Restrictions

The President of Romania declared on Monday 16 March 2020, a 30-day state of emergency to limit the spread of COVID-19.

On 4 April, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued Military Ordinance No.7, which details new measures for the road transport of persons and goods that have been put in place and are as follows:

- **Article 11.** The international road transport of persons through regular services, special regular services and occasional services in international traffic has been suspended until the end of the state of emergency. The provision applies to routes between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey.

- **Article 12.** Upon entering Romania, drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes and who do not have symptoms associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) must complete a declaration using the template from the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication, where details of the location where drivers can be contacted during the period between the two transports must be given (templates of these forms are available in Romanian [here](#)). Drivers are not required to undergo self-isolation at home or quarantine, provided that the employer ensures they use protective materials against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Note: Foreign drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement as provided in Art.14 (see below).

- **Article 13.** The provision of Article 12 applies accordingly to drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes, who are travelling for professional reasons either from Romania to another European Union Member State, or from
another EU Member State to Romania, to the state of residence of the driver, regardless of whether the trip is made in his/her freight vehicle, by individual means of transport or on his/her own. Upon entry to Romania they must present an employee certificate signed by the employer.

- Article 14.1 - Drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement upon entry into Romania, provided they meet the following minimum conditions:
  
  ➢ They only use transit corridors, and border crossing points at the end of these corridors, approved by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Any deviation from these is not permitted.

  ➢ Transit through Romanian territory must be done within the minimum time frame, and must not exceed 48 hours from entry into Romania, including stationary periods for their daily rest.

  ➢ Parking of the vehicle is done exclusively in allocated parking areas located along the identified transit corridors.

Drivers transiting Romania must fill out this form when entering the country. The form must be handed over at the border of exit.

Note: In this case, the Romanian Inspectorate for Road Transport Control confirmed that professional drivers are also required to have the form provided by ANNEX 3, Template of Certificate for International Transport Workers (EC communication on green lanes) details here.

- Article 14.2 - In the case of non-compliance with the conditions provided in paragraph 1 (14.1), the driver of the vehicle will be obliged to enter quarantine for 14 days, bearing any expenses incurred for this quarantine.

- Article 14.3 - Upon entering Romania the driver is required to apply a special sticker from by the State Inspectorate for Control of Road Transport to the vehicle’s windscreen, in order to show the transit corridors (the model of which has been established by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications).
Romanian authorities have also published an interactive map displaying transit corridors, refueling stations and rest areas.

The Romanian Ministry of Transport publishes daily information regarding the situation at border crossing points on its website here. The information is updated every evening at 20:00. The updated border waiting times and the list of border crossing points closed can be found here.

In addition, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued Military Ordinance No.8, which details new measures as follows:

The following State Border Crossing Points will remain totally or partially closed during the entire period of the state of emergency:

- **At the Romanian-Hungarian Border:**
  1. Turnu, Arad County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
  2. Salonta, Bihor County – railway and road (except for the movement of cross-border workers by road);
  3. Săcuieni, Bihor County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
  4. Valea lui Mihai, Bihor County - railway and road (except for railway freight traffic);
  5. Carei, Satu Mare County.

Note: A cross border-worker is understood as a person who makes proof of living and working within an maximum area of 30 km from the Romanian-Hungarian state border, calculated from the nearest border-crossing point open for people, and who returns home at least once a week. The Romanian Hungarian border-crossing points open for cross-border workers when entering Romania are the following: Cenad, Nădlac, Turnu, Vărșand, Salonta, Borș, Săcuieni, Urziceni, Petea.

- **At the Romanian-Bulgarian Border:**
  1. Negru Vodă, Constanța County;
  2. Lipnița, Constanța County;
  3. Dobromir, Constanța County;
  4. Zimnicea, Teleorman County;
  5. Turnu Măgurele, Teleorman County;
6. Bechet, Dolj County (except for railway freight traffic).

- At the Romanian-Ukrainian Border:
  1. Sighetu Marmației, Maramureș County;
  2. Isaccea, Tulcea County.

- At the Romanian-Moldovan Border:
  1. Rădăuți-Prut, Botoșani County;
  2. Oancea, Galați County.

- At the Romania-Serbian Border:
  1. Porțile de Fier II, Mehedinți County;
  2. Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedinți (except for railway freight traffic);
  3. Orșova, Mehedinți County;
  4. Moldova Nouă, Caraș-Severin County;
  5. Naidăș, Caraș-Severin County;
  6. Vălcani, Timiș County;
  7. Stamora-Moravița, Timiș County - railway (except for railway freight traffic);
  8. Lunga, Timiș County;
  9. Foeni, Timiș County;
  10. Jimbolia, Timiș County - railway (except for railway freight traffic).

The export of the following agricultural food products is prohibited/suspended during the state of emergency:

- grain and meslin – tariff code 1001;
- barley - tariff code 1053;
- oat - tariff code 1004;
- corn - tariff code 1005;
- rice – tariff code 1006;
- wheat flour or meslin - tariff code 1101;
- soy beans, even crushed - tariff code1201;
• sunflower seeds even shattered – tariff code 1206;
• sunflower seed oil, saffron or cottonseed oil and their fractions even refined but not chemically modified - tariff code 1512;
• cane or bean sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid state - tariff code 1701;
• bakery, pastry and biscuit products, unposted bread, empty capsules from starch leaf used for medicines, waffles with lid, dried pasta from flour, from starch, starch extracted from potatoes and similar products - tariff code 1905;
• cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil – tariff code 2304;
• cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form resulting from the extraction of fats or vegetable oils, other than those of the positions 2304 or 2305 - tariff code 2306;

Notes:

• Export of the above-mentioned products is prohibited/suspended to non-EU Member States.
• Export of the above-mentioned products is allowed only if the EU Member State proves that the acquired products are destined for its own domestic market or another EU-Member state, and not for export outside EU. The Statement regarding the usage of the purchased goods must be filled.

Relieves

Romanian Authorities has introduced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers performing domestic/international road transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. This exception applies from 18.03.2020 to 16.04.2020. Measures lifted are the following:

• Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
• Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours driving.

• Art. 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

• Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hour periods.

On 4 April, the National Company for Road Infrastructure Administration (CNAIR) lifted driving restrictions on vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes on the Ploiesti-Brasov section of DN1 (E60) national road. The measure applies until 16 April. Driving restrictions on the Bucharest-Ploiesti section of DN1 are still in force.

**SOURCE:** UNTRR