COUNTRY: Italy

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Restrictions

On 26 April, the Italian Prime Minister announced the “Phase 2” rules, applicable from 4-17 May, by way of DPCM 26 April 2020. Many of the rules currently in force will be maintained. It includes the mandatory use of a self-declaration document for any authorised movement.

Concerning road transport and logistics, relevant information is the following:

- **Art. 2.7:** Companies whose activity must be suspended following modifications to ATECO codes listed in Annex 3 must complete the shipment of goods in stock by 30 April.

- **Art. 2.9:** Companies whose activity can restart following modifications to ATECO codes listed in Annex 3 can undertake reopening preparations from 27 April.

- **Art. 3.2:** The obligation for passengers to wear a face mask while being in publicly accessible indoor areas and on public transport does not apply to children under 6 years of age nor to people with disabilities which are not compatible with wearing a mask.

- **Art. 4.2:** Before boarding, transport companies must check traveller’s body temperature and transport documents. Boarding is refused in cases of fever or incomplete documentation. Transport companies must guarantee a minimum of 1m separation between travellers. Transport companies must supply travellers with appropriate personal protection equipment (masks, gloves) in case they don’t have them.

- **Art. 5:** Rules and procedures for people entering or transiting through Italy for work – the current rules continue to apply.

- **Annex 6, point 3 of the Protocol for Covid-19 containment: guidelines for the access of third party suppliers to companies’ premises:**
- Companies must identify entry, transit and exit procedures for their suppliers. Those procedures must consider itineraries and timings, with the aim of reducing contact between suppliers and company personnel.
- If possible, drivers must stay on board the vehicle. Drivers cannot access the company offices. Concerning loading and unloading activities, the minimum 1m distance must be observed.
- The company must designate or install toilet facilities for third party drivers/suppliers, separated from those used by its employees. Daily cleaning must be ensured.
- In cases where the company carries out own account transport, workers’ security must be ensured at all times.


On 18 March, the Transport Ministry published a new decree: 14 days mandatory isolation for people entering the country. Such a decree does not apply to road transport workers delivering or transiting through Italy, provided they leave the country after 72 hours. These drivers must however fill a specific self-declaration (instructions for completing the self-declaration here).

The State Police confirmed the document cannot be presented digitally (apps or pdfs), but has to be printed, signed and given to the police officer. Photocopies of a completed document are not accepted either.

On 7 April, the Ministry of the Interior provided further instructions for personnel employed by companies, not based in Italy, carrying out international freight transport operations to or through Italy. Instructions concern the application of Decree 145/2020.

People (including travelling staff of foreign companies) entering Italy with their own vehicle or with a private transport vehicle for proven work, needs to have to comply with the following:

- The transit on the Italian territory must not exceed 72 hours. The period could be extended for further 48 hours in case of specific and justified needs.
Upon entrance to Italy, drivers must notify the entry to the prevention department ("Dipartimento di Prenvenzione") of the local health authority (ASL) and submit the duly filled in self declaration that can be downloaded here.

Also, drivers transiting through Italy must comply with the notification requirements. The permitted stay in the country cannot exceed 24 hours, which could be extended for a further 12 hours in case of specific and justified needs.

A department of the Ministry is currently identifying the contact points for every border crossing point. The list will be updated as soon as changes will be made available and can be consulted here. IRU and local member associations advise drivers to notify local health authorities as soon as possible, and to carry the original of the self-declaration on board.

Following questions raised by IRU members regarding the self-declaration’s compliance with GDPR, it is suggested to add the following sentence at the end of the self-declarations that are sent to the local health authority: “It is recommended, and required, that the management of transmitted personal data is performed in compliance with Regulation 2016/679/EU – GDPR”. Online notifications sent with a model are covered by GDPR terms; details can be found in the document attached.

Relieves

The Italian government also published a decree 18 of 17/3/2020 (so-called “Cura Italia”) to address this crisis. It allows for an extension in validity of a number of road transport-related authorisations and certificates, as well as extensions for the payment of customs duties. Some elements mentioned are:

- Art. 92.3: the date for payment of customs duties due between 17/3/2020 and 30/4/2020 can be extended until 30/5/2020 without additional interest charges.
- Art. 92.4: vehicles that are due to be checked before 31/7/2020 can now remain in circulation until 31/10/2020.
• Art. 103.1: certificates, attestations and permits expiring between 31/1/2020 and 15/4/2020 are now valid until 15/6/2020.

• Art. 104.1: Identity documents and driving licences expiring after 17/3/2020 are now valid until 31/8/2020

On 23 March, the government published further relieves: certificates of professional competence and ADR driver training certificates expiring between 29/2/2020 and 29/6/2020 are now valid until 30/6/2020. Temporary driving permits are automatically renewed until 30/6/2020 in case the medical committee cannot gather on the day scheduled for the examination due to current emergency situation.

On 31 March, the Italian Ministry of Transport has extended the temporary authorization concerning the use of rolling highway permits, normally used by non-EU companies to enter Italy by rail; such permits are momentarily valid for entering Italy by road too. The extension applies until further notice.

Domestic Sunday traffic bans are lifted for goods vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes on the following days: 10 May and 17 May.

Sunday and holiday traffic bans for vehicles carrying out international transport in Italy are also lifted until further notice.

On 21 April, ANAS and ASPI have confirmed that prorogations mentioned in Art. 130 c.2 of Decree 18/2020 are applicable to certification for exceptional load transport operations. Therefore, authorisations which expire between 31 January and 15 April can be extended up to 15 June.

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