

## Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

**Country: Bulgaria**

**Date: 01/07/2020**

Measure related to:	Restriction period		Temporary exemptions (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc.)	
	From	To	Type	Period
<p><b>Goods:</b></p> <p>Goods vehicle drivers engaged in the international carriage of goods are allowed to enter or transit the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.</p> <p>Transit is only allowed when immediate departure from Bulgarian territory is guaranteed.</p> <p>In case a goods vehicle driver carrying goods to a country other than Bulgaria is allowed to transit Bulgaria, but due to an entry ban imposed by a border country cannot leave Bulgaria, a place shall be designated by the Road Infrastructure Agency where the vehicle and driver must stay until the ban is lifted.</p> <p>Goods vehicle drivers carrying out or completing an international transport operation of goods are not subject to a 14-day quarantine.</p>	<p>01 July 2020</p>	<p>15 July 2020</p>		
<p><b>Passengers:</b></p>				

<p>1. Temporary entry ban to all persons, irrespective of their nationality, through all border-crossing points, travelling by air, sea, railway and road transport.</p> <p>2. An exception to the entry ban is allowed for:</p> <p>(a) Bulgarian nationals, nationals of EU member states, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Schengen countries (incl. San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican), the Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro, members of the families of Bulgarian nationals as well as persons who are in a de facto cohabitation with a Bulgarian national, persons with permanent or long-term residence status on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families, as well as persons holding a residence permit in an EU member state, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or in a Schengen country (incl. San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and members of their families;</p> <p>(b) medical professionals, medical scientists and social workers, and their managers, where the purpose of their journey is related to their job;</p> <p>(c) workers involved in the supply of medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment, medical equipment, including its installation and maintenance;</p> <p>(d) transport personnel engaged in the international carriage of passengers and goods, crews of aircraft engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel as necessary, including vessel crews and persons engaged in vessel maintenance;</p>	<p>01 July 2020</p>	<p>15 July 2020</p>		
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| <p>(e) foreign officials (heads of state, members of governments, etc.) and members of their delegations as well as diplomats, administrative and technical personnel of foreign representations of other countries in the Republic of Bulgaria, officials of international organizations, military personnel, security and public order services' officers and humanitarian workers when performing their duties as well as members of their families;</p> <p>(f) persons traveling for humanitarian reasons related to them or their spouses or persons with whom they live in de facto cohabitation, relatives in the direct line of descent - without restrictions and in the collateral line - up to and including the second degree;</p> <p>(g) representatives of trade, economic and investment activities and persons directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of the strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria, implementation of projects certified under the Investment Promotion Act, analyses of potential investors' projects and other activities relevant to the country's economy, certified by a letter from the Minister of Economy or another minister responsible for the respective activity, as well as persons involved in shipbuilding and ship repair, as well as members of their families;</p> <p>(h) seasonal workers in tourism and agriculture;</p> <p>(i) frontier workers;</p> <p>(j) persons traveling for training purposes to carry out activities related to the completion of the 2019/2020 school year as well as for practical training and</p> |  |  |  |
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examinations in practice and for the preparation of the 2020/2021 school year, when it is impossible to implement these activities remotely.

3. An exception to the entry ban is also allowed in relation to transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to:

- (a) nationals of EU member states, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Schengen countries (incl. San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and members of their families in order to return to the country of residence;
- (b) third-country nationals holding a long-term residence permit in another EU member state, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or a Schengen country (incl. San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and members of their families in order to return to the country of residence;
- (c) nationals of the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Albania and Kosovo in order to return to the country of nationality.

4. Transit is only allowed when immediate departure from Bulgarian territory is guaranteed.

5. All persons arriving on Bulgarian territory from the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Portuguese Republic, as well as from any third country, except for the Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Iceland, the Kingdom of

Norway, Switzerland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican are subject to a 14-day quarantine either at home or at a designated place.

6. A country from which a person arrives shall mean the country they originally departed from, regardless of their stay or transit through other countries along their journey.

7. An exception to the 14-day quarantine requirement is allowed for:

- (a) Bulgarian nationals and nationals of other EU member states, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Schengen countries (incl. San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) who are persons under item 2 (f) and (g);
- (b) bus and coach drivers performing international passenger transport;
- (c) goods vehicle drivers carrying out or completing an international transport operation of goods;
- (d) members of vessel crews who are Bulgarian nationals;
- (e) persons under item 2(b),(c),(e) and (i) irrespective of their nationality;
- (f) Bulgarian State Administration officials posted for a short duration under the Regulation on posting and specializations abroad when performing their duties.

8. Persons who are not subject to quarantine and those who are allowed to transit Bulgarian territory shall submit to border health control authorities a model declaration, in which they undertake to comply with the anti-epidemic measures introduced by order of the Minister of Health on the territory

of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as confirm that they are acquainted with the risks of COVID-19.				
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