Restrictions

On 1 April, the Prime Minister announced the extension of the measures currently in force. These measures will remain applicable until 3 May 2020.

The Prime Ministerial Decree dated 22 March 2020 was issued concerning "Further implementing provisions of the decree - 23 February 2020, no. 6, containing urgent measures regarding the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19". This decree applies to the entire national territory, and also applies to regions with special statutes, and to the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano.

Particular attention is drawn to the below:

- Art. 1.1b: People cannot use public or private means of transport to reach a different municipality from the one they are currently in, with the exception of work or health reasons or in cases of extreme urgency.
- Art. 1.4: Non-essential companies have until 25 March to prepare for suspension; this includes the shipment of goods in stock.

This decree takes effect from 23 March 2020 and is effective until 3 April 2020. In addition, the Prime Ministerial Decree of 11 March 2020 and the ordinance of the Minister of Health of 20 March 2020, both effective from 25 March 2020, are both extended to 3 April 2020.

All non-essential industrial and commercial production activities are suspended, with the exception of those mentioned in Annex 1 of the text. The decree’s (pdf file [here](https://www.istat.it/it/archivio/17888)) general rules, in Annex 1, specify the production activities and services that can continue with their activity (ATECO Codes - [https://www.istat.it/it/archivio/17888](https://www.istat.it/it/archivio/17888)).
It is recommended that road freight transport and logistics companies check with their customers/clients based in Italy to verify whether their activity is among those included in Annex 1 and can therefore continue working.

Previous decrees important for road freight transport activities include:

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).

On 26 March, the government released a new version of the certificate. On this new version, people must now declare to be aware of measures taken by the President of the region where the movement starts and end as well as declare that the movement is permitted by such measures (4th bullet point). 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.

Relieves

The Italian Minister of Transport and Infrastructure has signed the decree that lifts domestic traffic bans for goods vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes from 10 to 14 April. Holiday traffic bans for vehicles carrying out international transport in Italy are also lifted until further notice.

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.

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