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
- Vehicles must be disinfected once per day.
- The front door of multi-door vehicles can no longer be used by passengers, unless the driver is completely protected by a transparent barrier.
- The social distancing rules must be displayed on the vehicle.
- Tickets are no longer sold on board.

- Taxi
  - Passengers can no longer sit next to the driver.
  - 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)
  - Social distancing rules must be observed.
  - Where there is no access to water, disinfectant gel must be made available.
  - No personal contact is allowed when signing contracts.
  - Goods can only be delivered at the place indicated on the transport document.
  - Home delivery is only possible by leaving the goods at the door. No physical contact with the customer is permitted.
  - 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](https://example.com). A map on the state of service and rest areas can be consulted [here](https://example.com). A map showing restaurants that are open is available [online](https://example.com). The company APRR also issued a [communication](https://example.com) 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.

**SOURCE:** AFTRI and FNTR