

Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

Country: Greece

Date: 22/04/2020

Measure related to:	Restriction period		Temporary exemptions (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc...)	
	From	To	Type	Period
<p>Goods:</p> <p>Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods (Art.14.1).</p>			<p>Greece adopted a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the territory of the Hellenic Republic, for all national and international freight transport with public and private use trucks of any nationality. The same temporary relaxation applies to those transport operations when the AETR applies. For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions are temporarily relaxed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement 	<p>18.04.2020 – 31.05.2020</p>

			<p>of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 58 hours;- Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 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(1) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;- Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours, provided that	
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			<p>the reduction shall be compensated by an equivalent period of rest taken en bloc before the end of the third week following the week in question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derogation to Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary. 	
<p>Goods and passengers</p> <p>A temporary restriction of 14 days at home/residence is imposed on persons entering country from abroad for the protection of public health from further spreading of COVID-19 coronavirus in Greek territory. Personnel of all nationalities engaged in international transport operations (land, air, maritime) must, upon entering Greece and without any delay, either transit through the country or reach their final destination within the country. After having reached the final destination in Greece, drivers, co-drivers etc. must commence a temporary restriction period of 14 days. The above mentioned restriction is lifted in case that a new international journey (either loaded trip or empty run) is going to be performed during this period. In case a domestic journey is going to be performed, the transport personnel must complete 7 days of restriction at home/residence before the journey. In case of violation a fine</p>	02.04.20	15.05.20		

of Euros 5.000 is imposed (Official Journal no. 1127/B/2-4-2020 and no. 1476/B/17-4-2020).				
Passengers:				
As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of all air, sea, rail and road connections with Albania has been imposed for passenger transport, until 15-05-2020. The transit of lorries for carriage of goods is allowed The carriage of goods by boat is allowed	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of all air, sea, rail and road connections with North Macedonia for passenger transport has been imposed until 15-05-2020. The transit of lorries for carriage of goods is allowed	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of air and sea connections has been imposed with Italy. The temporary restriction of sea connections does not include heavy goods transport with cargo vessels and heavy goods vehicles	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of all air connections with Spain has been imposed.	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
As of 15-04-2020 port calls from cruise vessels, pleasure craft, yachts and tourist vessels are forbidden.	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of all transport connections with Turkey has been imposed. The transit of	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		

<p>lorries for carriage of goods is allowed. The temporary restriction of sea connections does not include heavy goods transport with cargo vessels and heavy goods vehicles</p> <p>As of 15-04-2020 a temporary restriction of all transport connections with the UK has been imposed.</p>	15-04-2020	15-05-2020		
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