Restrictions

General restrictions

Slovenian-Italian borders are closed for passenger transport by train and international occasional and regular bus services.

Goods vehicles whose final destination is Slovenia and goods vehicles carrying postal items, medical equipment, pharmaceutical products or humanitarian aid are permitted to enter the country. At national level, the transport of goods is allowed for postal items, medical supplies and humanitarian aid.

Convoys

On 14 March, the authorities of Slovenia and neighbouring countries agreed to create convoys of passenger and freight vehicles to solve the issue of long queues of vehicles blocked at borders.

Agreements have been made with the authorities of Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine (available information here). Since 14 March, 71 freight convoys (Italy-Croatia and Italy-Hungary) have been organised. Each convoy has to obtain permission before the start of its journey.

Border with Italy

On the SLO-IT border, only the following four border crossing points are open to traffic: Vrtojba, Fernetiči, Škofije and Kravvi Potok. These border crossing points are open 24 hours a day except for Kravvi Potok which is open from 05:00 until 23:00. All other border crossings are closed.

Entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic is permitted for citizens of the Republic of Slovenia, individuals who are not Slovenian citizens or who do not have a registered permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia if they submit proof in Slovenian, English or Italian, no older than three days, of having tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). If an individual does
not have such proof, he/she is allowed to enter the Republic of Slovenia only if his/her body temperature is less than 37.5°C, and if he/she shows no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection (cough, sneezing, shortness of breath).

**Border with Austria**

On the SLO-AUT border, only the following entry points are open: Gornja Radgona (open at all times), Kuzma (open at all times), Holmec (from 05:00 to 21:00), Karavanke (open at all times), Jurij (from 06:00 to 21:00), Vič (from 05:00 to 23:00), Ljubelj (open at all times), Trate (open at all times), Radlje (open at all times), Gederovci (open at all times), Šentilj (motorway, open at all times), Šentilj (highway, from 06:00 to 21:00) and Korensko (from 05:00 to 23:00). No passenger train traffic is allowed.

Entry from Austria is permitted for Slovenian citizens, temporary or permanent residents in Slovenia, and foreigners if they present proof, not older than three days, of having tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), or foreigners with a body temperature below 37.5°C with no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection.

The ordinance does not apply to those who own land on both sides of the state border who perform agricultural work, cross-border labour migrants, freight transport, passengers of emergency/ambulance vehicles, and for transit carried out in organised humanitarian convoys.

Transit of persons who are assumed to be unable to leave the territory of the Republic of Slovenia due to actions of neighbouring countries shall not be allowed.

The ordinance entered into force on 25 March at 00:00.

**Border with Croatia**

On the SLO-HR border, the following border crossing points are open for transit of vehicles from Italy: Gruškovje, Obrezje and Starod. Drivers must bear in mind that so far only Obrezje has been used by convoys coming from Italy.

**Border with Hungary**

On the SLO-HUN border, entry into Hungary is possible at three border crossing points: Dolga vas, Pince and Pince R1/232. The latter is only open to Slovenian and Hungarian citizens. All vehicles entering Hungary are subject to controls, and while
there is no particular restriction or control procedure on vehicles entering Slovenia, drivers should avoid contact with others and have protective equipment with them.

**Relieves**

As of 27 March, road freight transport is allowed during the weekend.

**Extension of validity of control documents**

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted a Decree on the temporary ban on performing periodic technical inspections and other procedures related to the registration of motor vehicles and work in tachograph workshops in the Republic of Slovenia, which temporarily prohibited, until 16 April 2020, the carrying out of technical inspections and other procedures.

Therefore, validity of driving licences including motor vehicle insurance and ADR certificates for transport of dangerous goods has been extended until 16 May 2020.

The Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorised driver training centres in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits the training of learner drivers, additional training for learner drivers, training for safe driving, and training for learner driver providers and safe driving training. As a result, the validity of driving licences has been extended until 16 May 2020.

The Decree amending the Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorised driver training centres in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits Initial Qualification Training, theoretical and practical tests for obtaining CPC certificates, and also the periodic training for renewal of the Union Code “95”. In addition, it is prohibited to carry out all activities related to the obtaining and renewal of driving licences.

Initial and refresher training courses for drivers transporting dangerous goods, basic and refresher professional training and tests for exceptional transport attendants, medical examinations for candidates, for the driver, and for the renewal of driving licences, control medical examinations of motor vehicle drivers, and training and tests for safe handling of tractors and tractor attachments are also prohibited. As a result, the validity of driving licences, CPC certificates and ADR driver qualification certificates which expire on 16 April 2020 has been further
extended until 16 July 2020. Instructions were sent to the Slovenian Police and the Inspectorate of Infrastructure and Financial Administration to take into account the exceptional circumstances related to the validity of different documents in the transport sector, and also for foreign users. Slovenia has signed ADR Multilateral Agreements:

- M324 concerning driver training certificates and safety adviser certificates; and
- M325 concerning periodic or intermediate inspections of tanks and certificate of approval for vehicles (more details: https://www.unece.org/trans/danger/multi/multi.html).

**Exemptions from driving and rest time rules**

Slovenia has notified the European Commission that it will apply (from 16 March to 16 April 2020) a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers of vehicles transporting essential goods. It will apply to drivers involved in the delivery of goods in domestic and international transport. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Art. 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006.

A comprehensive overview of measures taken by the Government of Slovenia can be downloaded here.

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