Restrictions

Until 30 June, controls at borders are maintained on the border with Portugal and at the external borders (Morocco and Algeria included, Andorra and Gibraltar excluded). The following categories are exempted from the provision:

a) Spanish citizens

b) Residents in Spain, who must have proof of their place of residence

c) Residents in other EU Member States or Schengen Associated States who are travelling to their place of residence

d) Cross-border workers

e) Health professionals or elderly care professionals who are crossing the border to carry out their professional activity

f) Those who are going to stay on Spanish territory for any other labour reason, including seasonal workers, provided that they have documentary proof of employment

g) Those that have documentary proof of reasons of force majeure or situations of need

h) Those involved in the transport of goods

On 29 June, the Spanish Government extended the closure of external borders until 8 July or until the EU Resolution enters into force, which may be before 8 July. Goods transport remains exempted from the provision.

The Spanish Ministry of Transport has provided instructions on the use of masks for various modes of transport, in a new Order TMA/384/2020. The instructions include the following:
• for the transport of passengers by road, it is mandatory to wear a mask (both drivers and passengers);

• for the transport of goods by road, it is only mandatory to wear a mask in cases of double manning in the cabin.

This new regulation takes effect on 4 May (00:00).

Relieves

With the end of the nationwide state of emergency, Spanish authorities have decided to reinstate normal driving restrictions for goods vehicles.

Therefore, from 00:00 of 21 June onwards, driving restrictions will fully apply for the following categories of vehicles:

• Goods vehicles

• Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

• Vehicles carrying out exceptional load transport operations

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.

On 28 May, the Spanish Ministry of Transport informed that relaxations of driving and rest time rules will not be renewed after 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 will fully apply from 00:00 on 1 June.

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