The Council of Ministers approved on March 16th a set of measures to respond to the epidemiological situation of Coronavirus (COVID-19). As from March 16th 23:00 and until April 15th 12:00, Portugal is re-introducing border controls. The measure can be reassessed every 10 days.

Road traffic at internal land borders is stopped. International freight transport, cross-border commuters and emergency vehicles are exempted from this restriction. However, only major border crossings with Spain will remain open: Quintanilha, Tui, Vilar Formoso, Elvas, Castro Marim, Vila Verde de Raia (Chaves), Monfortinho (Castelo Branco), Marvão (Portalegre) and Vila Verde de Ficalho (Beja). Internal borders will remain closed for road traffic.

On 18 March, the municipality of OVAR entered quarantine (state of calamity). All commercial establishments and non-essential services are closed, and movement of people to and from the municipality of Ovar is limited. Road transport of goods is only allowed for the supply of supermarkets, pharmacies and gas stations.

On 3 April, the President of the Portuguese Republic announced a new decree extending the deadline of the measures currently in force; these measures will remain applicable until 17 April 2020.

In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, companies should telework whenever possible and nonessential shops should close.

International goods and freight transport is permitted regardless of the type of services carried out or the type of goods transported. However, drivers should respect hygiene and sanitary requirements set out to prevent the spread of the virus.

During the Easter period, professional drivers must have a declaration signed by their employer attesting that the driver is performing a transport operation. The declaration aims at preventing the unnecessary movement of people during this
Easter period. The form can be downloaded here. The obligation to carry such a document will come into force from 00:00 on 9 April, until 24:00 on 13 April.

During this period, the movement of people will only be allowed for professional reasons (freight transport drivers included) or specific needs (to go to hospital, pharmacies or to buy food).

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