Restrictions

Everyone entering Norway by ferry, air, bus or private car, from countries other than Sweden and Finland, will be put in a compulsory 14-day quarantine (even if they are not experiencing any symptom of COVID-19). Tourists not willing to comply with this measure will have to return immediately.

International road freight is exempted.

However, the exception does not apply to drivers and personnel employed by Norwegian companies, who have stayed in countries outside the Nordic countries for a period before returning to Norway (many companies work with foreign drivers working on turns).

In an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19), the Norwegian border control measures will be extended for 90 days, after 15 May. The current measures in place involve the posting of police and military employees at border stations in order to control persons crossing the borders. It is important for truck drivers to have their passport and driving license readily available when crossing the border.

Relieves

On border crossings between Norway and neighbouring countries, controls and prioritisation of goods are the following:

- Goods transport to and from Norway is not restricted in any way.
- There are no extra queues reported at Norwegian border crossings.
- In addition to the standard customs procedures, the border control has been reinforced by representatives from the police and the army. Their main task is to check the identity of drivers (passport, driving licences, etc.).
• Prioritisation of goods: Companies who had previous arrangements with the Customs Directorate had some advantages related to customs procedures, but these advantages do not apply currently. There is an express customs procedure in place, but only at one border station. In general, there have been no new changes of priorities when it comes to border crossing.

• Normally border crossings for trucks on the Norwegian-Swedish and Norwegian-Finnish border are quick and efficient compared to most other countries. There has been no substantial change to this pattern since the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus.

• The exception is the Norwegian-Russian border which is currently closed.

• Norwegian quarantine provisions: These have not changed - everyone who enters the country must be in quarantine for 2 weeks, except for truck drivers who come by car and for truck drivers who come to work. Truck drivers can work, but must follow the quarantine rules when he/she is not working (in addition to all other measures to prevent infection).

On 15 April, rules on driving and rest times were relaxed in Norway. Relaxations will apply only for freight transport operations until 31 May and are as follows:

• The daily driving time is extended from 9 hours to 11 hours.

• Maximum weekly driving time raised from 56 hours to 58 hours.

• Maximum fortnightly driving limit raised from 90 hours to 96 hours.

• Reduction of the daily rest from 11 hours to 9 hours.

• A weekly rest of a minimum of 24 hours must be followed by a weekly rest of 45 hours, meaning a reduced weekly rest is allowed every other week. The reduced weekly rest does not have to be compensated.

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