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, 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, 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.

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