COUNTRY: Slovakia
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Restrictions
An emergency plan entered into force on 13 March at 07:00. This plan from the Ministry of Interior states that:

- International buses are prohibited from entering/exiting the country.
- Freight transport will be allowed on national and international routes. Drivers must be equipped with protective equipment and only those drivers with a temporary/permanent residence permit will be allowed to travel.
- Secondary border crossings will be closed.

According to the additional clarification received by IRU member in Slovakia, CESMAD Slovakia, all international drivers involved in international road freight transport are allowed to carry out their operations. In addition, CESMAD Slovakia provided further clarification on the rules applicable to truck drivers:

- Slovakian truck drivers returning to Slovakia are only exempt from the quarantine regulations if they are performing an international transport, and provided they remain at home during the time spent in Slovakia. Any Slovakian drivers returning to Slovakia by car must quarantine for 14 days, as per the current regulations;
- Foreign drivers performing international freight operations, to and from Slovakia, are also exempt from the quarantine regulations.

Please find here the entire text of the decision, including details regarding drivers’ protection equipment and protective measures.

On 7 April, the Slovak Government decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls from 8 April until 17 April 2020. During this period it will only be possible to enter and exit Slovakia through the following border crossings:

- Slovakia - Austria
Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
Bratislava – Jarovce - Kittsee (old road)
Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
Moravský Svätý Ján - Hohenau

- **Slovakia - Hungary**
  - Bratislava Čunovo – Rajka (motorway)
  - Medveďov – Vámoszabadi
  - Komárno – Komárom
  - Štúrovo – Esztergom
  - Šahy – Parassapusztza
  - Slovenské Ďarmoty – Balassagyarmat
  - Šiatarská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
  - Kráľ – Bánréve
  - Milhosť – Tornyosnémeti (road no. I/17)
  - Milhosť – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
  - Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely

- **Slovakia – Czech Republic**
  - Svrčinovec – Mosty u Jablunkova
  - Makov – Bílá-Bumbálka
  - Horné Srne – Brumov-Bylnice
  - Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov
  - Moravské Lieskové – Strání
  - Lysá pod Makytou – Střelná
  - Vrbovce – Velká nad Veličkou
  - Brodské – Břeclav (highway)
  - Holič – Hodonín
  - Skalica – Sudoměřice (new road)

- **Slovakia - Poland**
  - Trstená – Chyžné
  - Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek

Procedures at green lane border crossings remain unchanged.
In addition, the Slovak police have lifted driving restrictions for goods vehicles heavier than 3.5 tonnes on 10, 12 and 13 April.

Relieves

Slovakia has agreed on a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. This temporary relaxation applies from 19 March 2020 and will run until 17 April 2020, included.

Slovakia 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:

- Derogation to Article 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours.
- Derogation to Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(1): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

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