## Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

## **Country: Poland**

## Date: 27/03/2020

Measure related to :	Restriction period		<b>Temporary exemptions</b> (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc)	
	From	То	Туре	Period
Goods:				
Not restricted.				
Not restricted for professional drivers of any nationality, including nationalities of the 3rd country Professional drivers performing their duties in international transport are not required to be quarantined. Drivers are not requested to fill-in location cards.	2020	13 April 2020	Drivers driving motor vehicles in international road transport of goods, after crossing the state border, are exempted from undergoing the mandatory quarantine referred to in the provision of § 2 paragraph 2 point 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Health of 13 March 2020 on the announcement of the state of epidemic threat in the territory of the Republic of Poland.	
			There is an exemption which allows professional drivers of any nationality to	
			cross the Polish border while performing the duties. This refers to all drivers of buses,	

coaches, minibuses and trucks. Exemption from compulsory quarantine after crossing the state border also applies to a driver who is not a citizen of a European Union Member State but is employed by an entrepreneur based in the territory of the Republic of Poland and has a driver's certificate.
The exemption from completing the mandatory quarantine after crossing the state border applies not only to drivers who drive a vehicle used for the carriage of goods or persons and while the performed journey is directly associated with the actual transport activity or access to loading of goods/boarding of passengers, but also to professional drivers returning to Poland by car, e.g. to receive a weekly rest in the country.
Exemption from compulsory quarantine after crossing the state border also applies to drivers performing international road transport of goods by transit through the territory of the Republic of Poland.
In response to the extraordinary crisis situation due to the pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Poland has agreed to a

temporary and limited relaxation of the
enforcement of driving and rest times for
the drivers involved in international freight
and passenger transport. This relaxation is
granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of
Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the
purpose of this document is to notify the
Commission accordingly.
This temporary relaxation applies from 18
March 2020 and will run until 16 April
2020.
Poland has made it clear that driver and road
safety must not be compromised. Drivers
should not be expected to drive whilst tired
- employers remain responsible for the
health and safety of their employees and
other road users.
For the above-mentioned category of
drivers, the following provisions will be
temporarily relaxed as follows:
<ul> <li>Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation</li> </ul>
561/2006: replacement of the maximum
daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of
11 hours;
• Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum
561/2006: replacement of the maximum
weekly driving limit of 56 hours with
one of 60 hours;

Passengers:         Not restricted for Polish nationals or foreign residents/employees or diplomats.         Entry banned for foreign nationals, with the exception indicated above.	15 March 2020 15 March 2020	13 April 2020 13 April 2020	<ul> <li>Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours;</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The temporary relaxation of the rules described above reflects the exceptional circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak.</li> </ul>	
Useful links: Government website: <u>https://www.gov.pl/web/infrastruktura/zasady-zwolnienia-z-obowiazku-kwarantanny-kierowcow</u> General Inspectorate of Road Transport website:				

https://gitd.gov.pl/dla- mediow/aktualnosci/artykul/news/zasady-zwolnienia-z- obowiazku-kwarantanny-kierowcow/		
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