

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

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Albania

Updated on 22/03/20

From 23.59 of 22/3, the following applies:

Tirana airport suspends all flights to and from Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary. Very limited connection to Istanbul is maintained.

Movement of people outside their home/household is strictly limited from 05.00h -13.00h. People can leave their home only for professional interests and for buying goods or medical supplies. From 13.00h until 05.00h of the next day, only authorised personnel can leave their home.

International and domestic passenger transport is forbidden.

Transport of goods and medical supplies is exempted from the provision, prior to authorisation.

Source: ANALTIR

Argentina

Updated on 23/03/20

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.

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

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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 9/04/20

- **Restrictions**

Austria has reintroduced temporary border controls at the borders with Italy. The temperature of drivers and their recent activities are systematically checked (measure valid for the next 10 days).

Austria is also prohibiting rail transport from Italy (valid until 3 April). This measure does not apply to freight transport.

Tyrol has issued another Regulation ([attached in German only](#)). This Regulation extends the existing measures to 12 April 2020.

In order to prevent the further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is prohibited to enter public places on the entire national territory, while security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods for all municipalities has been guaranteed.

Some of the most important provisions are contained in paragraph 3 of the new Regulation:

1. The entrance to and departure from the municipalities within Tyrolean territory shall be prohibited.
2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to:

General trips by suppliers (e.g. food transport) and provision of general services (e.g. road service, waste collection, service companies, public administration, public road and rail transport).

Supply-critical public infrastructure (e.g. electricity and water supply).
3. In order to ensure the security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods, transit through municipalities on Austrian territory is permitted.

On 20/3, the Ministry of Social Affairs issued [a new regulation](#) which restricts the entry into Austria from land border crossing points of those persons living in or transiting from the following neighbouring countries: Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Hungary, and Slovenia.

Those wanting to enter Austria must present a [medical certificate](#) that can be filled out in German, English or Italian, which proves that their test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days at the time of entry, otherwise the authorities may refuse entry.

This regulation does not apply to freight or commuter traffic.

- **Relieves**

On 6 April 2020, AISÖ confirmed that in Austria, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 19 April 2020. However, members should be aware that the sectoral driving bans currently in place in the Tyrol region will remain valid.

In addition, the government has announced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers in order to eliminate bottlenecks caused by the current crisis. The measures lifted are those in Articles 6 to 9 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). This exception applies from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours;
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
- Art. 8(6): Weekly rest period of at least 24 hours after six 24-hour periods.

Further details can be found in the [Regulation](#).

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Source: AISÖ

Azerbaijan

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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 10/04/20

Belarus still doesn't close its borders for international road transport.

In accordance with Governmental regulation No. 171, all persons arriving to Belarus from countries where COVID-19 infection has been registered, are obliged to put themselves into self-isolation for 14 calendar days and are not allowed to cross the Belarusian border until self-isolation period is over.

The above requirement is not applicable to drivers engaged in international road transport.

Transport operators in transit shall take designated highways and locations for stopping/parking and fuelling as well as to exit Belarus no later than the next day after entry.

[Read more in Russian...](#)

For convenience of drivers in transit Ministry of Transport issued a map in ENG and RUS:

[Карта \(рус\)](#)

[Map \(eng\)](#)

Comments of customs authorities of Belarus regarding transit in such a serious epidemiologic situation can be found [here...](#)

The Government of Belarus has issued a [Regulation No. 208 of 8 April 2020](#) which introduces additional restrictive measures. This document shall enter into force on 10 April 2020.

The new regulation notably requires that self-isolation requirements shall also be applicable to drivers after completion of international road transport of goods in the territory of Belarus. This also includes drivers who were replaced, in the course of the transit transport operation, and are arriving from countries where COVID-19 has been registered. This applies until the next road transport operation or within 14 calendar days.

The regulation also requires that drivers performing international road transport operations across the territory of Belarus, must have personal protective equipment (medical masks, gloves) on board and use them when they leave the cabin. [Read more in Russian...](#)

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

Belgium

Updated on 9/04/20

- **Restrictions**

The Belgian government took additional measures on 17 March 2020 introducing further measures to encourage teleworking and closing all non-essential stores (only pharmacies, food stores and newspaper stores remain open) to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Measures are valid until 5 April 2020. The objective is to limit public gathering.

These measures have no consequences for international freight transport and drivers. However, a number of companies have been forced to close because they are unable to respect the social distancing rules or are short of material to continue the production process.

For passenger transport, the social distance measure of 1.5m must be respected for all types of collective transport of passengers still operational and allowed, including public bus transport. In line with the advice regarding unnecessary journeys abroad, all coach services are in a lockdown phase. As schools have been closed, all related transport has been suspended, apart from schools requiring transport to respect their duty of day care for children from families working in key roles, such as health care workers. The professional training for driving licences or continuous education, and even MOT control have been suspended and appropriate measures are taken to waive the potential validity violations.

- **Relieves**

Belgium has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for all drivers of vehicles active in the transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). This temporary relaxation applies from 26/03/2020 and will run until 25/04/2020. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of goods, both domestically and internationally. The following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- derogation to the Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006: suspension of the ban on drivers spending their normal weekly rest period in the vehicle cabin.

In addition to this, [general derogation](#) and [specific derogations](#) for essential transport have been put into place. Belgium has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for all drivers of vehicles active in the complete supply chain for the transport of essential goods and medication. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). This temporary relaxation applies from 01/04/2020 and will run until 30/04/2020. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of goods domestically and internationally. The following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- derogation to the Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours to 60 hours;
- derogation to the Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours to 96 hours;
- derogation to the Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period;
- derogation to the Article 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours without any compensation.

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

Sources: FEBETRA, FBAA and Official News Agencies

Brazil

Updated on 23/03/20

IRU member NTC & Logística has reported that in spite of the critical situation in Brazil, and considering the crisis ahead, all entities representing road freight transport and logistics are committed to sharing as much information as possible with transporters:

“We are monitoring all measures being taken by public and private agencies in relation to traffic, working conditions, preventive measures for the health and safety of employees and service providers, the closing of establishments, problems and difficulties in fulfilling their transportation contracts, restrictions of any kind and all measures of an economic nature that are being studied by the government, in all areas.

The situation calls for organised planning and responsibility in guaranteeing the supply of essential items concerning public health, i.e. items in relation to personal hygiene, medicines, food and hospital supplies, as well as other priorities.

We are aware of the concern of businesses in the sector and their desire to maintain that business, along with jobs and their financial commitments, and we confirm that we are in constant discussion with the government on all levels.

The link below accesses a guide to actions that can be taken by companies in relation to labour issues, which will be updated as the government discloses new legislative measures on this matter: [Coronavirus Specific Legislation Impacting Operations.](#)”

Source: NCT & Logística

Bulgaria

Updated on 8/04/20

- **Restrictions**

In a new order issued on 6 April, the Minister of Health has confirmed the temporary entry ban for all third country (non-EU) nationals through all border crossing points by all means of transport. Entry bans apply to all persons coming from the following countries, irrespective of their nationality: Italy, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Lichtenstein and Luxembourg.

The following categories are excluded from the prohibitions above:

- Bulgarian citizens, family members of Bulgarian citizens, persons with permanent, long-term residence status in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families;
- Medical professionals, medical scientists and social workers, if the purpose of their journey is linked to their professional work;
- Transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, aircraft crews engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel, as appropriate;
- Foreign officials (Heads of State, Government, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers carrying out their duties;
- Persons travelling for humanitarian reasons;

- Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and third-country nationals directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria; and
- Frontier workers and seasonal farm workers.

Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is allowed for:

- Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
- Third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;
- Citizens of Serbia, the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey in order to return to their country;
- Transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, aircraft crews engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel, as appropriate, to which the special rules apply.

Bulgarian truck drivers arriving from a country with registered Covid-19 cases are subject to the 14-day quarantine period. During the quarantine period they are permitted to transit Bulgaria for the purpose of carrying out or completing international transport:

- to transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria
- to be in the cab of the truck;
- to drive the truck;
- to carry out loading and unloading activities; and
- to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria before the quarantine period has ended.

The following regime has been introduced for non-Bulgarian drivers - citizens of the above countries or coming from them or having passed through the territory of such a country:

- drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for the Bulgarian market should enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the goods transported and/or load goods, and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and
- drivers of goods vehicles transporting goods destined for other countries are permitted to transit through the Republic of Bulgaria on a route determined by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

The National Toll Administration shall issue an instruction note to drivers passing through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria which shall specify:

- the date and time at which they should leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; and
- the border crossing point at which they have to exit.

The determined deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may not exceed 24 hours from the issuance of the instruction note.

In cases where drivers of goods vehicles which are allowed to transit Bulgaria, but due to a ban by a neighbouring state cannot leave Bulgaria, a place will be determined where the truck and the driver must stay until the ban is abolished, after that he has to leave the country.

On 30 March 2020 and until further notice, the border crossing point between Bulgaria and Greece "Zlatograd-Thermes" has been closed due to the spread of Covid-19 and a quarantine has been announced in the respective Greek border region.

Special check-points have been established at all entries and exits of the town of Bansko and of all regional centres: Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Varna, Veliko Tarnovo, Vidin, Vratsa, Gabrovo, Dobrich, Kardzhali, Kyustendil, Lovech, Montana, Pazardzhik, Pernik, Pleven, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Ruse, Silistra, Sliven, Smolyan, Sofia, Stara Zagora, Targovishte, Haskovo, Shumen, Yambol.

People can enter and exit these cities only to work, for medical reasons, care of their relatives, and to buy essential basic products and medicines.

Truck drivers are allowed to pass through these check points but delays are possible.

- Relieves

The Bulgarian Government has granted a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers under EU Regulation 561/2006 to the national and international transport of goods. This exception applies from 19 March 2020, 00:00 to 16 April 2020, 24:00.

Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily break requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours; and
- Art. 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.

On 13 March 2020, Bulgarian authorities introduced a state of emergency in the country. Currently the state of emergency has been extended until 13 May.

Source: AEBTRI

China (People's Republic of)

Updated on 8/04/20

Overview of the situation at land borders for goods transport operations:

1. China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry into China by foreign nationals holding valid visas or residence permits due to the rapid global spread of COVID-19, according to an announcement by the Foreign Ministry and the National Immigration Administration on Thursday.

The suspension - starting on Saturday 28 March - is a temporary measure that China is compelled to take in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the practices of other countries.

In addition, entry with diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas will not be affected, and foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities, or out of emergency humanitarian need, may apply for visas at Chinese Embassies or Consulates.

(Note: C visas are issued to air crew members, railway and maritime staff, and international road transport drivers. Therefore, international drivers will be exempted from the above policy).

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

2. 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.

Provincial governments should enforce quarantine measures for those entering the border through land ports in their administration, except for residents living at the border, diplomats, and people engaged in important trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

To guarantee unimpeded freight transport, measures to control and prevent COVID-19 must be carried out for drivers of freight vehicles. Foreign freight vehicles entering the border should unload at the port, unless the goods cannot be moved midway.

Source: The [State Council of the People's Republic of China](#)

Overview of the situation at land borders for passenger transport operations:

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

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

On 30 March 2020, the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China issued a notice on the prevention and control of imported coronavirus from overseas.

The following items are related to border crossing point (BCP) closures and operations of foreign trucks:

1. **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.
2. **For truck drivers.** Foreign trucks will unload cargo at BCPs, and foreign truck drivers will return on the same day of arrival in China. Those foreign truck drivers who have difficulty returning will stay in accommodation designated by local disease prevention and control agencies.

Source: China Transportation News

With effect from 6 April, the passing of road freight through the Russian-Chinese border crossings points of Poltavka-Dongning and Turirog-Mishan is no longer permitted. The Pogranichny-Suifenhe border crossing point is closed for passenger transport, **however currently remains open for freight transport**. These measures have been put in place in order to ensure centralised inspections and/or quarantine in relation to the flow of goods and passengers through these ports.

With effect from 8 April, due to the rapidly increasing flow of passengers, the Manzhouli-Zabaikalsk border crossing point has been closed for passenger transport until further notice, as it has exceeded its capacities for inspection, quarantine and virus testing. **Freight transport will remain open for operations.**

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

Colombia

Updated on 23/03/20

International air transport flights for passengers are suspended from 23 March to 23 April. This suspension includes both arrivals and any connecting flights. National air transport flights will be suspended with effect from 24 March.

The transportation of passengers by road will be suspended with effect from 24 March, with the exception of passengers providing services related to the production of food, public services or the health service.

Urban transport is continuing to operate, although in lower volumes and with strict sanitation standards regarding vehicle washing and the state of health of drivers.

Taxi services are continuing to operate, but only those requested through mobile applications or by telephone.

Source: CST

Croatia

Updated on 6/04/20

- Restrictions

General information for travellers

There is a compulsory 14-day quarantine or self-isolation measure in place for travellers arriving from specific countries (list available [here](#); Italian citizens included).

The following are **exempt** from the implementation of this measure:

- Healthcare professionals, healthcare researchers and collaborators, experts in care for the elderly, and persons requiring urgent medical treatment;
- Cross-border workers;
- **Goods carriers and other transport personnel, to the extent necessary;**
- Diplomats, police officers while carrying out their duties, civil defence services and teams, international organisation staff and international military personnel while carrying out their duties;
- Passengers in transit.

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

End date: not available

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

Commercial road transport

According to the latest exchange (25 and 26 March) 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 (in convoys of 50 trucks) 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;
- Convoys are formed on the Slovenian border crossings with Austria and Italy. For goods in transit, they continue driving in convoy across the Croatian border but still within the country, up until the border of the next destination country.
- There is no convoy for goods delivered inside 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: Bajakovo

Vehicles in transit will be under police escort. Police authorities will determine the route of the convoy, stopping points and fuel points. Drivers of goods vehicles shall adhere to the instructions given by police officers.

Quarantine measures for drivers

Following loading or unloading of goods, resident drivers should adhere to self-isolation measures. However, they can start a new transport activities and interrupt the quarantine period at any time.

Drivers who show symptoms should contact their family doctor straight away and ask for further instructions.

In case the driver cannot spend the self-isolation period at home, the employer should provide him with dedicated premises, subject to approval by the local civil defence authority.

In case the self-isolation period is shorter than 24 hours, the driver shall take the daily rest in the cabin and within the employer's parking area.

Non-resident drivers are not subject to health monitoring measures in case they leave Croatia immediately after unloading. In case their permanence in Croatia is longer than 24 hours, they should make use of self-isolation premises provided by competent authorities.

- Relieves

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times

Croatia has reported a temporary and limited relaxation in the enforcement rules regarding driving and rest times for drivers of vehicles engaged in goods transport. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. It applies to those drivers involved in the domestic and international freight transport of essential items, in particular those related to the distribution of food, animal feed, fuel, the transport of raw materials, medicines and medical equipment, the distribution of equipment to hospitals and other public institutions.

Start date: 18.03.2020

End date: 16.04.2020

Source: European Commission [website](#) and ITF

Czech Republic

Updated on 6/04/20

- Restrictions

The Government has announced a "state of emergency" with a set of bans and limitations, including (as of 14/03 0:00h):

- Foreigners coming from high risk countries (unless permanent residents) are temporarily banned to enter in the national territory. High risk countries are: Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, UK, Belgium, Austria, China and South Korea,
- Prohibition for Czech citizens and foreign permanent residents to travel to high risk countries,
- The international transport of passengers by bus is stopped from March 14th 00:00 a.m (exemption for foreigners being transported out of the Czech Republic and Czech citizens being brought home, or empty buses. This temporary exemption will stop come to end on 16th March (0:00) when the general prohibition to travel to and from the Czech Republic will start to apply),
- International freight transport is exempt of the restriction. However, only major border crossings with Austria (Dolní Dvořiště, České Velenice, Hatě Mikulov) and Germany (Strážný, Pomezí n.O., Rozvadov, Folmava, Žel. Ruda, Krásný Les, H.Sv. Šebestiána) will remain open.

The Government of the Czech Republic decided to prolong the “state of emergency” until 24 April 2020.

- Relieves

Note that the Ministry of Transport, Czech Republic, has granted a general exemption from the driving restrictions on motorways and class I roads in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with an MPW of over 7.5 tons and trucks and special vehicles with trailers, if an MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5 tons. The exemption is valid from 15:00 on 13 March 2020 for the time the state of emergency is in force, but not longer than one year. However, note that From 19 March 2020 for a period of 60 days, the border sections of the D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 motorways are affected by the following restriction:

In the direction of the border crossing points, lorries over 3.5 tonnes are prohibited from overtaking. Exceptions to this prohibition are vehicles used in:

- The carriage of perishable goods, at least half the volume of the cargo space of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.
- The transport of live animals.
- Carriage of fuel intended for petrol stations.
- Carriage of postal items.
- The transport of medical and biological material, medicines and material for their manufacture.

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

The restriction applies to the following sections of road:

- Highway D1 from km 366,300 to the right (direction of state border).
- Highway D2 from km 35,000 to the right (direction of the state border).
- Highway D5 from km 136,300 to the right (direction of parking).
- D8 motorway from km 86,900 to the right (direction of the state border) and from the state border to km 88,200 to the left (direction Prague, due to checks by the Czech Republic police).

In addition, the government announced on March 16th a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times for drivers involved in all transport of goods on all Czech territory. Measures lifted are the ones in articles 6 to 9 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). This exception applies from 16/03/2020 (00:00) for a period of 30 days.

On 22 March, a critical situation was reported on the CZ/SK borders due to drivers taking the 45 min. rest in the right lane blocking the access to the border crossing. Drivers are asked to take the rest elsewhere or to postpone it.

On 23 March, the Czech Ministry of Transport published a comprehensive overview of the measures taken in the field of transport. The table can be consulted [here](#).

Sources: CESMAD BOHEMIA and Czech Police

Denmark

Updated on 7/04/20

- Restrictions

The Danish government has indicated on Friday 13th (evening) that the Danish borders will be closed for entry into Denmark unless a reasonable purpose can be demonstrated (note that tourism is not deemed legitimate). The new measure will be enforced from 14/3 at 12.00 and is in force up to and including April 13th.

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).

On 6 April, the Danish Prime Minister announced that restrictions in place at Danish borders will be extended until 10 May, inclusive; the period could be further extended depending on the circumstances. Goods and freight transport remains exempted. Restrictions on social life currently in place (e.g. bans on events of more than 10 people) are also extended until the same date. Large gatherings are banned until the end of August.

- Relieves

National derogations from the weekly rest periods [has been extended](#) in Denmark until 11 April (included). Measures lifted are the ones in article 8.6 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#), but all other articles apply. From 13 March 2020 until 11 April 2020, all national freight transport in Denmark has been exempted from the rules on weekly rest. As of 26 March 2020, the temporary exemption covers both international and national freight transport. More information here (in [English](#)) or here (in [Danish](#)).

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

Extension of driver licences and certificates

An order has been issued extending the validity of a number of driver licences and certificates in the transport sector. The ban on exchanging drivers between companies has also been temporarily lifted. These measures have been put in place to prevent driver shortages.

The validity of the following categories of licences and certificates that expire in the period between 1 March and 30 April 2020 will be extended to 31 August 2020:

- Licence types: C1, C1/E, C, C/E, D1, D1/E, D and D/E.
- Driver training certificates issued pursuant to the Executive Order on Qualification Requirements for Certain Drivers of Vehicles in Road Transport.
- Driver training certificates for the carriage of dangerous goods by road issued pursuant to the Order on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.
- Security Advisor Certificate issued pursuant to Executive Order on Security Advisors for the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

In addition, notwithstanding section 6a (2), 1 of the Freight Forwarding Act, the exchange of drivers between companies with an operating licence for international freight transport is allowed pursuant to section 1 (1), 1 of the Freight Transport Act. This applies until 30 March 2020.

Original article in Danish can be found [here](#).

Sources: ITD, DTL and DI Transport

Egypt

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No restriction on type of goods for import and transit. The only restriction is on exporting medical supplies that are necessary for treatment of the virus, such as masks and oxygen machines.

Regarding movements from Safaga Port in Egypt to Dhiba Port in KSA, the Saudi Ports Authority are not allowing drivers from Egypt to land in the Saudi Ports, only Saudi trucks with resident drivers are allowed to pick up the load in coordination with local importers.

The Ministry of Transport of Sudan has instructed the complete closure of أشكيت معبر (Achkit) border crossing with Egypt, except for Sudanese exports transported on Egyptian trucks. Decision dated 31 March 2020.

Source: Egyptian customs authorities

Estonia

Updated on 18/03/20

The government has decided to restrict the crossing of the Schengen internal and external border temporarily, and to reintroduce border controls in order to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Only citizens of Estonia and holders of Estonian residency permits (or rights of residence) can enter Estonia, as well as foreign citizens with family members living in the country.

International road freight is exempt.

Foreigners are allowed to transit Estonia if travelling to their home country as long as they are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

At the border control, travel documents and medical symptoms will be checked.

There are no restrictions for exiting the country.

The border control was reintroduced on 17 March 2020. The temporary restriction of border crossing will be in force until further notice, and the situation will be reviewed every two weeks.

Source: ERAA

Finland

Updated on 7/04/20

- **Restrictions**

The Finnish Parliament have approved the extension of the deadline of the measures currently in force. These measures will remain applicable **until 13 May 2020**.

The Finnish Government is restricting traffic at external borders. Inbound passenger transport operations have been suspended, with the exception of citizens and residents returning to Finland. In this case, people returning to Finland from another country are required to quarantine for 14 days. Finnish citizens and residents are strongly advised not to travel abroad.

Preparations are currently underway to restrict the flow of traffic across the northern and western borders. Border surveillance has been increased and all passenger sea transport is now extremely limited. **Freight transport is however exempt from restriction measures at Finnish ports.**

From 28 March (00:00), Finnish government has closed Uusimaa region (Greater Helsinki Capital region). Thus, in practice, temporary internal border has been established to separate Uusimaa from the rest of the country.

The restrictions concern movement to and from the Uusimaa region. The movement restrictions remain in force until 19 April 2020. The purpose of the new restrictions is to prevent coronavirus (COVID-19) infections and to slow the spread of the epidemic from Uusimaa to other parts of Finland.

- Goods and freight transport services continue as usual, but some delays are possible because of the restrictions on movement. There are some 30 crossing points to and from Uusimaa, but no Green Lanes for trucks have been put in place yet. The authorities aim to ensure that heavy goods transports by road and immediate deliveries relating to them will proceed as normally and smoothly as possible.
- Public transport services will not stop. However, the use of the services has already decreased.
- Restrictions on people's movement do not apply if movements are necessary for:
 - o official activities;
 - o travel for work, whether as an employee or as an entrepreneur or self-employed person, for studies or in connection with a societal position of trust;
 - o the performance of military service or any other statutory obligation;
 - o the need for care, risk of death or death of a family member, the right of access to a child, or for any other similar compelling personal reason.

The police will monitor compliance with the movement restrictions. At the crossings, people must provide an account of the reason of their journey.

In Finland, double-manning is allowed, provided that the recommended 1-1.5m "social distancing" rule is respected. However, **the Uusimaa region** has had special restrictive measures recently introduced and double-manning may be an issue when crossing the Uusimaa regional border. Authorities may not consider the second driver as a necessity, as restrictions on the movement of people crossing the regional border is being strictly enforced.

The Finnish government issued instructions to the border guards relating to which travel is allowed crossing the internal Schengen and the external borders. The following categories are distinguished: people returning Finland, people transiting through Finland on the way back to another country (Schengen, non-Schengen and third countries) and necessary cross-border work and other traffic. The latter two categories include workers (mobile and non-mobile) in the transport sector and workers commuting between two countries and are allowed to travel without restrictions. Detailed information relating to the travel conditions are available [here](#).

On 7 April, the Finnish Government decided to prolong the validity of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the borders and the restrictions on traffic; border controls will be performed until 13 May 2020. Related decrees will be issued to Parliament for approval tomorrow (8 April) and are expected to be approved during this week.

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:

- 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:
 - a) Healthcare and rescue service professionals/personnel, health researchers, and elderly care professionals.
 - b) 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
 - c) Diplomats, staff of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian aid workers carrying out their work.
 - d) Necessary transit and return trips.
 - e) Passengers travelling for imperative family reasons.
 - f) Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons.
 - g) 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).

The restrictions set by Russia on the Finland-Russia border apply until 1 May 2020.

- Relieves

On 26 March 2020, the Government issued a decree on extending the driving times and shortening the rest periods of drivers of buses and heavy goods vehicles due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The exemption would be applied to road transport from 27 March to 25 April 2020, allowing a shortening of the daily rest period of drivers to 9 hours and weekly rest period to 24 hours. The Government also proposes that the required minimum rest period of 45 minutes be allowed to be more freely split into periods of 15 and 30 minutes within a period of four and a half hours.

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

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.

Sources: FinMobility, SKAL and Ministry of Transport and Communications

France

Updated on 11/04/20

- **Restrictions**

As from 17 March, 12:00, and for 15 days, new measures have entered into force to limit activities and public gatherings in order to limit the effect of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. A national lockdown has been declared. People are allowed out only in cases of emergencies, to buy food or for work (a [written document](#) must justify any movement). Freight transport is exempt from the movement restrictions.

On 7 April, the French Ministry of Interior published one additional certificate with three variations (to be used according to which type of travel is done) that must be used by people to justify their international movements. The three variations of the certificate cover the following cases and can be downloaded [here](#):

- Travel from mainland France to French overseas territories
- Travel from abroad to mainland France
- Travel from abroad to French overseas territory

Note that the French authorities are allowing non-French professional drivers and French drivers operating international transport to use the form provided by Annex 3 of the EC communication on green lanes - [Template of Certificate for International Transport Workers](#) – to enter France. These measures are however not applicable for national transport.

Only the Schengen area borders are being closed for the next 30 days (external borders of the European Union).

On 20 March 2020, the French Government published a number of additional requirements for passenger transport by bus, coach and taxi, and road freight transport:

- Bus and coach
 - o Vehicles must be disinfected once per day.
 - o The front door of multi-door vehicles can no longer be used by passengers, unless the driver is completely protected by a transparent barrier.
 - o The social distancing rules must be displayed on the vehicle.
 - o Tickets are no longer sold on board.
- Taxi
 - o Passengers can no longer sit next to the driver.
 - o 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)
 - o Social distancing rules must be observed.
 - o Where there is no access to water, disinfectant gel must be made available.
 - o No personal contact is allowed when signing contracts.
 - o Goods can only be delivered at the place indicated on the transport document.
 - o Home delivery is only possible by leaving the goods at the door. No physical contact with the customer is permitted.
 - o Delays for complaints about the delivery have been set.

- **Relieves**

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](#). A map on the state of service and rest areas can be consulted [here](#). A map showing restaurants that are open is available [online](#). The company APRR also issued a [communication](#) reinsuring the access to sanitary facilities and basis services for trucks drivers on the rest areas operated by the company. On 25/3, AFTRI has shared a [communication](#) and a [map](#) on the situation of some service and rest areas in Brittany and Pays de la Loire.

In addition, a decree was published on 20 March 2020 which lifts the weekend and public holidays traffic bans for heavy goods vehicles until 20 April 2020. More details can be found [here](#).

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.

The following temporary relieves apply:

- Daily driving times extended to 10 hours a day. Drivers can also choose to drive for 11 hours a day for a maximum of two days during a week

Extension of weekly driving times to 60 hours a week and 102 hours on two consecutive weeks, provided such extensions respect legal provisions on driving and rest times applicable to drivers.

Sources: AFTRI and FNTR

Germany

Updated on 8/04/20

- **Restrictions**

As of 16 March, 08:00, Germany has been re-introducing temporary border controls at the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxemburg and Denmark. Access at these borders must be performed via dedicated border crossings. For a full list of these border crossings please refer to this [link](#).

The following groups of persons may continue to enter German territory via the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxemburg and Denmark:

- persons with German nationality.
- persons with a German residence permit.
- persons with residence in Germany.
- professional commuters, regardless of their nationality - proof of commuting status should be carried (template for a commuter certificate [here](#)). Seasonal workers, EU parliamentarians and accredited diplomats may also enter the country.
- persons who have urgent reasons for entry - proof of urgent reasons should be carried. The Federal Police make individual decisions at their discretion.

In addition to the above, and most relevant for our profession:

Cross border movement of goods remains guaranteed. BGL is not aware of any cases where cross border goods transports have been refused entry into Germany via the above mentioned borders.

The following groups of persons will be refused entry onto German territory via the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxemburg and Denmark:

- persons who do not belong to any of the above mentioned groups allowed to enter German territory.

- persons who show symptoms of illness - in these cases, the competent health authority will be consulted immediately.

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

Situation in rest and service areas on German motorways:

- In rest and service areas operated by the TANK & RAST group, use of the SANIFAIR sanitary facilities free of charge since 17.03.2020, with the objective of ensuring drivers' access to crucial hand hygiene. Free access to the SANIFAIR sanitary facilities is granted via the "children's entry" and will be explicitly signposted. TANK & RAST group is operating 330 of the rest and service areas on German motorways and drivers should look for the TANK & RAST symbol.
- TANK & RAST have also announced that they will keep open not only the petrol stations but also the attached shops (bakery products, snacks, retail) at all rest and service areas operated by them. They also inform that they extended their range of warm takeaway food in order to best suit the drivers' needs.
- In case of any problems with the TANK & RAST service, drivers are invited to call a special, free of charge hotline: 0800 9 555 777 (available from the German networks) or by sending an email to kundenservice@tank.rast.de
- BGL is in contact with all remaining providers of motorway rest and service areas to ensure ongoing services and access to sanitary facilities with suitable opening times for all German rest and service areas on motorways. This subject is also being discussed with the Ministry of Transport on the highest political level.

- Relieves

The Federal Government of Germany has asked the Länder to suspend the weekend and holiday traffic bans of truck movements to ease the situation during the crisis. The German control authority BAG has provided an overview of the situation in the different regions [here](#).

In addition, it has been decided at Federal level on a temporary relaxation of driving and rest times rules based on Article 14.2 of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). The measure applies to road transport of goods of daily necessities, including food, medical equipment and fuel, and is valid until 17 April, included. Measures lifted are the following:

- Possibility to extend driving time to 10 hours five times per week.
- Possibility to take two consecutive reduced weekly rests within a period of four weeks.

The measure applies to professional and own account transport. More information [here](#).

The State of Bavaria has extended the relieve of the driving ban on Sundays and public holidays for all goods vehicles until 19 April 2020.

The State of Hesse has extended the relieve of the driving ban on Sundays and public holidays to all goods vehicles. The relieve applies in Hesse until 30 June 2020.

A constantly updated overview of the state regulations can be found [here](#).

Sources: BGL (from [Federal Government](#)), German Minister of Internal Affairs, BAG, DSLV

Georgia

Updated on 5/04/20

As part of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) preventive measures, the Government of Georgia has made a decision to impose restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals. The restrictions are effective from 18 March 2020, 00:00, and will remain in force for two weeks.

The restrictions will apply to all foreign nationals, with the exception of:

- Representatives of diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to Georgia, and their family members;
- Family members of Georgian citizens, despite their nationality (spouse, child or parent; relevant documents must be presented);
- Persons arriving in Georgia as part of a necessary humanitarian mission (ie. doctors, volunteers);
- Individuals who have been granted the status of stateless person by the respective authorities of Georgia;
- Individuals holding status-neutral travel documents;
- Individuals with a refugee status in Georgia;
- Official delegations - this will be decided on a case-by-case basis;
- Train and truck drivers involved in the transport of goods and services;
- Aircrew.

The Head of the Government of Georgia has noted that there are 4 areas of critical significance which must be managed effectively in order to combat the challenges faced.

One of these areas is logistics and stock management. In this regard, and in order to ensure the smooth running of freight road transport, trucks entering the country from areas designated by the WHO as a high-risk zone will have to comply with the following rules:

- the complete disinfection of the truck under the supervision of authorised customs personnel;
- the escort of trucks to their destination (in the case of transit);
- the replacement of the driver at the border crossing point:
 - the original driver (the person driving the vehicle to the customs border of Georgia) will either be subject to return (if he is a foreign citizen), or quarantined/admitted to the relevant medical institution depending on his clinical condition;
 - the truck driver taking over the operation should not be considered a risk to the spreading of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- the replacement of the truck and trailers, if deemed necessary.

Freight vehicles registered in a foreign country shall move through the territory of Georgia at the following conditions:

- After completing the procedures at the customs checkpoint, means of transport shall move non-stop to a final destination. Stopping allowed only on specially designated areas - [STOP POINTs](https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints), places for purchasing compulsory civil liability insurance policy (<https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints>), and parking lots located in the vicinity of customs checkpoint;
- Specially designated STOP POINT areas will serve for trucks for refueling, paying the road fee, compulsory civil liability insurance policy of the owner of a motor vehicle registered in foreign countries. Availability to purchase personal necessities, food, WC and etc.
- In case of emergencies or special needs (car accident, health problems, etc.), the driver should contact the relevant services and should remain in the cabin before the representatives of those services will get to the driver. For these purposes the driver shall call the Emergency and Operative Response Center at 112;
- The truck should leave the territory of Georgia:
 - a) In case of transit movement (except for the movements from/to customs check point "Kazbegi") transport means shall leave the territory of Georgia within 24 hours since entering the country;
 - b) In other case (including the import movement and transit case of entering/leaving via customs checkpoint "Kazbegi" within 48 hours. The time periods required for carrying

out the customs formalities and stopping at parking lots located in the vicinity of Georgian State Customs Border Crossing Point shall not be counted.

- It is strongly recommended to make only non-cash payment (online purchase, plastic card, etc.) and to use the personal protective equipment (medical mask, gloves, and etc).

Note:

Violation of rules (vehicle without permission to leave, stopping in forbidden areas, violation of terms of movement, etc.), except when weather conditions or other external factors makes it difficult and / or impossible to follow rules, the vehicle driver will be fined with 3000 GEL for the violation of the State emergency regime in accordance with Presidential Decree №1 March 21, 2020, Article 8, and will be placed in 14-day quarantine, means of transport will be taken to the impound lot.

STOP POINT areas are located at:

- Urbnisi– Kareli districts, cadastral code: 68.16.45.054;
- Terjola– Trejola district, village Siktarva, cadastral code: 33.08.38.224;
- Gori – Gori district, village Tiniskhidi, cadastral code: 66.44.02.033;
- Zestaponi– Zestaponi district, village Argveta, cadastral code: 32.03.34.211.

Sources: GIRCA and [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia](#)

Greece

Updated on 9/04/20

- **Restrictions**

On 22 March 2020, the Greek Prime Minister announced that Greece will impose a national lockdown as of 23 March 2020, 06:00.

Passenger Transport:

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

Goods Transport:

- All borders are open for international transport operations.
- In some cases a Locator Form may be required by port authorities when entering Greece. Truck drivers will be given the form and asked to complete and sign it. The form requires personal and family contact details ([attached in English](#)).
- Drivers must present an attestation form from their employer, as well as passport/ID, and the CMR, in order to prove transport activity while on Greek territory.
- At the Customs office of Evzoni (BCP Greece-North Macedonia) truck movement restrictions are enforced every day from 22:00-06:00. Trucks carrying ethyl alcohol, perishable goods and medical supplies are exempt from the provision.

On 2 April, the Greek Government published a new Ministerial Decree on the quarantine routine that people entering Greece from abroad must follow. Art. 2 of the decree sets out specific provisions for truck drivers, which are the following:

Workers of all nationalities engaged in international transport operations (land, air, maritime) must, upon entering Greece and without any delay, either transit through the country or reach their final destination within the country. After having reached the final destination in Greece, drivers must commence a temporary isolation period of 14 days. Trucks drivers travelling from Italy to Greece by ship are requested to fill in the following [form](#).

Derogations to this rule apply in the following cases:

- When there is a need to start a new international transport operation (e.g. bilateral transport). In this case, mandatory quarantine can be lifted at any time, even the day after it started.
- When there is a need to make a national transport operation (within Greek territory). In this case, the driver must spend at least 7 days in isolation, starting from the day he entered the country. Because of the mandatory week spent in isolation, cabotage operations will not be possible.

The measure applies from 2 April up to 20 April.

In case of violation a fine of EUR 5.000 is imposed.

- Relieves

Temporary relaxation of [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#) or AETR

Valid from 19.03.2020 until 18.04.20 (inclusive):

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily break requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours.
- Art. 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
- Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six 24-hour periods.

On 31 March, the Greek Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport decided to suspend traffic bans on the movement of trucks from 16 April until 21 April and from 30 April until 3 May.

Source: OFAE

Hungary

Updated on 3/04/20

- Restrictions

With effect from midnight, 17 March, Hungary has closed its internal and external borders. Hungarian citizens and close relatives travelling with them (including those not resident in Hungary) will still be allowed to enter the country.

According to the [government decree nr 81/2020](#), article 3 (7), provisions of articles 2 and 3 of this government decree, **these restrictions do not apply to freight traffic.**

Goods transports arriving and departing from Hungarian destinations, as well as those in transit, are allowed to cross the state border and continue the journey without restrictions, **but only through the designated border points** (transit routes are highlighted in blue): [here](#).

- Stops are only permitted at designated rest areas and fuel stations;
- Transport operators must have police stamps;
- Only the driver is permitted in the cabin; no passengers (no double-manning);
- Drivers should cross the territory as quickly and efficiently as possible, without the violation of any traffic rules - police procedures are in place at the points of exit.

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

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

In addition to the information above, the National Chief Medical Officer has issued a new resolution on 27 March. This resolution has been amended on 28 March and the previous official quarantine (for a period of fourteen days after crossing the border) for the Hungarian truck drivers not showing symptoms of COVID-19, if the destination is Hungary, is no more applicable. However, the other dispositions listed below are still in force:

Art 6. Road freight transport drivers are to undergo a medical examination; and

a) Those who are not showing symptoms of COVID-19:

(ab) As a foreign national, if the destination is Hungary, the person must leave the country within 24 hours from unloading the consignment.

(ac) In the case of transit traffic, the person has to leave the territory of Hungary in the shortest possible time and on the designated transit route.

(ad) Must wear a facemask and rubber gloves when travelling in Hungary.

b) Those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19:

(ba) Hungarian citizens will be housed in a designated quarantine facility.

(bb) Non-Hungarian citizens cannot enter the territory of Hungary.

Only Art 6.a) (ab), (ac), (ad), and Art 6.b) (bb) are applicable for international road freight transport drivers who are not Hungarian citizens.

The text of the resolution is available in Hungarian [here](#).

- Relieves

On 20 March, the Hungarian Permanent Representation to the EU notified the relaxation of driving and rest times rules, notably those contained in art. 6, 7 and 8. Detailed provisions can be found [here](#).

Source: MKFE

India

Updated on 25/03/20

- Restrictions

On 24 March 2020, the Indian Prime Minister announced that India will impose a national lockdown as of 25 March 2020 for a period of 21 days.

Passenger Transport:

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

Goods Transport:

All transport services – air, rail, road – will remain suspended.

- Relieves

a. Transportation for essential goods only.

b. Fire, police and emergency services.

This restriction shall come into force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

Source: FICCI

Iran

Updated on 8/04/20

The situation at Iran's border crossing points is as follows:

- **Iraq - Iran** border crossing points in the Kurdish territory of Parvizkhan - Parvizkhan, Bashmakh - Bashmaq and Tamarchin - Haj Omran:

Iranian export fleet, admission of national fleet from both sides of the border, as well as border transshipment are authorised. However, third party fleet border crossing and Iraqi export fleet border crossing is prohibited by the neighbouring country. While admission of Iranian and Iraqi nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

- **Iraq - Iran** border crossings in main territory of Chazabeh - Sheib, Shalamchah - Shalamjeh, Mehran – Zorbatieh:

Commercial fleet, except admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country. While admission of Iranian and Iraqi nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Iraqi citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

- **Pakistan - Iran** border crossing of Taftan - Mirjaveh:

Commercial as well as passenger fleet, including admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

- **Turkmenistan - Iran** border crossing of Sarakhs - Sarakhs, Artiq - Lotfabad and Inchehboroun – GuderOlum:

Commercial fleet, except admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country. The neighbouring country has prohibited entry of passenger traffic. In Bajgiran - Gudan, commercial as well as passenger fleet, including admission of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

- **Turkey - Iran** border crossings:

In Kapikoi - Razi BCP, commercial transport is already banned, while admission of Iranian and Turkish nationals is authorised, the departure of Iranian and Turkish citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

In Esendere - Sero and Gurbulak - Bazargan BCPs, while admission of Iranian and Turkish nationals is authorised, commercial fleet, except entry of national fleet, is prohibited by the neighbouring country.

- **Afghanistan - Iran** border crossings:

In Islam Qala - Dogharoun BCP, commercial fleet is permitted.

In Farah - Mahirood and Zaranj - Milak, commercial fleet is permitted.

While admission of Iranian and Afghan nationals is authorised, departure of Iranian and Afghan citizens as well as transit of third party citizens is prohibited by both countries.

- **Armenia - Iran** border crossing of Meghri - Nordooz:

Commercial and passenger fleet is prohibited by Armenia, while some recent exemptions, in particular for medical cargo, has been declared by Armenia.

In March 2020, Iran`s Ministry of Health published [instructions](#) and [guidelines](#) for combating the coronavirus (COVID-19) at the border crossing points of Iran.

Please also note that:

- All Iranian borders points are open for transit via the territory of Iran, provided drivers observe the published guidelines;
- The emergency hotline number is 190;
- As there are no specific restrictions, there is no requirement for a green lane and all transit routes are currently open to transport. Customs authorities are facilitating the transport of medicines and food.

On 5 April, the authorities of Razavi Khorasan Province prohibited passenger transport from Afghanistan to Iran at the Islam Qala - Dogharoun border crossing point. Goods transport has been exempted from this provision.

At Farah - Mahirood and Zaranj - Milak border crossing points, only goods transport and entry of Iranian and Afghan nationals is authorised. The exit of Iranian and Afghan citizens and transit of third country nationals is prohibited.

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

Ireland

Updated on 3/04/20

- **Restrictions**

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.

- **Relieves**

In response to the extraordinary crisis due to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), Ireland has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times rules for the drivers of vehicles engaged in domestic and international goods transport. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#) and applies from 18 March 2020 and will run until 16 April 2020, provided that road safety is not affected [impaired] when transport companies make use of these exemptions. Employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users. For the above mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Art. 6(3): the fortnightly driving limit is lifted from 90 hours to 112 hours.
- Derogation to the Art. 8(6): in any two consecutive weeks a driver shall take at least two reduced weekly rest periods whilst maintaining the rule that a weekly rest period shall start no later than at the end of six 24-hour periods from the end of the previous weekly rest period. There shall be no requirement for compensation or for a regular weekly rest period to be taken.

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 March, the Irish government also [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.

Sources: IRHA and ITF

Italy

Updated on 11/04/20

• Restrictions

On 1 April, the Prime Minister announced the extension of the measures currently in force. These measures will remain applicable **until 3 May 2020**.

The Prime Ministerial Decree dated 22 March 2020 was issued concerning "Further implementing provisions of the decree - 23 February 2020, no. 6, containing urgent measures regarding the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19". This decree applies to the entire national territory, and also applies to regions with special statutes, and to the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano.

Particular attention is drawn to the below:

- Art. 1.1b: People cannot use public or private means of transport to reach a different municipality from the one they are currently in, with the exception of work or health reasons or in cases of extreme urgency.
- Art. 1.4: Non-essential companies have until 25 March to prepare for suspension; this includes the shipment of goods in stock.

This decree takes effect from 23 March 2020 and is effective until 3 April 2020. In addition, the Prime Ministerial Decree of 11 March 2020 and the ordinance of the Minister of Health of 20 March 2020, both effective from 25 March 2020, are both extended to 3 April 2020.

All non-essential industrial and commercial production activities are suspended, with the exception of those mentioned in Annex 1 of the text. The decree's (*pdf file [here](#) – IT – official translation not available*) general rules, in Annex 1, specify the production activities and services that can continue with their activity (ATECO Codes - <https://www.istat.it/it/archivio/17888>).

It is recommended that road freight transport and logistics companies check with their customers/clients based in Italy to verify whether their activity is among those included in Annex 1 and can therefore continue working.

Previous decrees important for road freight transport activities include:

On 18 March, the Transport Ministry [published a new decree](#): 14 days mandatory isolation for people entering the country. Such a decree does not apply to road transport workers delivering or transiting through Italy, provided they leave the country after 72 hours. These drivers must however fill a specific [self-declaration](#) (instructions for completing the self-declaration [here](#)).

On 26 March, the government released a [new version of the certificate](#). On this new version, people must now declare to be aware of measures taken by the President of the region where the movement starts and end as well as declare that the movement is permitted by such measures (4th bullet point). The State Police confirmed [the document cannot be presented digitally](#) (apps or pdfs), but has to be printed, signed and given to the police officer. Photocopies of a completed document are not accepted either.

On 7 April, the Ministry of the Interior provided further instructions for personnel employed by companies, not based in Italy, carrying out international freight transport operations to or through Italy. Instructions concern the application of [Decree 145/2020](#).

People (including travelling staff of foreign companies) entering Italy with their own vehicle or with a private transport vehicle for proven work, needs to have to comply with the following:

- The transit on the Italian territory must not exceed 72 hours. The period could be extended for further 48 hours in case of specific and justified needs.
- Upon entrance to Italy, drivers must notify the entry to the prevention department (“Dipartimento di Prevenzione”) of the local health authority (ASL) and submit the duly filled in self declaration that can be downloaded [here](#).
- Also, drivers transiting through Italy must comply with the notification requirements. The permitted stay in the country cannot exceed 24 hours, which could be extended for a further 12 hours in case of specific and justified needs.

A department of the Ministry is currently identifying the contact points for every border crossing point. The list will be updated as soon as changes will be made available and can be consulted [here](#).

IRU and local member associations advise drivers to notify local health authorities as soon as possible, and to carry the original of the self-declaration on board.

- [Relieves](#)

The Italian Minister of Transport and Infrastructure has signed the decree that lifts domestic traffic bans for goods vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes from 10 to 14 April. Holiday traffic bans for vehicles carrying out international transport in Italy are also lifted until further notice.

The Italian government also published a [decree 18 of 17/3/2020](#) (so-called “Cura Italia”) to address this crisis. It allows for an extension in validity of a number of road transport-related authorisations and certificates, as well as extensions for the payment of customs duties. Some elements mentioned are:

- Art. 92.3: the date for payment of customs duties due between 17/3/2020 and 30/4/2020 can be extended until 30/5/2020 without additional interest charges.
- Art. 92.4: vehicles that are due to be checked before 31/7/2020 can now remain in circulation until 31/10/2020.
- Art. 103.1: certificates, attestations and permits expiring between 31/1/2020 and 15/4/2020 are now valid until 15/6/2020.
- Art. 104.1: Identity documents and driving licences expiring after 17/3/2020 are now valid until 31/8/2020

On 23 March, the government [published further relieves](#): certificates of professional competence and ADR driver training certificates expiring between 29/2/2020 and 29/6/2020 are now valid until 30/6/2020. Temporary driving permits are automatically renewed until 30/6/2020 in case the medical

committee cannot gather on the day scheduled for the examination due to current emergency situation.

On 31 March, the Italian 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.

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

Jordan

Updated on 7/04/20

The Kingdom of Jordan has taken measures to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Between the set of measures, it has been announced that:

- airlines are closing flights from and to Jordan as of March 17th,
- land borders with the West Bank, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia are closed for passengers transport. Goods are allowed to pass.

A curfew is in operation 24 hours a day, with people only allowed to go to their local grocery stores. Police and army have been deployed on the streets.

Customs administrations are all working remotely. At the borders, work is maintained with staff reduction in order to ensure the social distancing required to stop the spread of the virus.

Borders with Saudi Arabia are open and only essential goods are allowed to transit.

Source: RACJ

Kazakhstan

Updated on 2/04/20

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.

The combined list of open and temporarily closed border crossing points specified for road transport is as follows:

	Currently open border crossing points	Temporarily closed border crossing points (as of 4 April)
Kazakhstan – Kyrgyzstan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karasu (Zhambyl region) - Aisha-bibi checkpoint (Zhambyl region) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aukhatty (Zhambyl region) - Kordai (Zhambyl region) - Sapatai Batir (Zhambyl region) - Sartobe (Zhambyl region) - Kagen (Almaty Region)
Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kaplanbek (Turkestan region) - Kazygurt (Turkestan region) - Tazhen (Mangistau region) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tselinniy (Turkestan region) - Sirdaria (Turkestan region)
Kazakhstan - Turkmenistan border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temir Baba (Manistau region) 	
Kazakhstan - China border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kolzhat (Almaty region) - Nurzholy (Almaty region) - Dostyk (Almaty region) - Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region) - Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kolzhat (Almaty region) - Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region) - Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region)
Kazakhstan - Russia border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kairak (Kostanay region) - Zhana Zhol (North Kazakhstan region) - Karakoga (North Kazakhstan region) - Sharbakty (Pavlodar region) - Urлитobe (Pavlodar region) - Kosak (Pavlodar region) - Auy (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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kandibai (Kostanay region) - Akbalshik (Kostanay region) - Kyzyl Zhar (North Kazakhstan region) - Naiza (Pavlodar region) - Zheskent (East Kazakhstan region) - Baitanat (East Kazakhstan region) - Koanbai (East Kazakhstan region) - Orda (West Kazakhstan region) - Shagan (West Kazakhstan region) - Karashatau (Atyrau region)

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

Latvia

Updated on 21/03/20

The Cabinet of Ministers published a decision stating that, with effect from March 17th, no passenger transport will be allowed through airports, ports, by bus and by rail (excluding carriage of passengers by official aircraft and military transport). The Ministry of Transport can make exceptions for some international passenger services based on a case-by-case basis.

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](#).

Source: LATVIJAS AUTO

Lebanon

Updated on 7/04/20

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

Source: Lebanese customs authority

Lithuania

Updated on 10/04/20

On 16 March, the Lithuanian government announced nationwide quarantine (level 3 of the national plan). **This quarantine has now been extended until 27 April.**

Restrictions at the borders of Poland and Latvia have been reintroduced. With effect from 14 March, foreign nationals are not permitted to enter the country by any means of transport. Exceptions are in place for persons residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and persons working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle.

Persons returning or arriving from foreign countries are required to isolate for 14 days. Please note that this does not apply to crew or crew members working for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport or performing international commercial transport in any type of

vehicle, or to any foreign citizens transiting through the Republic of Lithuania with a mandatory escort (convoy) to the state of their residence, and who do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

For crew or crew members who either work for Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transport, or who perform international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, isolation is mandatory from the day of arrival in the Republic of Lithuania until the day of departure from its territory, but not exceeding 14 days. The National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health organise screening at border crossings for symptoms of COVID-19 when returning or arriving from abroad.

Foreign carriers with cargo vehicles transiting through Lithuania are permitted. However, **crew or crew members performing international commercial transport in any type of vehicle must travel through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania without stopping unnecessarily.**

Upon detection of any COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) symptoms at the border of Lithuania, crew or crew members engaged in international commercial transport in any type of vehicle, transiting through the territory of Lithuania, will not be allowed to enter the country unless they are citizens or legal residents of Lithuania.

The number of border crossing points accessible for entry into Lithuania have been reduced to the following:

Kalvarijos–Budzisko, Saločiai–Grenstalės, Būtingės–Rucavos, Smėlynės–Medumės, Medininkų–Kamenyj Logo, Raigardo–Privalkos, Kybartų–Černyševskojės, Panemunės–Sovetsko, Kenos–Gudagojo, Šalčininkų–Benekainių, Mockavos–Trakiškių, Lazdijų–Ogrodnikų, Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga, Šiauliai international airports, Vilnius railway station and Stasylai railway border crossing points, and Klaipėda seaport.

The entry of persons and/or their passenger cars into the territory of the Republic of Lithuania is allowed only through the following international state border crossing points: Kalvarija–Budziskas and Saločiai–Grenstalė. **In exceptional cases, after obtaining the permission of the Head of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, or a person authorised by him, persons and/or their passenger cars may enter the Republic of Lithuania through other international border crossing points.**

Border crossing for commercial and/or international freight transport is additionally carried out through the Stasylai–Benekainiai railway border crossing point and the Pagėgiai–Sovetsk railway border crossing point, and the facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation, and back to the territory of the Russian Federation, shall additionally pass through the Kena Railroad Border Inspection Post and the Kybartai Railway Border Inspection Post.

It is prohibited to transport passengers and/or transport their passenger cars by passenger ships (ferries) to the Republic of Lithuania, with the exception of the ferry along the Kiel–Klaipėda–Kiel route. In exceptional cases, on the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the decision on the permit will be made by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. Passenger flights to and from Lithuanian airports are also prohibited unless authorised by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, subject to approval from the ministries for transport and foreign affairs.

Source: LINA VA

Luxembourg

Updated on 22/03/20

- Restrictions

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

- Relieves

Luxembourg has agreed on a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#). This temporary relaxation applies from 19 March 2020 and will run until 17 April 2020.

Luxembourg has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period.

Source: CLC

Malta

Updated on 8/04/20

- Restrictions

Sea and air passenger transport is banned until further notice;

There are currently no restrictions on either sea or air freight, between Malta and the continent..

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

- Relieves

Malta has notified the EC of a temporary relaxation in the driving and rest time regulations set out in Reg. (EC) 561/2006. The maximum daily driving limit is now 11 hours, and the daily rest has been reduced to 9 hours. This temporary relaxation will apply until 16 April, 2020.

Source: ITF

Moldova

Updated on 8/04/20

In the Republic of Moldova, several state border crossing points are closed for an indefinite period. According to Provision No.6 of 26 March 2020 from the Commission for Exceptional Situations of the Republic of Moldova, there will be a temporary closure of border crossing points "Costești-Stanca" (Moldo-Romanian border) and "Briceni-Rossoșanî" (Moldo-Ukrainian border), from 29 March 2020 at 08:00.

The following border crossing points will still operate normally:

At the border with Romania:

Leușeni - Albița (road/international)
Sculeni – Sculeni (road/international)
Giurgiulești - Galați (road/international)
Giurgiulești - Galați (rail/international)

At the border with Ukraine:

Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk (road/international)
Vălcineț-Moghilev-Podolsk (rail/international)
Ocnîța-Sokireanî (rail/international)
Giurgiulești-Reni (road/international)
Giurgiulești-Reni (rail/international)
Etulia-Frikăței (rail/international)
Palanca-Maiaki-Udobnoe (road/international)
Tudora-Starokazacie (road/international)

Companies should be aware that until 10 April the movement of vehicles with trailers or semi-trailers entering Moldova at Otaci - Moghilev-Podolsk will be limited due to roadworks.

Additionally, from 17 March 2020 at 00:00, it is prohibited to cross the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border, and from 17 March 17, 2020 at 20.00, foreign nationals are prohibited from entering the Republic of Moldova from Romania using state border crossing points open to traffic.

This restriction does not apply to foreign nationals and stateless persons domiciled or permanently / temporarily living in the Republic of Moldova, drivers and service personnel involved in the transport of freight, aircraft / ship crews and train crews. In addition, staff of diplomatic missions and consular offices based in the Republic of Moldova, and staff working at international organisations / missions and their family members are also exempted.

Individuals entering Moldova must fill in a medical card and sign a declaration of personal liability for compliance with the self-isolation regime for 14 days at specified locations.

As an exception, car drivers and transport service personnel that carry cargo, crews of aircraft/ships and train crews, are not required to comply with self-isolation in the absence of clinical signs of respiratory infection or fever.

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

Mongolia

Updated on 31/03/20

On 20 March 2020, the State Emergency Commission of Mongolia held its 13th meeting and has now imposed the following additional measures:

- The suspension period for international passenger transport (road, air traffic and rail) has been prolonged until 30 April 2020.

Please note:

- National bus, air and rail transport are still operating normally;
- All borders remain open for the flow of goods and truck drivers.

All foreign trucks with goods arriving at the border crossing point of Altanbulag are subject to disinfection, which will be organised on the spot by the authorities. If the final destination is Mongolia, trucks will then be escorted by the police to the customs control zone in Ulaanbaatar, in order to perform the customs clearance formalities and to enable the delivery of goods to the consignee. Upon completion of these procedures, foreign trucks are requested to return immediately to the border crossing point of Altanbulag, and then exit the country. If trucks are in transit, vehicles will be escorted by the police to the Zamiin-Uud border crossing point. Stops at urban areas along the road is not permitted.

Despite the fact that there are no restrictions imposed by the State Emergency Commission of Mongolia for trucks and goods crossing the Mongolian border, from 30.03.2020 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.

Source: NARTAM and IRU Moscow office

Morocco

Updated on 16/03/20

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

No limit to freight transport has been reported.

National passenger transport operations are maintained.

Sources: ASTIC and Moroccan Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Transport

Nepal

Updated on 6/04/20

The government of Nepal has extended the lockdown one more time. The lockdown is now in effect until 15 April, 2020. All border crossing points will remain closed.

Restrictions also remain in place for the movement of people and vehicles within the country. Emergency movements only will be permitted, with prior permission from the District Administration Office. These restrictions also apply to international freight movements.

Source: Nepal Automobiles' Association (NASA)

The Netherlands

Updated on 2/04/20

- **Restrictions**

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](#).

- **Relieves**

In order to guarantee the flow of supplies, especially those destined for the supermarkets and pharmacies, the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management has extended the relaxation on driving and rest times until 1 June 2020.

The same conditions continue to apply for the following:

- Maximum daily driving time of 11 hours;
- Maximum weekly driving time of 60 hours;
- Maximum fortnightly driving limit of 96 hours;
- Postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour periods.

Sources: Evofenedex and TLN

North-Macedonia

Updated on 17/03/20

To limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has taken the decision to close all border crossings in the Republic of Northern Macedonia to foreign nationals, passengers and vehicles (with the exception of entry and transit of freight vehicles), representatives of the diplomatic corps in the country, and any other persons for whom the Ministry of the Interior grants permission to, with prior agreement of the Main Coordination Crisis Staff confirming that there is a particular state or economic interest. Goods vehicles and

persons exempt from the restriction will be allowed to enter the Republic of North Macedonia under special terms and conditions in accordance with the protocol of the Ministry of Health.

Border crossing points open for freight are the following: Bogorodica (border with Greece), Kafasan (border with Albania), Tabanovce (border with Serbia), Deve Bair (border with Bulgaria) and Blace (border with Kosovo).

Source: AMERIT

Norway

Updated on 26/03/20

- **Restrictions**

Everyone entering Norway by ferry, air, bus or private car, from countries other than Sweden and Finland, will be put in a compulsory 14-day quarantine (even if they are not experiencing any symptom of COVID-19). Tourists not willing to comply with this measure will have to return immediately.

International road freight is exempted. However, the exception does not apply to drivers and personnel employed by Norwegian companies, who have stayed in countries outside the Nordic countries for a period before returning to Norway (many companies work with foreign drivers working on turns).

- **Relieves**

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration is also granting, from March 13th and for 30 days, temporary exemptions on driving and resting time rules for freight operations involved in the transportation of food, medication and other life essential goods to shops and pharmacies. Measures lifted are the ones in articles 6 and 8 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#), but not the ones in article 7.

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).

Source: NLF

Pakistan

Updated on 15/03/20

On 13th March 2020, the Ministry of Interior of Pakistan announced the complete sealing of the western border of the country with Afghanistan and Iran in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). This measure is taken for an initial period of 14 days with effect from 16th March 2020.

Source: PNC-ICC

Poland

Updated on 26/03/20

- **Restrictions**

On 13 March, the Prime Minister of Poland announced a “state of emergency”. In addition to measures to limit public gatherings, the government announced that border controls will be temporarily restored from 15 March (00:00) for 10 days (renewable). During this period:

- Foreigners will not be allowed to enter Polish national territory. All air traffic and train movements coming from abroad will be temporarily suspended.
- Polish citizens and foreigners working in Poland that are returning from abroad must undergo a two week quarantine period.
- National bus, air and rail transport will operate normally.
- International road freight transport is not included in these restrictions. Borders remain open to the flow of goods and truck drivers operating international road freight will not have to comply with the two week quarantine period. The list of border crossing points open during this period is available [here](#).

On 19 March, the Polish Minister of Health lifted the previous duty of fulfillment of driver localisation forms. In addition, according to information on the Border Guard website, quarantine is not imposed on:

- people living in Poland who work in a neighbouring country and who regularly cross the border (cross border workers).
- foreigners living in a neighbouring country who work in Poland and cross the border regularly (cross border workers).
- drivers engaged in the professional transport of goods and passengers.

Health checks are still taking place at border crossing points. Drivers with a temperature of above 38 degrees will automatically undergo a medical examination and will not be able to continue driving.

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

In the ordinance dated 24 March 2020, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration has extended the period of border control at the internal border with Germany, Lithuania, the Czech Republic and Slovakia by another 20 days, i.e. until 13 April. The current restrictions on the entry of foreigners into Poland will also be maintained.

Full text of the ordinance can be found [here](#).

- **Relieves**

The Polish Minister of Transport has introduced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers performing international road transport of passengers and goods. This exception applies from 18/03/2020 to 16/04/2020, included. The relaxation concerns only

international transport and covers EU-registered hauliers only (not applicable to Contracting Parties of the AETR Agreement). Measures lifted are the following:

- Daily vehicle transport time cannot exceed 11 hours.
- The weekly transport time of the vehicle cannot exceed 60 hours.
- The total transport time of the vehicle over a consecutive two week period may not exceed 96 hours.
- After a five and a half hour period of driving, the driver shall be entitled to a continuous break of at least forty-five minutes.

Due to the extended transport time of the vehicle, from 9 to 11 hours, no derogations will be applied on daily and weekly rest periods.

On 24 March, Polish Authorities amended the rules on mandatory quarantine: drivers engaged in international road transport operations using vehicles below 3.5 tonnes are not any longer subject to quarantine.

The provision entered into force immediately.

Source: ZMPD

Portugal

Updated on 7/04/20

The Council of Ministers approved on March 16th a set of measures to respond to the epidemiological situation of Coronavirus (COVID-19). As from March 16th 23:00 and until April 15th 12:00, Portugal is re-introducing border controls. The measure can be reassessed every 10 days.

Road traffic at internal land borders is stopped. International freight transport, cross-border commuters and emergency vehicles are exempted from this restriction. However, only major border crossings with Spain will remain open: Quintanilha, Tui, Vilar Formoso, Elvas, Castro Marim, Vila Verde de Raia (Chaves), Monfortinho (Castelo Branco), Marvão (Portalegre) and Vila Verde de Ficalho (Beja). Internal borders will remain closed for road traffic.

On 18 March, the municipality of OVAR entered quarantine (state of calamity). All commercial establishments and non-essential services are closed, and movement of people to and from the municipality of Ovar is limited. Road transport of goods is only allowed for the supply of supermarkets, pharmacies and gas stations.

On 3 April, the President of the Portuguese Republic announced a new decree extending the deadline of the measures currently in force; these measures will remain applicable until 17 April 2020.

In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, companies should telework whenever possible and non-essential shops should close.

International goods and freight transport is permitted regardless of the type of services carried out or the type of goods transported. However, drivers should respect hygiene and sanitary requirements set out to prevent the spread of the virus.

During the Easter period, professional drivers must have a declaration signed by their employer attesting that the driver is performing a transport operation. The declaration aims at preventing the unnecessary movement of people during this Easter period. The form can be downloaded [here](#). The obligation to carry such a document will come into force from 00:00 on 9 April, until 24:00 on 13 April. During this period, the movement of people will only be allowed for professional reasons (freight transport drivers included) or specific needs (to go to hospital, pharmacies or to buy food).

Source: ANTRAM

Romania

Updated on 11/04/20

- **Restrictions**

The President of Romania declared on Monday 16 March 2020, a 30-day state of emergency to limit the spread of COVID-19.

On 4 April, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued Military Ordinance No.7, which details new measures for the road transport of persons and goods that have been put in place and are as follows:

- Article 11. - The international road transport of persons through regular services, special regular services and occasional services in international traffic has been suspended until the end of the state of emergency. The provision applies to routes between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey.
- Article 12. - 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 as provided in Art.14 (see below).

- Article 13. - The provision of Article 12 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.
- Article 14.1 - 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:
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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.
 - c) Parking of the vehicle is done exclusively in allocated parking areas located along the identified transit corridors.

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](#).

- Article 14.2 - In the case of non-compliance with the conditions provided in paragraph 1 (14.1), the driver of the vehicle will be obliged to enter quarantine for 14 days, bearing any expenses incurred for this quarantine.
- Article 14.3 - 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).

Romanian authorities have also published an [interactive map](#) displaying transit corridors, refuelling stations and rest areas.

The Romanian Ministry of Transport publishes daily information regarding the situation at border crossing points on its website [here](#). The information is updated every evening at 20:00. The updated border waiting times and the list of border crossing points closed [can be found here](#).

In addition, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued [Military Ordinance No.8](#), which details new measures as follows:

- The following State Border Crossing Points will remain totally or partially closed during the entire period of the state of emergency:

At the Romanian-Hungarian Border:

1. Turnu, Arad County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
2. Salonta, Bihor County – railway and road (except for the movement of cross-border workers by road);
3. Săcuieni, Bihor County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
4. Valea lui Mihai, Bihor County - railway and road (except for railway freight traffic);
5. Carei, Satu Mare County.

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

At the Romanian-Bulgarian Border:

1. Negru Vodă, Constanța County;
2. Lipnița, Constanța County;
3. Dobromir, Constanța County;
4. Zimnicea, Teleorman County;
5. 5.Turnu Măgurele, Teleorman County;
6. 6.Bechet, Dolj County (except for railway freight traffic).

At the Romanian-Ukrainian Border:

1. Sighetu Marmăției, Maramureș County;
2. Isaccea, Tulcea County.

At the Romanian-Moldovan Border:

1. Rădăuți-Prut, Botoșani County;
2. Oancea, Galați County.

At the Romania-Serbian Border:

1. Porțile de Fier II, Mehedinți County;
2. Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedinți (except for railway freight traffic);
3. Orșova, Mehedinți County;
4. Moldova Nouă, Caraș-Severin County;
5. Naidăș, Caraș-Severin County;
6. Vâlceni, Timiș County;

7. Stamora-Moravița, Timiș County- railway (except for railway freight traffic);
8. Lunga, Timiș County;
9. Foeni, Timiș County;
10. Jimbolia, Timiș County - railway (except for railway freight traffic).

- The export of the following agricultural food products is prohibited/suspended during the state of emergency:

1. grain and meslin – tariff code 1001;
2. barley - tariff code 1053;
3. oat - tariff code 1004;
4. corn - tariff code 1005;
5. rice – tariff code 1006;
6. wheat flour or meslin - tariff code 1101;
7. soy beans, even crushed - tariff code 1201;
8. sunflower seeds even shattered – tariff code 1206;
9. sunflower seed oil, saffron or cottonseed oil and their fractions even refined but not chemically modified - tariff code 1512;
10. cane or bean sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid state - tariff code 1701;
11. bakery, pastry and biscuit products, unposted bread, empty capsules from starch leaf used for medicines, waffles with lid, dried pasta from flour, from starch, starch extracted from potatoes and similar products - tariff code 1905;
12. cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil – tariff code 2304;
13. cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form resulting from the extraction of fats or vegetable oils, other than those of the positions 2304 or 2305 - tariff code 2306;

Notes:

- Export of the above-mentioned products is prohibited/suspended to non-EU Member States.
- Export of the above-mentioned products is allowed only if the EU Member State proves that the acquired products are destined for its own domestic market or another EU-Member state, and not for export outside EU. The [Statement regarding the usage of the purchased goods](#) must be filled.

- Relieves

Romanian Authorities has introduced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers performing domestic/international road transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#). This exception applies from 18.03.2020 to 16.04.2020. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours driving.
- Art. 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
- Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hour periods.

On 4 April, the National Company for Road Infrastructure Administration (CNAIR) lifted driving restrictions on vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes on the Ploiesti-Brasov section of DN1 (E60) national road. The measure applies until 16 April. Driving restrictions on the Bucharest-Ploiesti section of DN1 are still in force.

Source: UNTRR

Russia

Updated on 4/04/20

- Restrictions

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.

Currently there's no specific restriction imposed on crews engaged in international transport operations in Russia.

- Relieves

From 20 March onwards, for a period of one month, 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/>

The Federal Transportation Inspection Service of the Russian Federation (Rostransnadzor) has announced that [from 21 March to 25 April 2020, the weight control of vehicles transporting basic food and non-food consumer goods](#) (foodstuffs, baby goods, medicines), in platform-type trailers and semi-trailers with tented sides, has been suspended.

This measure follows the Russian Government Plan of priority measures (actions) to ensure sustainable economic development in relation to the deteriorating situation caused by the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19) infection.

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 25 March, the Russian President addressed the nation and [officially declared](#) next week (28 March - 5 April) non-business week for all across Russia. Passenger transport and international road transport are exempted from the provision.

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 2 April, the President of the Russian Federation signed the Executive Order on Measures to Ensure the Sanitary and Epidemiological Safety of the Population in Connection with the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus Infection (COVID-19). With such document, the President resolved to declare non-work days with full pay in the Russian Federation from 4 April to 30 April.

Source: ASMAP and Russian competent authorities

Saudi Arabia

Updated on 7/04/20

Only essential goods are allowed in transit such as food, medical and military supplies.

Strict confinement measures are in place and there is a curfew from 15:00-06:00. This does not apply to those with special authorisation, such as drivers on duty.

Containers are cleaned with special materials upon their arrival at Saudi Ports, as instructed by the Ports Authority.

Citizens from the following countries are prohibited from entering from Saudi Ports (Decision of Ports Authority dated 14.03.2020): China, UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, South Korea, Oman, Sudan, EU, Switzerland, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Somalia and Philippines.

Source: Saudi customs authorities

Serbia

Updated on 3/04/20

In order to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) into the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the Government has taken measures through different decree (unofficial translation [here](#)).

Among the different measures, it is stated that foreign nationals shall be temporarily banned from entering the Republic of Serbia. These measures do not apply to the following categories, among others:

- **the crew of freight motor vehicles while performing international transport by road.** In case of international transit freight transport by road, the same shall be limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Police escort for trucks in transit through Serbia has been abolished as of 2 April 2020, which will enable faster transportation of goods to end customers. Trucks in transit can stop only at [designated resting points and fuel stations](#) marked with a TRANSIT sign. Drivers will receive a map of the dedicated resting points at the border crossing points. Stopping or parking out of these specific points is strictly forbidden and will be subject to sanctions. Drivers must wear protective masks and gloves.

Please note that 45 borders are now temporarily closed (list [here](#)) and that international road freight operations should be redirected to the open borders.

Source: CCIS-AT

Slovenia

Updated on 31/03/20

- Restrictions

General restrictions

Slovenian-Italian borders are closed for passenger transport by train and international occasional and regular bus services.

Goods vehicles whose final destination is Slovenia and goods vehicles carrying postal items, medical equipment, pharmaceutical products or humanitarian aid are permitted to enter the country. At

national level, the transport of goods is allowed for postal items, medical supplies and humanitarian aid.

Convoys

On 14 March, the authorities of Slovenia and neighbouring countries agreed to create convoys of passenger and freight vehicles to solve the issue of long queues of vehicles blocked at borders. Agreements have been made with the authorities of Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine (available information [here](#)). Since 14 March, 71 freight convoys (Italy-Croatia and Italy-Hungary) have been organised. Each convoy has to obtain permission before the start of its journey.

Border with Italy

On the SLO-IT border, only the following four border crossing points are open to traffic: **Vrtojba**, **Fernetiči**, **Škofije** and **Krvavi Potok**. These border crossing points are open 24 hours a day except for Krvavi Potok which is open from 05:00 until 23:00. All other border crossings are closed.

Entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic is permitted for citizens of the Republic of Slovenia, individuals who are not Slovenian citizens or who do not have a registered permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia if they submit proof in Slovenian, English or Italian, no older than three days, of having tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). If an individual does not have such proof, he/she is allowed to enter the Republic of Slovenia only if his/her body temperature is less than 37.5°C, and if he/she shows no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection (cough, sneezing, shortness of breath).

Border with Austria

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

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

The ordinance does not apply to those who own land on both sides of the state border who perform agricultural work, cross-border labour migrants, freight transport, passengers of emergency/ambulance vehicles, and for transit carried out in organised humanitarian convoys. Transit of persons who are assumed to be unable to leave the territory of the Republic of Slovenia due to actions of neighbouring countries shall not be allowed. The ordinance entered into force on 25 March at 00:00.

Border with Croatia

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

Border with Hungary

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

- [Relieves](#)

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

Extension of validity of control documents

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

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

The Decree amending the Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorised driver training centres in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits Initial Qualification Training, theoretical and practical tests for obtaining CPC certificates, and also the periodic training for renewal of the Union Code "95". In addition, it is prohibited to carry out all activities related to the obtaining and renewal of driving licences.

Initial and refresher training courses for drivers transporting dangerous goods, basic and refresher professional training and tests for exceptional transport attendants, medical examinations for candidates, for the driver, and for the renewal of driving licences, control medical examinations of motor vehicle drivers, and training and tests for safe handling of tractors and tractor attachments are also prohibited. **As a result, the validity of driving licences, CPC certificates and ADR driver qualification certificates which expire on 16 April 2020 has been further extended until 16 July 2020.** Instructions were sent to the Slovenian Police and the Inspectorate of Infrastructure and Financial Administration to take into account the exceptional circumstances related to the validity of different documents in the transport sector, and also for foreign users.

Slovenia has signed ADR Multilateral Agreements:

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

Exemptions from driving and rest time rules

Slovenia has notified the European Commission that it will apply (from 16 March to 16 April 2020) a temporary and limited **relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times** for drivers of vehicles transporting essential goods. It will apply to drivers involved in the delivery of goods in domestic and international transport. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Art. 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006.

A comprehensive overview of measures taken by the Government of Slovenia can be downloaded [here](#).

Source: GIZ Intertransport and Government of Slovenia

Slovakia

Updated on 7/04/20

- Restrictions

An emergency plan entered into force on 13 March at 07:00. This plan from the Ministry of Interior states that:

- International buses are prohibited from entering/exiting the country.
- Freight transport will be allowed on national and international routes. Drivers must be equipped with protective equipment and only those drivers with a temporary/permanent residence permit will be allowed to travel.
- Secondary border crossings will be closed.

According to the additional clarification received by IRU member in Slovakia, CESMAD Slovakia, all international drivers involved in international road freight transport are allowed to carry out their operations. In addition, CESMAD Slovakia provided further clarification on the rules applicable to truck drivers:

- Slovakian truck drivers returning to Slovakia are **only** exempt from the quarantine regulations if they are performing an international transport, **and** provided they remain at home during the time spent in Slovakia. Any Slovakian drivers returning to Slovakia by **car** must quarantine for 14 days, as per the current regulations;
- Foreign drivers performing international freight operations, to and from Slovakia, are also exempt from the quarantine regulations.

Please find [here](#) the entire text of the decision, including details regarding drivers' protection equipment and protective measures.

On 7 April, the Slovak Government decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls from 8 April until 17 April 2020. During this period it will only be possible to enter and exit Slovakia through the following border crossings:

Slovakia - Austria

- Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
- Bratislava – Jarovce - Kittsee (old road)
- Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
- Moravský Svätý Ján - Hohenau

Slovakia - Hungary

- Bratislava Čunovo – Rajka (motorway)
- Medveďov – Vámosszabadi
- Komárno – Komárom
- Štúrovo – Esztergom
- Šahy – Parassapuszta
- Slovenské Ďarmoty – Balassagyarmat
- Šiatorská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
- Kráľ – Bánréve
- Milhošť – Tornyosnémeti (road no. I/17)
- Milhošť – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
- Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely

Slovakia – Czech Republic

- Svrčinovec – Mosty u Jablunkova
- Makov – Bílá-Bumbálka
- Horné Srnie – Brumov-Bylnice
- Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov
- Moravské Lieskové – Strání
- Lysá pod Makytou – Střelná
- Vrbovce – Velká nad Veličkou
- Brodské – Břeclav (highway)
- Holíč – Hodonín

- Skalica – Súdomeřice (new road)

Slovakia - Poland

- Trstená – Chyžné
- Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek

Procedures at green lane border crossings remain unchanged.

- Relieves

The Slovak police have lifted driving restrictions for goods vehicles heavier than 3.5 tonnes on 10, 12 and 13 April.

Slovakia has agreed on a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 561/2006](#). This temporary relaxation applies from 19 March 2020 and will run until 17 April 2020, included.

Slovakia has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours.
- Derogation to Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(1): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

Source: CESMAD Slovakia

Spain

Updated on 10/04/20

- Restrictions

A new [Royal Decree - Law 10/2020](#) was issued at midnight on 29 March, containing new measures to increase the confinement rules by implementing mandatory paid holiday leave from 30 March to 9 April, for those working in areas deemed non-essential.

Those forced to take holiday can only continue work after 30 March if essential tasks, already in progress prior to the publication of the law, must still be completed.

This mandatory holiday does **not** apply to the following employed persons, among others:

- those working in the area of both market supply chain and operations, related to the production of basic goods and services, including food, beverages, animal feed, hygiene products, medicines and sanitary products;

- those considered essential for the maintenance of productive activities in the manufacturing industry, ie. supplies, equipment and materials necessary to maintain the development of essential activities;
- those performing transport services, for both persons and goods, that have continued since the declaration of the state of emergency.

It is recommended that road freight transport and logistics companies check with their customers/clients based in Spain to verify whether their activity is among those running during those days.

In addition, the Royal decree 463/2020 published on 14/3 aims at banning traffic on some national routes. The following vehicles / services are exempted from the provision:

- Roadside assistance and road maintenance vehicles
- Vehicles distributing medical, food and fuel supplies
- Vehicles collecting solid waste
- Vehicles transporting live cattle and perishable goods (ATP)

Moreover, the 6-month period during which the holder of a foreign driving license (valid for driving in Spain) can drive in the national territory is suspended.

On 30 March, the Spanish Ministry of Transport published [a list of tourist accommodation](#) that will remain open to host, among others, drivers engaged in the transport of passengers and goods. An interactive map can be found [here](#). The Government also released a [website](#) with information on restaurants, service stations and parking areas available for road carriers.

On 31 March, the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism published an [explanatory note](#) on the application of Royal Decree 10/2020, which regulates paid leave for people working in non-essential sectors. The Ministry clarifies that the status of “essential” applies to types of workers and not to types of goods, so there is no list of “essential goods”. The last paragraph of the explanatory note clearly states that people working in import or export activity of any kind of goods or materials are exempted from the application of the decree.

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

In addition to the above mentioned measures, the Spanish government announced that, as from March 17th 00:00, borders are closed for movement of persons. Are exempted Spanish citizens, Spanish residents, cross-border commuters and anyone justifying a case of Force majeure. As already stated, freight transport remain exempted to guarantee economic activity and supply chain.

On 9 April, the Spanish parliament backed the government’s proposal to **extend the state of emergency until 26 April**.

- Relieves

From 29 March until 12 April, Spain has introduced the following flexibility relating to compliance with [EU Regulation 561/2006](#):

- Extension of the daily driving time from 9-10 hours twice per week, as long as the daily and weekly breaks are complied with.
- A 45-hour regular weekly rest and one 24-hour reduced weekly rest can be taken in a two-week period without the need to compensate the latter.
- The regular weekly rest can be taken in the cabin, provided that it is properly equipped to do so.

Driving restrictions have also been lifted by the competent authorities (Direction of Traffic for the Spanish territory except Catalonia and the Basque Country, Catalan Government and Basque Country Government). In all cases, the lifting does not apply to the mandatory itineraries for dangerous goods. The following restrictions are suspended for the entire duration of the state of emergency

- Week traffic bans for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes
- Weekend and festive bans for ADR vehicles
- Week, festive and weekend bans for abnormal transport
- All traffic bans for transport vehicles in Catalonia and in the Basque Country

The following derogations apply:

- Licenses, permits and any driving authorization expiring during the state of emergency is automatically extended until up to 70 days after its end
- The validity of temporary authorizations for circulation are extended up until 60 days after the end of the state of emergency

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

On 25 March, the Spanish Government published derogations to live animal transport rules:

- Certificates, authorisations related to drivers and vehicles engaged in the transport of live animals expiring after 1/3/2020 are valid until 120 days after the end of the state of emergency or extensions thereof. In addition, this term may be extended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for a maximum of 30 more days.
- The logbooks or route sheets will be valid despite not having been sealed by the competent authority until 7 days after the end of the state of emergency or its extensions, and may be extended 7 more days by the General Directorate of Agricultural Productions and Markets.
- Exemptions granted on the rest times related to the protection of animals during transport and related operations. This applies to all animal movements that are carried out during the state of emergency. The total duration of the trip will be the maximum allowed for each species in Chapter V of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005, of the Council, of 22 December 2004, except for rest time.
- These measures apply to the entire territory of Spain. The Government will notify the EC, aiming to extend the validity of such measures to other countries.

In light of uncertainties over procedures and controls being done on road transport operations and until further clarification is provided, ASTIC encourages drivers to have onboard a certificate signed by the sender or the consignee that states that goods being carried are essential, in accordance to the annex of [Royal Decree 10/2020](#). Drivers are also advised to have onboard the declaration of liability, signed by the company, contained in the annex of [Ordinance 307/2020](#).

Concerning the state of emergency and road transport in particular, members are reminded that **traffic bans are lifted for the entire duration of the state of emergency and its possible prolongations.**

Sources: ASTIC, CETM and Confibus

Sweden

Updated on 9/04/20

- Restrictions

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.

- Relieves

As of March 16th, the Swedish Transport Agency is granting a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times rules for freight operations according to [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). Exemptions in Sweden apply to daily rest time (minimum 9 hours), weekly rest time (minimum 24 hours) and driving time as long as breaks are taken after a maximum of 4,5 hours driving time. Exemptions are valid for 30 days and are valid for all types of transports (i.e. goods, bus and coach), provided that road safety is not affected [be impaired] when transport companies make use of these exemptions. More detailed information [here](#).

In addition, the Swedish Transport Agency states that Sweden plans to adopt a temporary and limited relaxation on the enforcement of driving and rest times for the **drivers of vehicles transporting all types of goods and transport of passengers.**

This temporary relaxation applies **from 15 April 2020 and will run until 31 May 2020**. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the Swedish territory.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 120 hours.
- No derogation to Article 7 of Regulation 561/2006.
- Derogation to Article 8(1) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest shorter than 45 hours in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

Sources: SA and Stoneridge Electronics

Switzerland

Updated on 4/04/20

At an extraordinary meeting today, 16 March 2020, the Federal Council took the decision to introduce more stringent measures to protect the public. It has declared that an 'extraordinary situation' now exists in Switzerland in terms of the Epidemics Act. All shops, restaurants, bars and entertainment and leisure facilities will remain closed until 19 April. Not affected by the new ruling are food stores and healthcare institutions. The Federal Council has also authorised the deployment of up to 8000 members of the armed forces to assist the cantons at hospitals and with logistics and security.

From March 17th 00:00, entry by road on the Swiss territory from Italy, France, Germany, and Austria is limited to Swiss citizens, Swiss residents and people entering for professional reasons. Only major border crossings are open for movements of persons.

International freight transport is not affected by these measures, and all border crossing points are open for freight movements. [Green lanes](#) are also in place at some border crossings for import, export and transit of medical products, foodstuff, fuel supplies, and post. List of border crossings equipped with green lanes for freight transport is available [here](#).

On 1 April, the Swiss Federal Department of Justice notified the extension of border controls until 24 April. The prolongation involves borders with all Schengen states except land and air borders with France, Italy, Spain, Austria and Germany, which have been prolonged separately. Borders with the Principality of Liechtenstein are also exempted from the provision.

Therefore, the [current duration of border controls](#) is as follows:

- All air borders except from air borders with Liechtenstein:
25 March 2020 – 24 April 2020
- Air borders with Spain, Italy, France, Germany and Austria:
18 March 2020 – 17 April 2020
- Land borders with France, Germany and Austria:
16 March – 15 April 2020
- Land border with Italy:
13 March – 12 April 2020

Source: ASTAG, Federal Customs Administration, Swiss Federal Department of Justice and European Commission

Tajikistan

Updated on 6/04/20

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>

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 12/04/20

On 9 April, the Turkish Ministry of Interior set out [new measures](#) (translation [here](#)) related to limit the spread COVID-19. 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.

After medical checks by health authorities, Turkish drivers will be allowed to enter by signing a commitment which proves that they accept to quarantine at home for 14 days, if they visited risky countries within last 14 days.

Foreign drivers will drive to designated and isolated areas where the exchange of drivers and/or trailer/goods, will be performed. In case this is not possible, and in case they have visited countries at risk within the last 14 days (see list below), foreign drivers will be allowed to enter Turkish territory only after a mandatory 14 days quarantine.

Foreign trucks/drivers carrying goods, such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies, that bear urgency for Turkey, are allowed to enter (without having to quarantine for 14 days) under the obligation to undergo major relevant health examinations/checks and the obligation of getting necessary protective measures.

Bulgarian, Azerbaijan, Nahcivan and Georgian drivers will be able to enter Turkey without waiting 14 days of quarantine period, after having undergone necessary health checks at the determined isolated areas and after the vehicles has been disinfected.

Ro-Ro vessels will only carry trailers (without truck) or containers; drivers will not be allowed to board Ro-Ro vessels.

All of above mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq. Foreign trucks and drivers in Turkey will be allowed to leave Turkey and reach those countries by using open border crossing points. However, they will not be allowed to return to Turkey after they have left.

Further clarification on the implementation of the order is expected from TOBB.

Sources: UND and TOBB

Turkmenistan

Updated on 26/03/20

According to a new measure, as of March 17th, people entering Turkmenistan via Uzbekistan, must present a health report. Entry into the territory will not be allowed without this health report.

More information [here](#).

With effect from 24 March 2020, the transportation of goods arriving in Turkmenistan by road through the checkpoints "Garabogaz" and "Farap" on the state border of Turkmenistan, followed by transportation inside Turkmenistan, will be carried out by Turkmen carriers. The goods can be

transferred from the foreign freight carrier to a Turkmen freight carrier in specially designated areas on the state border, provided that they are transferred without contact.

Foreign trucks which arrived in Turkmenbashi International Seaport prior to, or on 23 March (inclusive) can leave trailers or semi-trailers in the designated areas on the territory of the Turkmenbashi International Seaport for subsequent transportation to Turkmenistan, or for transit through its territory by Turkmen trucking companies. Subsequently, foreign tractors must return, with the driver, by sea. Full rules and procedures on cargo delivery concerning Turkmenbashi seaport can be consulted [here](#).

However, with effect from 24 March 2020, **all** cargo arriving at the Turkmenbashi International Sea Port, including cargo in transit, can only be sent by sea vessel, on trailers or semi-trailers without tractors, drivers or persons accompanying the goods.

At the same time, for the efficient functioning of transport and transit corridors passing through the territory of Turkmenistan, the Turkmen authorities propose to actively use combined modes of transport (both sea and land) for the transportation of goods in containers and railway wagons.

For any issues relating to the transportation of goods in Turkmenistan and transit through its territory, the Turkmen authorities have set up hotlines:

- Ashgabat - +99365647471;
- Baku - +994502900301;
- Tashkent - +998712023210/998901297455.

Taking into account the introduction of additional measures in Turkmenistan to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is recommended that carriers, as well as organisations planning to deliver goods to Turkmenistan, minimise the volume of road freight transport in the region by using combined modes of transport.

Please consider this information when planning transportation.

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

Ukraine

Updated on 10/04/20

The National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, Oleksiy Danilov, announced on March 13th that the country will close its borders for foreigners (effective 15 March) for 14 days, with prolongation if necessary.

Border crossing points will remain open for freight transport (including transit). Temperature of drivers will be checked and they will be asked to wear masks, medical gloves, and have antiseptic gel for hands sanitation. The list of Ukrainian border crossing points closed or restricted for movements can be found on the annexes to the [governmental decree](#).

Given the fact that Ukraine and neighbouring countries have imposed restrictions on crossing the state borders, the State Border Service of Ukraine has released a list of checkpoints that operate between Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

In addition, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Ukraine and most of the neighbouring countries have restricted entry of foreigners to their territory.

As of 7 April, the following 19 border-crossing points are operational at the Ukrainian border:

Crossing points at the border with Belarus:

- Senkivka- Veselivka
- Novi Yarylovychi-Nova Huta
- Slavutych-Komaryn
- Vystupovychi-Nova Rudnia
- Domanove-Mokrany.

At the border with Poland:

- Krakowiec-Korchowa
- Yagodin-Dorohusk.

At the border with Slovakia:

- Uzhhorod-Vyshnie-Niemetske.

At the border with Hungary:

- Chop (Tysa)-Zakhon.

At the border with Romania:

- Diakove-Khalmeu
- Porubne-Siret

At the border with Moldova:

- Palanka-Maiaky-Udobne
- Starokozache-Tudora
- Reni-Dzhiurdzhiulesht
- Mohyliv-Podilskyi-Otach

At the border with Russia:

- Hoptivka-Nekhotieievka
- Iunakivka-Sudzha
- Bachivsk-Troiebortne
- Senkivka-Novyi Yurkovychi

Source: AsMAP-Ukraine, State Frontier Service of Ukraine - <https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/Uryad-posiliv-obmezhennya-na-kordoni/?fbclid=IwAR3SYmtoLhYG0ZSajD3I2DawrbC0--6eXC7tIIzyTcdtURaY4ONBSzZR9M>.

United Kingdom

Updated on 9/04/20

- Restrictions

On March 17th, the government has taken new measures, which include advising British nationals against all non-essential international travel.

The advice against non-essential travel is not intended to apply to international and domestic freight transport. Thus, haulage continues under no extra restrictions in the UK officially.

A first [guidance note](#) on Coronavirus (Covid-19) and freight transport has been published by the UK Department for Transport, followed by a second [guidance note](#) on Covid-19 for the transport sector.

In cases of non-resident drivers becoming unwell with the coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms while in the UK, the national authorities recommend the following:

1. If emergency/clinical care is needed, an ambulance should be called;
2. 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;
3. Foreign nationals can also approach their embassy for assistance;
4. In exceptional circumstances, depending on capacity, it may be possible to arrange accommodation at the London Isolation Centre.

- Relieves

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) has issued notification of a relaxation in the drivers' hours rules for Northern Ireland. This temporary relaxation applies from 00:01 on Wednesday 18 March 2020 and will run until 23:59 on Thursday 16 April 2020. Initially, this will apply for the drivers of vehicles involved in the delivery of food, non-food (personal care and household paper and cleaning) and over the counter pharmaceuticals when undertaking the following journeys:

- Distribution centre to stores (or fulfilment centre).
- From manufacturer or supplier to distribution centre (including backhaul collections).
- From manufacturer or supplier to store (or fulfilment centre).
- Between distribution centres and transport hub trunking.
- Transport hub deliveries to stores.

This exemption does not apply to drivers undertaking deliveries directly to consumers.

Operators are reminded that this relaxation does not excuse them from their duty of care to drivers and that drivers should not be allowed or required to drive whilst tired. Operators seeking to use the exemption should read the DfI notice in detail; this can be found [here](#).

On 22 March, the Department for Transport (DfT) has also introduced a temporary and limited urgent [relaxation](#) of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales.

This applies to those undertaking carriage of goods by road in all sectors, between 00.01 on Monday 23 March and 23.59 on Tuesday 21 April (continuation of the relaxation past 5 April is subject to review).

The EU drivers' hours rules can be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- a) Replacement of the EU daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- b) Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
- c) Lifting the weekly (56 hours) and fortnightly driving limits (90 hours) to 60 and 96 hours respectively.
- d) Postponement of the requirement to start a weekly rest period after six-24 hours periods, for after seven 24 hours period; although two regular weekly rest periods or a regular and a reduced weekly rest period will still be required within a fortnight.
- e) The requirements for daily breaks of 45 minutes after 4.5 hours driving replaced with replaced with a break of 45 minutes after 5.5 hours of driving.

Drivers must not use relaxation 'a' and 'd' at the same time. This is to ensure drivers are able to get adequate rest. DfT guidance can be found [here](#). In addition to these measures, from Monday 23 March, all road user charging schemes in the capital will be temporarily suspended until further notice. This includes the Congestion Charge, the central London ULEZ and the London-wide LEZ.

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 16/03/20

Starting from March 16th, Uzbekistan is suspending all air and road connections with third countries. Railway connections will be closed in 3 days.

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. However, and according to information collected on the field, delays at Kazakh-Uzbek borders are reported following the restrictive measures taken by the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Updated on 24/03/20

Further to the announcement of a state of emergency in Kazakhstan, the queues at the Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan borders were carefully monitored. The situation has now been stabilised for the international road transport of goods.

The following three border crossing points between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are running effectively according to emergency guidelines:

- Kaplanbek (Turkestan region);
- Kazygurt (Turkestan region);
- Tazhen (Mangistau region).

The queues have now been considerably reduced.

Sources: [State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan](#), [KAZATO](#),
<https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/03/15/measures>