France

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

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The applicable driving restrictions on weekends and Public Holidays are lifted until 20 April [further information of the normal applicable bans are available here].

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On 7 April, the French Ministry of Interior published one additional certificate with three variations (to be used according to which type of travel is done) that must be used by people to justify their international movements. The three variations of the certificate cover the following cases and can be downloaded here:

- Travel from mainland France to French overseas territories
- Travel from abroad to mainland France
- Travel from abroad to French overseas territory

Following extensive discussions with national associations and competent authorities, IRU recommends companies to provide drivers with one of the certificates above, plus the written document justifying any movement ("attestation de déplacement") and the certificate for professionals ("Justificatif de déplacement professionnel"). Forms can be downloaded in both French and English by clicking on the hyperlink above. Duly filled forms must be given to the driver before the start of the operations; the driver must present them at the border.

Controls on certificates started on 00:00 of 8 April.

Source: FNTR, AFTRI

06.04.2020

The GEIE of the Mont Blanc Tunnel informs you that, in order to allow maintenance works to be carried out, the traffic in the tunnel will be completely interrupted during the following nights:

- on Monday 20th April 2020, from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
- on Tuesday 21st April 2020, from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
- on Wednesday 22nd April 2020, from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
- on Thursday 23rd April 2020, from 11.30 p.m. to 4.00 a.m.,

For more information, please see attached in English, French and Italian.

Source: TMB

The French Government has issued a map to inform truck drivers on the service stations which are open and which offer essential services (such as sanitary facilities and take away restaurants). This map also gives information on which vehicle technical centres are open.

Source: AFTRI
According to a decree published on 20 March and an official e-mail answer seen by the IRU and following the confirmation by IRU’s Member Associations in France, FNTR and AFTRI, we inform that a crew of two drivers in the cabin is allowed in France (but not a crew of three), as long as the minimum distance of 1 meter is respected.

Moreover, the following temporary relieves apply:

- Daily driving times extended to 10 hours a day. Drivers can also choose to drive for 11 hours a day for a maximum of two days during a week.
- Extension of weekly driving times to 60 hours a week and 102 hours on two consecutive weeks, provided such extensions respect legal provisions on driving and rest times applicable to drivers.

Source: AFTRI and FNTR