Spain

Reintroduction of internal border controls (16.03.2020)

Spain has temporarily reintroduced border controls. Only Spanish citizens will be allowed to enter national territory by land; persons residing in Spain; cross-border workers and those who prove, documentarily, causes of force majeure or a situation of need. The resolution does not apply to the transport of goods.

Start date: 16.03.2020
End date: not available

Further information: https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/serviciosdeprensa/notasprensa/interior/Pagi...

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods.

Spain notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times under Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. It will apply to those drivers involved in the transport of goods in all the Spanish territory.

Start date: 14.03.2020
End date: 28.03.2020

Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/temporary-relaxonatio...

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Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

09.04.2020

The following restrictions are suspended for the entire duration of the state of emergency:

- Week traffic bans for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes
- Weekend and festive bans for ADR vehicles
- Week, festive and weekend bans for abnormal transport
- All traffic bans for transport vehicles in Catalonia and in the Basque Country.

01.04.2020

On 30 March, the Spanish Ministry of Transport published a list of tourist accommodation that will remain open to host, among others, drivers engaged in the transport of passengers and goods. An interactive map can be found here.

On 31 March, the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism published an explanatory note on the application of Royal Decree 10/2020, which regulates paid leave for people working in non-essential sectors. The Ministry clarifies that the status of "essential" applies to types of workers and not to types of goods, so there is no list of "essential goods". The last paragraph of the explanatory note clearly states that people working in import or export activity of any kind of goods or materials are exempted from the application of the decree.

Therefore, the transport sector is considered essential regardless of the type of goods being carried.

Sources: ASTIC and CETM

31.03.2020

In light of uncertainties over procedures and controls being done on road transport operations and until further clarification is provided, ASTIC encourages drivers to have onboard a certificate signed by the sender or the consignee that states that goods being carried are essential, in accordance to the annex of Royal Decree 10/2020. Drivers are also advised to have onboard the declaration of liability, signed by the company, contained in the annex of Ordinance 307/2020.

Source: ASTIC

30.03.2020

A new Royal Decree - Law 10/2020 was issued at midnight on 29 March, containing new measures to increase the confinement rules by implementing mandatory paid holiday leave from 30 March to 9 April, for those working in areas deemed non-essential.

Those forced to take holiday can only continue work after 30 March if essential tasks, already in progress prior to the publication of the law, must still be completed.

This mandatory holiday does not apply to the following employed persons, among others:

- those working in the area of both market supply chain and operations, related to the production of basic goods and services, including food, beverages, animal feed, hygiene products, medicines and sanitary products;
- those considered essential for the maintenance of productive activities in the manufacturing industry, i.e. supplies, equipment and materials necessary to maintain the development of essential activities;

- those performing transport services, for both persons and goods, that have continued since the declaration of the state of emergency.

It is recommended that road freight transport and logistics companies check with their customers/clients based in Spain to verify whether their activity is among those running during those days.

Source: ASTIC

27.03.2020

From 29 March until 12 April, Spain has introduced the following flexibility relating to compliance with EU Regulation 561/2006:

- Extension of the daily driving time from 9-10 hours twice per week, as long as the daily and weekly breaks are complied with.

- A 45-hour regular weekly rest and one 24-hour reduced weekly rest can be taken in a two-week period without the need to compensate the latter.

- The regular weekly rest can be taken in the cabin, provided that it is properly equipped to do so.

Source: CETM

The President of the Spanish Government announced on 22 March that he will ask Parliament to extend the state of emergency for 15 more days, until 11 April. The state of emergency means that all people will remain in their homes, leaving only for basic essentials.

The transport of goods continues to be exempt from such restrictions, currently permitted to transport any type of goods, by both domestic and international transport.

In his recent public appearance, the President specifically recognised the essential and valuable work of medical personnel, transport operators and the police.

Source: ASTIC

in addition to previous measures taken, the Spanish government announced that, as from March 17th 00:00, borders are closed for movement of persons. Are exempted Spanish citizens, Spanish residents, cross-border commuters and anyone justifying a case of Force majeure. As already stated, freight transport remain exempted to guarantee economic activity and supply chain.

Source: ASTIC