

COUNTRY: Russia

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Restrictions

In its continued effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) across the territory of the Russian Federation, the Russian Government has issued the [Decree of 27 March 2020 No. 763](#) which temporarily restricts any movements through road, rail, pedestrian, rivers and combined border-crossing points, including the overland section at the Russia-Belarus border. This decision is effective from 30 March 2020.

The above restrictions do not apply to truck drivers engaged in international road transport of goods (paragraph 2). This provision is valid for citizens of the Russian Federation and for foreign truck drivers (paragraph 2 clause 2 of the [Government Decree of March 16, 2020 No. 635](#) followed by amendments introduced by [Government Decree of March 25, 2020 No. 730](#)).

It is, however, obligatory for drivers to use/wear individual protective equipment and follow personal hygiene rules.

On 29 April, the Russian Government amended the Governmental Decree of 16 March 2020 No.635. The amendment, presented in the [Governmental Decree of 29 April 2020 No.1170](#), extends the closure of the Russian borders for an indefinite period, including the border with Belarus. Therefore, borders will remain closed until the epidemiological situation returns to normal. Truck drivers remain exempt from this provision.

Currently there's no specific restriction imposed on crews engaged in international transport operations in Russia.

As of 17 June, controls on access to some regions within Russia remain in place. Transport operators going to the city of Chita (Zabaikalye territory) have to obtain a digital pass by applying on this [portal](#) (English version [here](#)). Transport operators planning to cross the border with China in the Primorye region must [submit](#) an application, to obtain a slot in a queue, no later than two days before the date of

arrival at the border crossing points of Kraskino (RUS) – Hunchun (CHN), Pogranichny (RUS) – Suifenhe (CHN), Poltavka (RUS) – Dongning (CHN). The application form should be filled in, printed out, signed and sent by email to the following addresses, depending on which border crossing point the operator is planning to use: pogr@primorsky.ru (for Pogranichny border crossing point), krask@primorsky.ru (for Kraskino border crossing point) and polt@primorsky.ru (for Poltavka border crossing point). The permitted arrival date will be determined based on actual current capacity of the border crossing point and number of already submitted applications.

Relieves

From 20 March onwards, for a period of one month, the Russian Government has cancelled all restrictions (including customs) on the supply of basic consumer goods and a “green corridor” has been established for importers and large retail chains. A zero rate of customs duties has been levied on the import of a number of goods, including medicines and medical products.

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At a meeting of the State Commission on the sustainability and development of the Russian economy, [it was decided](#) to temporarily allow the use of on-board units making payments to the Platon Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) for paying toll charges over the next 90 calendar days from the date of expiration of their service (verification) with the possibility to extend this period.

On 26 March, Russian Government decided to withdraw the introduction of spring restrictions on regional and local roads for HGVs in 2020. Further information can be found [here](#).

On 20 May, the Russian Ministry of Transport announced that starting from 25 May a new land border crossing point will open in Kani-Kurgan, in the Amur region on the border with China. The border crossing point will be operating on a temporary basis, only allowing cross-border movement of goods at first. The projected capacity is 190 vehicles per day and its opening will reduce the workload at other border crossing points with China. Controls will start as soon as the bridge connecting Blagoveshchensk (RUS) and Heihe (CHN) is opened to traffic. Members are advised that the Blagoveshchensk-Heihe border crossing point will only open

after consultations between relevant authorities in Russia and China are concluded, and after restrictions caused by Covid-19 pandemic are removed.

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