Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

Country: Bulgaria

Date: 20 March 2020

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<td>Goods:</td>
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<td>Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006.</td>
<td>00:01 hrs. on 19 March 2020</td>
<td>24:00 hrs. on 13 April 2020</td>
<td>- 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 7 of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours; - Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours without any compensation.</td>
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<td>Non-Bulgarian heavy goods vehicle drivers, who are either nationals of or arriving from China, Bangladesh, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Spain, Italy, Korea, UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands or Switzerland shall enter the territory of Bulgaria, unload the goods they are carrying and immediately leave the country within a period not exceeding 24 hours.</td>
<td>17 March 2020</td>
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<td>Temporary entry/transit ban to heavy goods vehicles with Iranian registration and heavy goods vehicles arriving from Iran;</td>
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**Passengers:**

Temporary entry ban to persons arriving from China, Iran, Bangladesh, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Spain, Italy, Korea, UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands or Switzerland except for Bulgarian nationals and members of their families, persons with permanent or long-term residence status on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families.

18 March 2020 until further notice

Since 18 March 2020

Temporary entry ban to all third-country nationals (all non-EU nationals) at all border crossing points and with any means of transport, except for:
- health care professionals, health researchers, and elderly care professionals;
- transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, crews of aircraft engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel as necessary;
- diplomats, officials of international organizations, military personnel and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties;
- people traveling for humanitarian reasons;
- non-EU nationals holding a long-term residence permit in an EU member state passing through Bulgaria in order to return to their country of residence.

20 March 2020 – 17 April 2020

Other:

**Useful links:**

https://www.mh.government.bg/en/
https://www.mtitc.government.bg
https://www.rta.government.bg

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