who don't have a permanent residence permit in Hungary, or who don't have any family members in Hungary, are banned from entering the country.



Transit through Hungary is allowed under certain conditions.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Facilitation measures

- **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](#).
- On 29 May, the Hungarian Government informed that relaxations on driving and rest times would expire on 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 **fully applies from 00:00 on 1 June**.
- Members are also reminded that Hungarian Authorities allow double manning (passengers in the cabin are not considered double manning and, therefore, are not allowed).
For more information on international passenger transport between Hungary and neighbouring countries, the latest notice can be found [here](#).
- On 21 June, effective immediately, the Hungarian government revoked the general exemption of driving restrictions for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

Sources: MKFE and European Commission

India

Updated on 1/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 29 June, the Indian government issued new rules concerning phase 2 of the deconfinement plan. New rules intend to prolong the lockdown in Containment Zones as well as to ease the situation outside of them; **they apply immediately and up until 31 July**.
Concerning road transport, relevant measures are as follows:
 - The night curfew from 22:00 to 05:00 is maintained. Essential activities are exempt from this provision. Goods and passenger transport operations, on national and state highways, are considered essential activities, as well as loading and unloading operations and the travel of individuals to their place of residence after disembarkation from buses, trains and airplanes.
 - Strict perimeter controls are carried out around containment zones, individuals cannot move in or out of them. Movements done in order to supply essential goods and services are allowed.
 - With the exception of rules applying to containment zones, no State can put restrictions on intra and inter-State movement of persons and goods, including



cross-border movements being carried out under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission, approval or e-permit is required for such movements.

Detailed rules can be found [here](#).

Source: FICCI

Iran

Updated on 1/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 30 June the situation at Iranian borders is as follows:

Iran – Iraq

- **Parvizkhan – Kalar and Tamarchin – Hajj Omran:**
 - Iranian goods vehicles can enter Iraq, and both countries' vehicles can cross the border. Transshipment operations at the border are also possible. Third country vehicles are not allowed to enter Iraq
 - Iranian and Iraqi nationals are allowed to enter Iran, while Iraq does not allow Iranian and Iraqi people to leave the country, nor third country citizens to transit through their territory.
 - It is estimated that up to 4 days are needed to cross the border.
- **Bashmagh – Panjwin:**
 - Third countries' vehicles are allowed to cross the border, and there is no restriction on movements of Iranian and Iraqi vehicles. Aside from that, the same rules as above apply.
- **Chazzabeh – Sheib, Shalamcheh – Shalmjeh and Khosravi – Manzarieh:**
 - Borders on the Iraqi side are closed to the movement of commercial and passenger vehicles
 - In Khosravi – Manzarieh, the border crossing of dual nationality citizens will be resumed from 25 June.
- **Mehran – Zorbatieh:**
 - Entry of Iranian and Iraqi nationals is authorised; Iraq does not allow the departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens, nor the transit of third country citizens.
 - As from 9 June, only 200 trucks (roughly 100 for transshipment and 100 for border crossings) are permitted; and only on Sundays and Wednesdays. The border waiting time is estimated at around two days.

Iran – Azerbaijan

- **Bilehsavar – Bilesuvar:**
 - Commercial and passenger fleet movements are authorised. The border waiting time is estimated at less than 24 hours.
- **Astara – Astara and Jolfa – Julfa:**
 - Iranian and Azeri nationals are allowed to cross the border, while Azerbaijan does not allow departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens nor the transit of third country vehicles. Goods vehicles are authorised. The border waiting time is estimated at less than 24 hours.
- **Poldasht – Shahtakhty:**
 - Passenger vehicles are not allowed to cross the border, while goods vehicles are. The border waiting time is estimated at less than 24 hours.

Iran – Pakistan



- **Taftan – Mirjaveh:**
 - Passenger vehicles are not permitted to cross the border. Since mid-June, goods vehicle operations are limited to those authorised. The border waiting time is estimated at up to one week.

Iran – Turkmenistan

- **Sarakhs – Serakhs, Artik – Loftabad, Bajgiran – Godan and Inchehboroun – Altyn Asyr**
 - Except for the admission of national fleet, Turkmenistan does not allow the entry of goods vehicles. Passenger traffic is also not permitted to enter the country.

Iran - Afghanistan

- **Dogharoun – Islam Qala, Mahirud – Farah and Milak – Zaranj:**
 - Goods vehicles can use all borders, the border waiting time is estimated at less than 24 hours
 - At Milak – Zaranj, passenger vehicles cannot enter Afghanistan
 - As from 20 June, border crossing at Dogharoun – Islam Qala is only permitted for those people leaving Iran or Afghanistan who hold a residence permit in the other country
 - At Mahirud – Farah, only Iranian and Afghan nationals are allowed to cross the border. Afghanistan does not allow the departure of Iranian and Afghan citizens, nor the transit of third country citizens.

Iran – Turkey

- **Kapikoi – Razi**
 - Goods vehicle operations are suspended, and Turkey does not permit the entry of passenger vehicles.
- **Esendere – Sero**
 - While movements of Iranian and Turkish nationals are authorised, only Turkish goods vehicles are permitted to operate under strict sanitary conditions.
- **Gurbulak – Bazargan**
 - While movements of Iranian and Turkish nationals are authorised, goods vehicle operations resumed two weeks ago for both countries, with strict health controls, which are resulting in border waiting times of up to one week.

Iran – Armenia

- **Meghri – Nordooz:**
 - Admission of Iranian and Armenian nationals or holders of both country passports is authorised; Armenia does not permit the departure of Iranian and Armenian citizens, nor transit of third country citizens
 - Commercial fleet operations resumed two weeks ago for both countries, with strict health controls.
- 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.

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

Ireland

Updated on 31/05/20

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

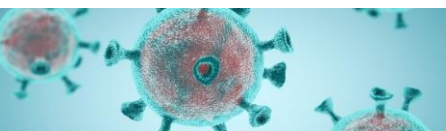
- On 20 March, the Irish government [relaxed](#) national requirements for all drivers over 70 years who don't have an identified or specific illness: they will not be required to provide a medical report until 31 July 2020.
- On 26 March, it was decided to [extend](#) the validity of driver's CPC cards 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 10/07/20

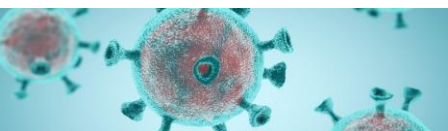
Restrictions on movements

- On 17 May, the Italian Prime Minister published updated regulations, applicable from 18 May. The [DPCM 17 May](#) replaces DPCM 26 April:
- Members are reminded that the following provisions **do not apply anymore**:
 - Obligation to have a self-certification.
 - Obligation to notify local health authorities upon entrance.
 - Maximum stay of 72 hours in case of a transport operation ending in Italy.
 - Maximum stay of 24 hours in case of a transport operation transiting through Italy.
- On 10 July, the Italian Government issued an entry ban for individuals entering and transiting Italy who, in the last 14 days, have been in or have transited through one of the following countries: Armenia, Bahrein, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bosnia Herzegovina, Chile, Kuwait, North Macedonia, Moldova, Oman, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic. Direct and indirect flight connections to and from those countries are suspended.

Facilitation measures

- Following the publication of [Reg. \(EU\) 2020/698](#) and [DL n. 18/2020](#) companies should be aware of the following prorogations:
Driver qualification card:
 - Cards expired before 31 January 2020 cannot benefit from the 7 months prorogation.
 - Cards expired between 31 January and 29 March 2020 are valid until 29 October 2020. The prorogation only applies at domestic level. At EU level, cards are only valid for 7 months after their expiration date.
 - Cards expiring after 29 March are valid for 7 months after their expiration date, both at domestic and EU level.

Driving licenses:



- Licenses expired before 31 January 2020 cannot benefit from the 7 months prorogation, but only from those set out by DL 18/2020 (art. 104 c.1).
- Licenses expired between 1 February and 31 August 2020 remain valid for 7 months after their expiration date both at domestic and EU level.

Tachographs:

- The two year inspection, whose validity expires between 1 March and 31 August 2020, can be carried out within 6 months after its date of expiration. The prorogation is valid both at domestic and EU level

Driver card:

- In case of a request of renewal of the driver card, or in case of a request of replacement of a damaged card, the issue of the new card must happen within 2 months during the period from 1 March until 31 August.

Vehicles inspections:

- Inspections whose validity expire between 1 February and 31 August can be done up to 7 months after their date of expiration.
- Inspections whose validity expired before 29 February can be done up until 31 October 2020; this only applies at domestic level.

Community Licenses:

- Licences expiring between 2 March and 31 August 2020 have their validity extended for additional 6 months, as well as their True Certified Copies.
- 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.
- On 25 June, SFTRF and SITAF decided to amend the rules on access to the Fréjus Road Tunnel for Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. It was decided at first to ban these vehicles from using the tunnel as of 1 July 2020. However, in the context of the current Covid-19 pandemic, there is now a derogation of this rule.

From 1 July until 30 September 2020, Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes can still drive through the Fréjus Road Tunnel provided that the vehicle owners have already ordered replacement greener vehicles (Euro 5 or Euro 6). A [declaration](#) has to be filled out (in Italian, French or English).

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

Jordan



Updated on 2/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- Land borders with the West Bank, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia remain closed to passenger transport. Goods are allowed to cross the border (only essential goods are allowed to cross the Saudi border).
- Customs administration personnel are back to the office. At the borders, work is maintained with staff reduction in order to ensure the social distancing required to stop the spread of the virus.

Restrictions on movements

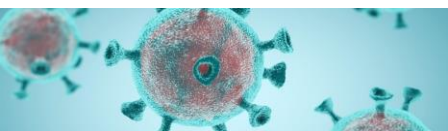
- As of 1 July, flight connections have restarted to and from limited countries; upon arrival, all passengers travelling to Jordan have to quarantine for 14 days in one of the hotels on the Dead Sea and for an additional 14 days at home.
- The curfew has been lifted

Source: Jordan Customs

Kazakhstan

Updated on 12/05/20

- 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.
- As of 4 April, open border crossing points are the following:
 - Kazakhstan – Kyrgyzstan border:
 - ✓ Karasu (Zhambyl region)
 - ✓ Aisha-bibi checkpoint (Zhambyl region)
 - Kazakhstan – Uzbekistan border:
 - ✓ Kaplanbek (Turkestan region)
 - ✓ Kazygurt (Turkestan region)
 - ✓ Tazhen (Mangistau region)
 - Kazakhstan – Turkmenistan border:
 - ✓ Temir Baba (Manistau region)
 - Kazakhstan – China border:
 - ✓ Nurzholy (Almaty region)
 - ✓ Dostyk (Almaty region)
 - Kazakhstan – Russia border:



- ✓ Kairak (Kostanay region)
 - ✓ Zhana Zhol (North Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Karakoga (North Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Sharbakty (Pavlodar region)
 - ✓ Urlitobe (Pavlodar region)
 - ✓ Kosak (Pavlodar region)
 - ✓ Auyl (East Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Ube (East Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Zhaisan (Aktobe region)
 - ✓ Alimbet (Aktobe region)
 - ✓ Syrym (West Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Taskala (West Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Zhanibek (West Kazakhstan region)
 - ✓ Kurmangazy (Atyrau region)
- 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

Updated on 2/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 1 July, new rules are in place for goods vehicles that need to cross the borders: they are first directed to dedicated parking areas where escort services organised by customs authorities escort them to customs centres for clearance. Restrictions on the export of food and medical supplies are in place; while the same type of goods are allowed to transit through the country.

Source: IRU Secretariat

Kyrgyzstan

Updated on 05/06/20

- The Kyrgyz and Chinese authorities have agreed to reopen the 'Turugart' border crossing point between their countries. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, the border will initially open from 8 June, exclusively for cargo transportation between Kyrgyzstan and China. Further clarification should arrive in the coming days following discussions between the competent authorities of the two countries.
- More information (in Russian) [here](#).

Source: AIRTO-KR



Latvia

Updated on 30/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- The State of Emergency ended in Latvia on June 9. However, borders are only open to residents of Latvia, other EU Member States, countries in the European Economic Area and Switzerland, that hold proper residency documentation. The Government of Latvia is monitoring the rates of COVID-19 in these countries and passenger from [countries with more than 15 cases per 100,000 inhabitants](#) will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival.

Borders with Russia and Belarus remain closed for all international passenger travel.

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.
- 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.
- 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](#).
- [As of 9 June](#), face masks are mandatory on public transport. International passenger transport operations cannot be performed to countries listed by the [Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#). The transport of workers that is specifically carried out so that they can fulfil their work duties is exempted from this provision.

From 10 June, movements of people to and from countries at risk is banned; road transport workers are exempt from this provision, as well as from quarantine requirements upon entry into Latvia.



Sources: LATVIJAS AUTO, ITF, Latvian Customs

Lebanon

Updated on 3/07/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 1 July, borders with Syria are completely closed for passenger transport operations, while goods vehicles are allowed to cross the border in both directions. Beirut Port remains operational.
- As from 7 July, Lebanese citizens living in or visiting Syria will be allowed back into the country by road. The border will be open from 09:00 to 16:00, allowing them to enter Lebanese territory.

Source: Lebanese customs authority

Lithuania

Updated on 2/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 17 June, the Lithuanian government lifted the nationwide quarantine but extended the state of emergency, which was declared back in February..
- On 29 June, Lithuania introduced a 14-day isolation requirement for its nationals and residents arriving from the [50 most affected countries](#), including Sweden, Russia and Belarus. **International freight transport drivers are exempt from this provision.** The ministry will update the list every week. The countries considered most affected are those with more than 25 new cases per population of 100,000 reported over the last two weeks. Travellers from countries with infection rates of between 15 and 25 are advised, but not required, to go into 14-day self-isolation.
- The transport of goods transiting through Lithuania is permitted. Upon detection of any symptom at the border of Lithuania, drivers 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 of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia or legal residents of Lithuania.

Restrictions at borders

- Temporary controls at internal borders will be carried out until 16 July. Foreigners are not allowed to enter Lithuania; the following categories are exempt from this provision:
 - Crew members working in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or crew members working for foreign companies performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle.
 - Citizens of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and persons legally residing in those countries that did



- not exceed 25 cases per 100 thousand population in the last 14 days. A list of such States shall be published each Monday by the Head of State Emergency Operations.
- Foreigners who have the right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania and foreigners who are family members i.e. parents, adoptive parents, children, adopted children, spouses and guardians of citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and foreigners who have the right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania.
 - Foreigners holding a national visa of the Republic of Lithuania.
- Restrictions apply at the following land border crossing points: Medininkai–Kamenyj Log; Šalčininkai–Benekainys; Raigardas–Privalka; Kybartai–Černiševskoje; Panemunė–Sovetsk.
 - The following border crossing points are closed: Tverečius–Vidžiai; Lavoriškės–Kotlovka; Šumskas–Loša; Ramoniškiai–Pograničnyj; Nida–Morskoje; Adutiškis–Moldevičiai; Papelekis–Lentupis; Krakūnai–Geranainys; Eišiškės–Dotiškės; Rakai–Petiulevcai; Norviliškės–Pickūnai; Latežeris–Pariečė

Source: LINAVA

Luxembourg

Updated on 31/05/20

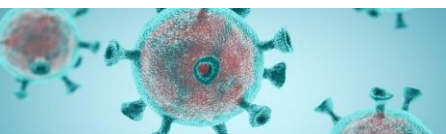
Restrictions on movements

- 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 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 30/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- As from 1 July, Malta will open borders with the following countries: Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (except for Ile-de-France), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy (except for Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Piemonte), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland (except for Katowice Airport), Slovakia and Spain (except for Madrid, Catalonia, Castilla-La Mancha, Castile and Leon). Upon arrival in Malta, travellers must sign a declaration that they have spent the past 30 days in a country on the “safe list”. Outside the EU, Iceland, Israel, Norway and Switzerland are on the list of countries from which people are allowed to travel to Malta.

People urgently travelling to Malta from countries other than those mentioned above have to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

Restrictions on movements

- 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.

Sources: ITF and European Commission website

Moldova

Updated on 15/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- On 1 June, Moldovan Authorities reopened the land border crossing points of Briceni - Rossoşanî, Criva - Mamaşiţa and Mirnoe - Tabaki.

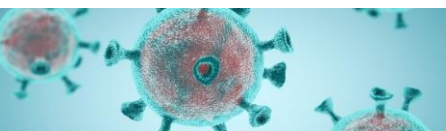
Therefore, as of today, the open land border crossing points are the following:

At the border with Romania:

- Leuşeni – Albiţa
- Sculeni – Sculeni
- Giurgiuleşti – Galaţi

At the border with Ukraine:

- Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk
- Tudora-Starokazacie
- Palanca-Maiaki-Udobnoe
- Mirnoe – Tabaki



- Briceni – Rossoșanî
- Criva – Mamalîga
- Giurgiulești – Reni
- Ocnîța – Sokireanî
- Larga - Kelmenți

Source: AITA (from Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova), IRU Moscow office

Mongolia

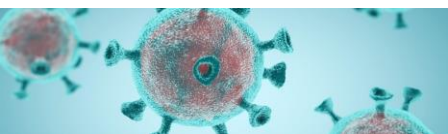
Updated on 10/07/20

- On 10 July, the Government of Mongolia extended the partial state of emergency **until 31 July**. All measures currently in force have been extended accordingly. International road, air and rail passenger transport operations remain suspended until that date. Borders remain open for international goods transport operations. Domestic transport operations can operate as normal.
- 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 23/06/20

- As from 15 June, the Government of Nepal has decided to ease the lockdown, allowing shops to open and vehicles to operate under the odd-even rule within a district. Vehicles cannot undertake intercity trips and public transport vehicles are not allowed to operate. Borders remain closed. Such provisions will apply for three weeks starting from 15 June.

Source: Nepal Automobiles' Association (NASA)

The Netherlands

Updated on 3/06/20

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

- On 3 June, the Dutch Infrastructure Authority announced the creation of a new free parking space to ease congestion on the border with Germany during the Corpus Christi day. The parking will be open **from 22:00 as of 10 June until 22:00 of 11 June**. The parking has 200 parking spaces and the authorities are asking drivers to use them as much as possible to prevent bottlenecks during that festive day.
The parking's address is: Marketing 19 a, 6921 RE Duiven, The Netherlands. GPS 51.962767 - 06.028641.

Sources: Evofenedex and TLN

North-Macedonia

Updated on 17/06/20

Restrictions on movements

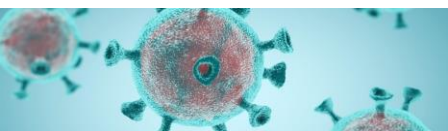
- To limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has taken the decision to close all border crossings in the Republic of Northern Macedonia to foreign nationals, passengers and vehicles (with the exception of entry and transit of freight vehicles), 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: Bogrodica (border with Greece), Kafasan (border with Albania), Tabanovce (border with Serbia), Deve Bair (border with Bulgaria) and Blace (border with Kosovo).
- On 17 June, the Government of North Macedonia issued a protocol on the transit of foreign citizens through the territory of the country. The protocol allows third country nationals to use all border crossing points in order to transit through the country, provided that drivers do not leave the highway or local road and that they leave the country no later than 5 hours after the entry. For enforcement purposes, drivers entering North Macedonia have to fill in a statement that must be handed to border force at the border crossing point of exit.

Source: AMERIT

Norway

Updated on 19/06/20

Restrictions at borders



- As from 19 June, mandatory quarantine in Norway has been reduced **from 14 to 10 days**. This reduction applies to people travelling for work reasons and tourists that come from the following countries: Finland (including Åland), Denmark, Iceland, Greenland, The Faroe Islands and Svalbard. Due to the situation in Sweden, travellers from Sweden (except from Gotland) still have to quarantine for 10 days.

For work-related travel from countries outside the Nordic countries, 10 days of quarantine upon entry applies. People whose work is strictly necessary to maintain the proper operation of critical social functions, or to meet the basic needs of the population (including freight and passenger transport drivers) are exempt from the provision.

Members should be aware that drivers are exempted from quarantine in case they are travelling between their place of residence and their place of work, and during the time they are employed. During their spare time, quarantine is compulsory.

More information can be found [here](#).

- 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 26/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 00:00 on 13 June, internal borders with other EU countries have been opened; travellers can freely entry, exit and transit through Poland. The lifting also implies the lifting of sanitary controls and quarantine requirements. Controls are maintained on borders with Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. Foreign nationals of non-EU countries are still banned from entering Poland, but the following categories are exempted from the provision:
 - Polish citizens.
 - Foreigners who are spouses or children of Polish citizens, or who remain under their constant care.
 - Foreigners holding a Polish Card.
 - Heads of diplomatic missions and members of the mission's diplomatic and consular staff, i.e. persons with a diplomatic rank and members of their families.
 - Foreigners who have the right of permanent or temporary residence in Poland.
 - Foreigners who have the right to work in Poland, i.e. foreigners entitled to work under the same conditions as Polish citizens, who have a work permit, a certificate of entry in the register regarding seasonal work, a statement on entrusting work to a foreigner on the territory of the Republic of Poland who:
 - ✓ perform work in Poland, or
 - ✓ present documents showing that the commencement of work will begin immediately after crossing the border.
 - Foreigners who carry out transport operations of persons or goods transiting through Poland, provided the transit is part of their professional activity.
 - Drivers performing road transport as part of international road transport or international combined transport travelling to or transiting through Poland by other means of transport than the vehicle used for road transport (a) in order to take their rest period in the territory of the country of stay or (b) after having taken the rest referred to and after a break in carrying out the work in the circumstances specified in the Act on drivers' working time.
 - Pupils and students studying in Poland.
 - Citizens and residence permit holders of European Union Member States, European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Member States - parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation and their spouses and children, who travel through Poland to reach their place of residence or stay.
- Members are reminded that EU goods and passengers drivers are free to carry out transport operations to, through and from Poland.



- The updated border waiting times can be found here: www.granica.gov.pl.

Measures applying to drivers: Health check and 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

- On 30 May, Poland lifted the transit ban for goods drivers that carried out international transport operations and are passing through the Polish territory with other means of transport in order to reach their place of rest or get back from it. Now, once at the Polish border, those drivers should present an appropriate certificate or a copy of the employment contract, a driving license (or a driving license with code 95), and the driver qualification card or driver's certificate.

Sources: ZMPD and DSLV

Portugal

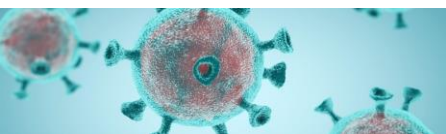
Updated on 15/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 12 June, the Portuguese government renewed the deconfinement plan **until 23:59 of 30 June**. Social distancing measures remain mandatory and face masks should be worn in public areas or/and when social distancing is not possible. Borders remain closed until that date.
- Social distancing measures remain mandatory and face masks should be worn in public areas and/or when social distancing is not possible
- 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). Authorities have decided to open additional crossing points, which are: Melgaço, Lugar do Peso, km 19,800, EN 202; Monção, Avenida da Galiza, km 15,300, EN 101; Miranda do Douro, km 86,990, EN 218 and Vila Nova de Cerveira, km 104,500, EN 13. These border crossings are open on weekdays from 07:00 until 19:00
- People using the motorways can check the status and activity of service stations and rest areas [here](#).

Facilitation measures

- 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.
- Members are reminded that relaxations on driving and rest time periods expired on 31 May, therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 **fully applies from 00:00 on 1 June**.



People using the motorways can check the status and activity of service stations and rest areas [here](#).

Source: ANTRAM

Romania

Updated on 26/06/20

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.
- As from 1 June, Romania resumed the international road transport of passengers through regular services, special regular services and occasional services in international traffic. Passenger transport operations are carried out in compliance with those prevention measures applicable to road transport, as established by Law 55/2020. The legal framework is available in Romanian [here](#).
- On 17 June, the Romanian Authorities **extended the state of alert by another 30 days**. Each week, the National Institute of Public Health publishes a "Green zone" and "Yellow zone" list, more [details here](#) (in Romanian). All persons coming to Romania from countries not included in the "Green zone" are subject to 14 days quarantine. Starting from 23 June the following countries are included in the "Green zone" list: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Switzerland, Estonia, Finland, France (the European territory), Germany (except for Kreis Gutersloh which is in the Yellow zone), Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary.

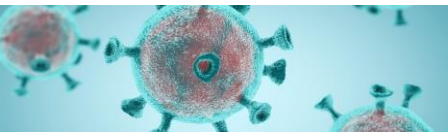
The following categories are exempt from this provision:

- Drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who do not have symptoms associated with coronavirus
- Drivers of passenger vehicles with more than 9 seats, including the driver's seat, who do not have symptoms associated with coronavirus
- Drivers travelling for work purposes from their country of residence in another EU Member State or from an EU Member State to their country of residence, regardless of whether the journey is made by individual means (car) or own-account
- Cross-border workers entering Romania from Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine or the Republic of Moldova.

All border crossing points are open to goods vehicles, except Oancea (on the border with the Republic of Moldova) and Naidas (on the border with Serbia). Romanian border police provide updates on the current situation at borders [here](#).

Members are reminded that transit corridors are still in force: vehicles transiting through Romania must leave the country within 48 hours from their entry.

- 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 updated border waiting times and the list of border crossing points closed [can be found here](#).

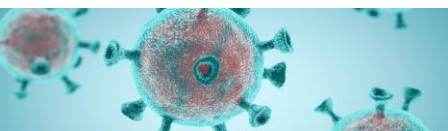
Source: UNTRR

Russia

Updated on 16/06/20

Restrictions on movements

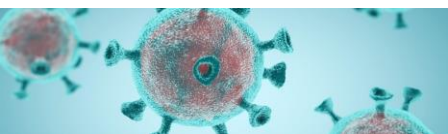
- In its continued effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) across the territory of the Russian Federation, the Russian Government has issued the [Decree of 27 March 2020 No. 763](#) which temporarily restricts any movements through road, rail, pedestrian, rivers and combined border-



- 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.
 - As of 17 June, controls on access to some regions within Russia remain in place. Transport operators going to the city of Chita (Zabaikalye territory) have to obtain a digital pass by applying on [this portal](#) (English version [here](#)). Transport operators planning to cross the border with China in the Primorye region must [submit](#) an application, to obtain a slot in a queue, no later than two days before the date of arrival at the border crossing points of Kraskino (RUS) – Hunchun (CHN), Pogranichny (RUS) – Suifenhe (CHN), Poltavka (RUS) – Dongning (CHN). The application form should be filled in, printed out, signed and sent by email to the following addresses, depending on which border crossing point the operator is planning to use: pogr@primorsky.ru (for Pogranichny border crossing point), krask@primorsky.ru (for Kraskino border crossing point) and polt@primorsky.ru (for Poltavka border crossing point). The permitted arrival date will be determined based on actual current capacity of the border crossing point and number of already submitted applications.

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 20 May, the Russian Ministry of Transport announced that starting from 25 May a new land border crossing point will open in Kani-Kurgan, in the Amur region on the border with China. The border crossing point will be operating on a temporary basis, only allowing cross-border movement of goods at first. The projected capacity is 190 vehicles per day and its opening will reduce the workload at other border crossing points with China. Controls will start as soon as the bridge connecting Blagoveshchensk (RUS) and Heihe (CHN) is opened to traffic. Members are advised that the Blagoveshchensk-Heihe border crossing point will only open after consultations between relevant



authorities in Russia and China are concluded, and after restrictions caused by Covid-19 pandemic are removed.

Source: ASMAP and Russian competent authorities

Saudi Arabia

Updated on 2/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- As of 1 July, the curfew is lifted and daily life is almost back to normal.
- Only essential goods are allowed in transit such as food, medical and military supplies.
- Only Saudi resident drivers with Saudi registered vehicles are allowed to bring back loads from UAE; UAE goods vehicles have only recently been allowed to deliver food and medical supplies to Saudi local markets.
- 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 30/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- Intercity, urban and suburban bus and rail transport operations have resumed; face masks are mandatory when using public transport in Belgrade.

Facilitation measures

- On 20 May, the Serbian government announced the end of their state of emergency and the reopening of all border crossing points, with effect from 21 May. There will be no restrictions in place for people entering the country; the border force will however provide hand written guidance on how to prevent the occurrence and the spreading of Covid-19.
- As of 30 June, all COVID-19 related entry restrictions are lifted for both Serbian and foreign citizens. It is no longer necessary to have a negative PCR test or special permit to enter Serbia. The government also abolished self-isolation requirements upon entry. Travellers should be prepared for



restrictions to change with little notice. The [website](#) of the government provides regular information on these measures.

Source: Serbian government

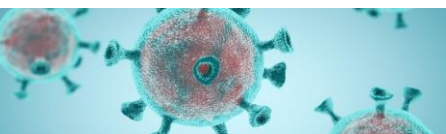
Slovenia

Updated on 26/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- As of 15 June, Italian and Slovenian citizens can use all border crossing points to travel between the two countries, whilst citizens from other countries can only use the following border crossing points:
 - Vrtojba – St. Andrea
 - Fernetiči – Ferneti
 - Škofije – Rabuiese
 - Krvavi potok – Pesse
- On the border with Austria, Austrian and Slovenian citizens can use all border crossing points to travel between the two countries, whilst remaining individuals can only use the following border crossing points.
 - Karavanke – Karawankentunnel
 - Ljubelj – Loibltunnel
 - Šentilj (motorway) – Spielfeld (motorway)
- On the border of Hungary, Hungarian and Slovenian citizens can use all border crossing points to travel between the two countries, whilst citizens from other countries can only use the following border crossing points:
 - Dolga vas – Redics
 - Pince (motorway) – Torniszentmiklos (Országút).
- On the border with Croatia, all local border crossing points have been opened.
- Due to the deterioration of epidemiological conditions, regardless of citizenship or residence, a 14-day quarantine is imposed on all persons coming to Slovenia from the countries listed [here](#) and persons entering Slovenia and having permanent or temporary residence in those countries.

The provision does not apply to, among others, workers in international transport and international goods drivers driving to, from or through Slovenia. Drivers transiting through Slovenia must leave the country after 12 hours from their entry.
- On 25 June, effective immediately, the government [decided](#) to take Luxembourg and Montenegro off the [Green List](#), and also added Portugal and Albania to the Red List (where the following European countries are included: the UK, Andorra, Belgium, Sweden, Russia, Belarus, Serbia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Albania). Individuals coming from these countries need to quarantine for 14 days upon entering Slovenia.



- Members are reminded that quarantine provisions do not apply to Slovenian citizens or foreigners with permanent or temporary residency in Slovenia, whilst they apply to individuals coming from countries included in the Yellow and the Red Lists.

Restrictions on movements

- As of 25 June, the Slovenian government constantly monitors and updates a list of countries from which travellers are not subject to restrictions upon arrival. Currently, the countries are: Croatia, Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland. Updates are published by the National Institute of Public Health [here](#).
- Travellers coming from countries not on the list must transit and leave Slovenia within 12 hours after their entry. In case this doesn't happen, they will be put in quarantine. Professional drivers are **not** exempted from this provision.
- Health authorities have also published guidelines for [regular](#) and [occasional](#) passenger transport operators (in Slovenian only), with which all buses and coaches must comply while driving in Slovenia.

Facilitation measures

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

Extension of validity of control documents

- 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>).
- 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 3/07/20

Restrictions on movements



- As from 10 June, Slovakia has started classifying third countries on the grounds of safety risks. Individuals travelling to Slovakia, who in the previous 14 days have visited a country that is not considered to be safe, must provide proof of a negative test result not older than 96 hours upon arrival at the border.

In cases where individuals enter Slovakia from an unmanned border crossing point, they must immediately submit proof of a negative test to the competent Regional Public Health Authority (in English, German, Czech or Slovak). They must then self-isolate at home and repeat the test on the 5th day of isolation at the earliest. Isolation lasts until the result of the test is negative.

International goods transport drivers remain exempted from any provision.

More information can be found [here](#).

Facilitation measures

- No traffic bans have generally been lifted, decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.
- As from 11 June, Slovakia has opened all border crossing points with neighbouring countries, with the exception of Poland. On the Slovakia-Poland border, controls will be carried out until 26 June, and the only open crossing points are Trstená-Chyžné and Vyšný Komárnik-Barwinek.

Source: CESMAD Slovakia

Spain

Updated on 30/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- Until 30 June, controls at borders are maintained on the border with Portugal and at the external borders (Morocco and Algeria included, Andorra and Gibraltar excluded). The following categories are exempted from the provision:
 - a) Spanish citizens
 - b) Residents in Spain, who must have proof of their place of residence
 - c) Residents in other EU Member States or Schengen Associated States who are travelling to their place of residence
 - d) Cross-border workers
 - e) Health professionals or elderly care professionals who are crossing the border to carry out their professional activity
 - f) Those who are going to stay on Spanish territory for any other labour reason, including seasonal workers, provided that they have documentary proof of employment
 - g) Those that have documentary proof of reasons of force majeure or situations of need
 - h) Those involved in the transport of goods
- On 29 June, the Spanish Government extended the closure of external borders **until 8 July** or until the EU Resolution enters into force, which may be before 8 July. Goods transport remains exempted from the provision.

Restrictions on movements

- The Spanish Ministry of Transport has provided instructions on the use of masks for various modes of transport, in the 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).

- o With the end of the nationwide state of emergency, Spanish authorities have decided to reinstate normal driving restrictions for goods vehicles. Therefore, **from 00:00 of 21 June onwards**, driving restrictions will fully apply for the following categories of vehicles:
 - Goods vehicles
 - Vehicles transporting dangerous goods
 - Vehicles carrying out exceptional load transport operations

Facilitation measures

- o 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](#).

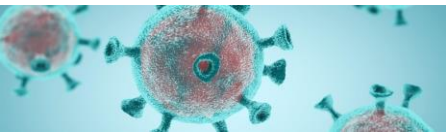
- o On 25 March, the Spanish Government published derogations to live animal transport rules:
 - Certificates, authorisations related to drivers and vehicles engaged in the transport of live animals expiring after 1/3/2020 are valid until 120 days after the end of the state of emergency or extensions 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.
- o On 28 May, the Spanish Ministry of Transport informed that relaxations of driving and rest time rules will not be renewed after 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 will fully apply **from 00:00 on 1 June**.

Sources: ASTIC, CETM, and Confibus

Sweden

Updated on 26/05/20

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.**
- On 25 May, it was confirmed that relaxations of driving and rest times rules currently in place will not be extended further. Therefore, as from 00:00 on 1 June, normal driving and rest time periods will apply.
More information can be found [here](#).

Sources: SA and Stoneridge Electronics

Switzerland

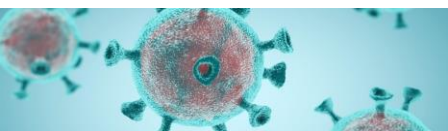
Updated on 29/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- As of 27 June, Swiss public transport has returned to standard timetables, with the recommendation for passengers to wear face masks at peak times.

Restrictions at borders

- On 15 June, borders with EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein and the UK were opened, and the fines imposed on people doing cross-border shopping lifted. Travel between Switzerland and a country that is not part of the Schengen Area is still not allowed. Provided they can prove their status with official documentation, the following categories are exempted from the provision:
 - Swiss citizens.
 - Holders of a travel document (e.g. a passport or identity card) and
 - ✓ a residence permit, i.e. a Swiss residence permit (L / B / C / Ci permits)
 - ✓ a cross-border permit (G permit; only for work-related purposes)
 - ✓ an FDFA legitimation card
 - ✓ a D visa issued by Switzerland
 - ✓ a C visa issued by Switzerland after 16 March 2020 in a valid exceptional case
 - ✓ a C visa issued by Switzerland in order to work on a short-term contract
 - ✓ an assurance of a residence permit from a cantonal migration authority or an entry permit with a visa issued by Switzerland (an employment contract is not sufficient to cross the Swiss border. Persons with an assurance of a residence permit may enter Switzerland at the earliest three days before the date on which assurance becomes valid).
 - ✓ Holders of a refugee's travel document issued by Switzerland and a valid residence or permanent residence permit or a valid F permit.



- ✓ Individuals who have rights of free movement.
 - ✓ People transiting through Switzerland to another country that they can enter.
 - ✓ People in a situation of special necessity. The border control authority will assess the necessity of such situation.
 - ✓ Specialists in the healthcare sector who need to enter Switzerland for important work-related reasons and who hold a confirmation of notification, an assurance of a residence permit or an entry permit with a visa issued by Switzerland.
- As of 15 June, all border crossing points are open; both private and commercial transport [is allowed](#). Goods drivers are allowed to operate to, from and through Switzerland if they have a bill of lading.
More information can be found [here](#).

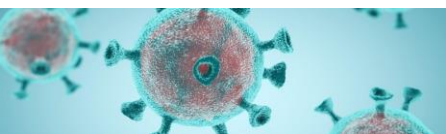
Source: Swiss government

Tajikistan

Updated on 10/06/20

- 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.
- On 9 June, the Ministry of Transport of Tajikistan [amended the rules](#) (English translation [here](#)) on international traffic in the context of Covid-19 pandemic. The updates are the following:
 - In case of proof that the driver has tested negative, the driver and the vehicle are allowed to stay in the country for up to 5 days;
 - With lack of such proof, the driver will be tested at the border by competent authorities. The driver will be quarantined until the result of the test is known. In case the test is negative, the driver is free to enter the country and reach his/her destination;
 - The movement of vehicles importing humanitarian aid equipment, on the basis of an accompanying document, is exempt from the payment of terminal services.

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.

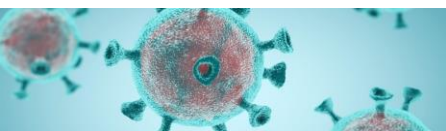
Source: Tunisian customs authorities

Turkey

Updated on 08/06/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 3 June, 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
- On 3 June, the Turkish Ministry of the Interior published a [letter](#) confirming the opening of the borders with Iran and Iraq. All of above mentioned measures are now also valid for entry/exit from Iran and Iraq. Once at the border, drivers must comply with procedures set out in the letter (English translation [here](#)).

Sources: UND and TOBB, Turkish Ministry of the Interior

Turkmenistan

Updated on 26/06/20

- o On 25 June, Turkmen Authorities informed of the [decision](#) to extend the temporary entry restrictions **until 20 July inclusive**. Previous measures have also been extended to the same date. All travellers (both Turkmen and foreign nationals) entering Turkmenistan are required to prove that they have tested negative to Covid-19, and the proof must not be older than 72 hours prior to the date of travel. Upon arrival, all travellers will be accompanied to designated centres and tested again, and be asked not to leave until the result is known. In cases where one or more travellers test positive, they will be quarantined for 14 days together with other accompanying passengers. In cases where all travellers test negative, they will be allowed to reach their place of residence, where they will isolate for 14 days under the supervision of health officials.
- o 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.
- o 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.

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

Ukraine

Updated on 2/06/20

Restrictions at borders

- On 29 May, Ukraine opened 66 border crossing points on the borders with EU Member States and Moldova. 56 border crossing points on the border with Belarus remain closed because of the epidemiological situation in the country.
- 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 2 June, the following border-crossing points are open to international road transport:
 - **Crossing points at the border with Belarus:**
 - ✓ Senkivka - Veselivka



- ✓ Novi Yarylovychi - Nova Huta
- ✓ Slavutych - Komaryn
- ✓ Vystupovychi - Nova Rudnia
- ✓ Domanove - Mokransy

- **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
 - ✓ Malyi Berezhnyi – Ublia

- **At the border with Romania:**
 - ✓ Diakove - Khalmeu
 - ✓ Porubne - Siret

- **At the border with Moldova:**
 - ✓ Palanka-Maiaky - Udobne
 - ✓ Starokozache - Tudora
 - ✓ Reni - Dzhiurdzhiulesht
 - ✓ Mohyliv-Podilskyi – Otach
 - ✓ Serpneve 1 – Basarabiaska
 - ✓ Tabaky – Myrne
 - ✓ Kuchurgan – Pervomaisk
 - ✓ Kelmentsi - Larga
 - ✓ Sokyriany – Oknytsia
 - ✓ Mamalyga – Kryva
 - ✓ Rososhany – Brichen

- **At the border with Russia:**
 - ✓ Hoptivka - Nekhotieievka
 - ✓ Iunakivka - Sudzha
 - ✓ Bachivsk - Troiebortne
 - ✓ Senkivka - Novi Yurkovychi
 - ✓ Milove – Chertkovo

- 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-obmezheniya-na-kordoni/?fbclid=IwAR3SYmtoLhYG0ZSajD3I2DawrzbC0--6eXC7tIlZyTcdtURaY4ONBSzZR9M>, IRU Moscow office



United Kingdom

Updated on 6/07/20

Restrictions on movements

- On 17 March, 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.
- The UK has introduced new border measures that will be implemented from 8 June. These introduce new measures at the UK border to guard against a second wave of coronavirus (Covid-19) infections and include 14 days self-isolation for anyone entering the UK, bar a short list of exemptions:
 - Drivers of goods vehicles and bus/coach drivers will be exempt from the new 14-day quarantine requirement that will apply to most arrivals in the UK. Drivers will have to demonstrate that their travel into the UK is part of their job. They can do this in a number of ways, for example a letter from their employer, a consignment note or the operator licence would be acceptable. UK authorities provided an [indicative template](#) for a letter from the employer; using this template is not mandatory. UK authorities also confirmed that Annex 3 is acceptable proof.
 - Even though they are exempt from quarantine, drivers will have to fill in an [online locator form](#) with their contact details and details of their journey. A recent update now allows drivers to **complete the form for multiple journeys to the UK over a 48 hour period**. UK authorities have confirmed that they are currently working to further improve the process for hauliers and freight workers, particularly for those travelling to and from the UK multiple times during a one-week period.

Official guidance is available [here](#).

- UK authorities have provided guidance in several languages about the contact locator form that individuals need to fill in upon entry into the UK territory. Members are reminded that these documents have been drafted to cover all passengers, not only freight drivers. Whilst freight drivers are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation requirement, referred to in the document, they do have to fill in the form.

The following languages are available:

- Italian: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- French: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- German: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Romanian: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Czech: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Dutch: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
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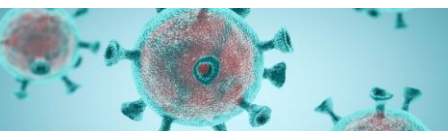
- Spanish: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Turkish: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Bulgarian: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)
- Hungarian: [guidance](#) and [instructions](#)

Members are reminded that the locator form can only be filled out [online](#).

- 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.
- Following the enter into force of measures set out by the UK government earlier this week, members and drivers are reminded of the following:
 - Drivers need to prove that the travel is part of their job. This can be done by, for example, a letter from their employer, the EC International Workers Declaration, a consignment note or the operator's licence
 - In addition, the UK [locator form](#) must be completed by **anyone arriving in the UK**, including all professional drivers and freight workers. Other documents that drivers must have are the consignment note and the True Certified Copy of the Community Licence
 - On 17 June, the Home Office advised that an update had been made to the contact locator page in relation to people including drivers who may be making multiple trips to the UK in a 48 hour period.
 - Added option to the 'are you transiting or staying in the UK' page now includes the option for people to say that they are doing more than one trip in 48 hours.
 - The locator form declaration cannot be submitted more than 48 hours before the arrival in UK.
 - The UK Home Office/DfT have confirmed that drivers returning from annual leave or EU nationals returning to the UK to work as drivers **MUST** comply with the 14 day isolation requirements. They are not exempt until isolation has taken place.

Facilitation measures

- Relaxations of EU and NI driving and rest times rules currently in place have not been extended further. Therefore, as **from 00:00 on 1 June, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 fully applies** for goods vehicles doing any work in the UK, domestic (including cabotage) or international. Domestic working hours rules only apply to vehicles below 3.5 tonnes, other than a few exempted categories.
- On 14 June relaxation of GB drivers' hours rules have ceased to apply; full compliance should now be followed.
- The temporary suspension (started on 23 March) of the London [Congestion Charge](#) and central London [ULEZ](#) and the London-wide [LEZ finished on 18 May](#). Vehicles going into these areas need to comply with the registration schemes and payment requirements. Remember you need to register separately for each scheme.
Additionally the Congestion Charge will be **temporarily increased to £15 per day from 22 June**.



- On 28 June, the Government announced that the [HGV Road User Levy](#), which is applied to HGVs of 12 tonnes or more, will be suspended for a year. The suspension runs **from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021**.
A Levy rate of zero will automatically apply at a vehicle's normal VED/Levy renewal date from August onwards.
The suspension is applied to UK and overseas-registered HGVs using the UK's roads.
Foreign operators who have already paid the levy as an annual payment will be able to claim a refund for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021, through their [user account](#). Foreign operators who would normally 'pay as they go' will not be charged for use of the UK network between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021.
More information can be found [here](#).
- On 6 July, the UK Home Office published the [list of travel corridors](#) from which people arriving into the UK will not have to isolate for 14 days upon arrival, unless they have visited or stopped in any other country or territory in the preceding 14 days. Those arriving in the UK whose journey started from a country that is not on the list will still have to follow the isolation requirements. It is expected that the list will grow as time goes on. Rules on travel corridors will apply from 10 July onwards.
Members are reminded that anyone entering the UK (drivers included) is still required to fill the [passenger locator form](#). In case of multiple entries in the UK within 48 hours, multiple journey can be included in the form. Drivers are still exempt from the isolation 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

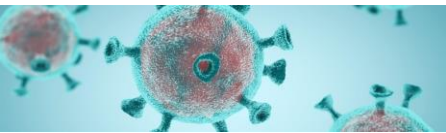
Source: ATA

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>,
Uzbekistan Embassy in Germany