Information for foreign citizen drivers of cargo vehicle

In case of a foreign citizen driver, the movement of the cargo vehicle (truck) on the territory of Georgia shall be carried out in compliance with the following conditions:

- After completing the procedures at the customs checkpoint, you shall proceed immediately (non-stop) to the point of destination. Stops are allowed only on specially designated areas - STOP POINT, at the points for purchasing the compulsory civil liability insurance policy (https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints) and in the parking lots located near the customs checkpoint;
- At a STOP POINT, the driver has the right to stop off, refuel, purchase a road usage card, clean up and purchase items/food for personal use;
- In case of problems (vehicle malfunction, deterioration of health, etc.), the driver should contact the relevant services and stay in the car cabin before they arrive. For these purposes, you should call 112 - the Emergency and Operative Response Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
- The truck must leave the territory of Georgia:
  - In case of transit (except for moving from or to the customs checkpoint Kazbegi and exit by ferry) - within 24 hours after entering the country;
  - In case of moving (except exit by ferry) from or to the customs checkpoint Kazbegi within 48 hours after entering the country.
  - In case of exit by ferry in transit movement – during 7 (seven) calendar days after entering the country;
  - In other cases within 48 hours after entering the country. However, in case that a cargo vehicle after importing and unloading goods in Georgia is loaded with goods intended for export from Georgia or if the entry and / or exit of trucks from Georgia is carried out using ferry transport - 7 (seven) calendar days after entering the country.
- It is strongly recommended to make only non-cash payment (online purchase, plastic card, etc.) and to use the personal protective equipment (medical mask, gloves, etc.).

The following places are designated for specific areas (STOP POINT):

- Urbnisi - Kareli Region, village Urbnisi, cadastral code: 68.16.45.054;
- Terjola - Terjola Region, village Siktarva, cadastral code: 33.08.38.224;
- Gori - Gori Region, village Tinkhidi, cadastral code: 66.44.02.033;
- Zestaponi - Zestaponi Regiona, village Argveta, cadastral code: 32.03.34.211.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

05.04.2020

Freight vehicles registered in a foreign country shall move through the territory of Georgia at the following conditions:

- After completing the procedures at the customs checkpoint, means of transport shall move non-stop to a final destination. Stopping allowed only on specially designated areas - STOP POINTs, places for purchasing compulsory civil liability insurance policy (https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints), and parking lots located in the vicinity of customs checkpoint;
- Specially designated STOP POINT areas will serve for trucks for refueling, paying the road fee, compulsory civil liability insurance policy of the owner of a motor vehicle registered in foreign countries. Availability to purchase personal necessities, food, WC and etc.
- In case of emergencies or special needs (car accident, health problems, etc.), the driver should contact the relevant services and should remain in the cabin before the representatives of those services will get to the driver. For these purposes the driver shall call the Emergency and Operative Response Center at 112;
- The truck should leave the territory of Georgia:
  a) In case of transit movement (except for the movements from/to customs check point "Kazbegi") transport means shall leave the territory of Georgia within 24 hours since entering the country;
  b) In other case (including the import movement and transit case of entering/leaving via customs checkpoint "Kazbegi") within 48 hours. The time periods required for carrying out the customs formalities and stopping at parking lots located in the vicinity of Georgian State Customs Border Crossing Point shall not be counted.
- It is strongly recommended to make only non-cash payment (online purchase, plastic card, etc.) and to use the personal protective equipment (medical mask, gloves, and etc).

Note:

Violation of rules (vehicle without permission to leave, stopping in forbidden areas, violation of terms of movement, etc.), except when weather conditions or other external factors makes it difficult and / or impossible to follow rules, the vehicle driver will be fined with 3000 GEL for the violation of the State emergency regime in accordance with Presidential Decree 1 March 21, 2020, Article 8, and will be placed in 14-day quarantine, means of transport will be taken to the impound lot.

STOP POINT areas are located at:
- Urbnisi– Kareli districts, cadastral code: 68.16.45.054;
- Terjola– Trejola district, village Siktarva, cadastral code: 33.08.38.224;
- Gori – Gori district, village Tinikhidi, cadastral code: 66.44.02.033;
- Zestaponi– Zestaponi district, village Argveta, cadastral code: 32.03.34.211.

Source: GIRCA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

As part of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) preventive measures, the Government of Georgia has made a decision to impose restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals. The restrictions are effective from 18 March 2020, 00:00, and will remain in force for two weeks.
Note:

The time periods required for carrying out the customs formalities and stopping at the parking facilities (separately, semitrailers or trailers) located in the vicinity of Georgian State Customs Border, Customs Checkpoint shall not be counted.

For violating the above-mentioned rules (except for non-compliance with the recommendations, or when the weather conditions or other external factors complicate and/or make it impossible to fulfill the established conditions), the driver of the vehicle will be fined 3,000 GEL. However, if the violation concerns the timing of the movement, the vehicle must leave the territory of Georgia immediately, otherwise the driver will be placed in a 14-day quarantine and the vehicle will be taken to the impound yard.

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The restrictions will apply to all foreign nationals, with the exception of:

- Representatives of diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to Georgia, and their family members;
- Family members of Georgian citizens, despite their nationality (spouse, child or parent; relevant documents must be presented);
- Persons arriving in Georgia as part of a necessary humanitarian mission (ie. doctors, volunteers);
- Individuals who have been granted the status of stateless person by the respective authorities of Georgia;
- Individuals holding status-neutral travel documents;
- Individuals with a refugee status in Georgia;
- Official delegations - this will be decided on a case-by-case basis;
- Train and truck drivers involved in the transport of goods and services;
- Aircrew.

The Head of the Government of Georgia has noted that there are 4 areas of critical significance which must be managed effectively in order to combat the challenges faced.

One of these areas is logistics and stock management. In this regard, and in order to ensure the smooth running of freight road transport, trucks entering the country from areas designated by the WHO as a high-risk zone will have to comply with the following rules:

- the complete disinfection of the truck under the supervision of authorised customs personnel;
- the escort of trucks to their destination (in the case of transit);
- the replacement of the driver at the border crossing point:
- the original driver (the person driving the vehicle to the customs border of Georgia) will either be subject to return (if he is a foreign citizen), or quarantined/admitted to the relevant medical institution depending on his clinical condition;
- the truck driver taking over the operation should not be considered a risk to the spreading of the Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- the replacement of the truck and trailers, if deemed necessary.

Sources: GIRCA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Source: Georgia Revenue Service
07.04.2020

In accordance with measures for the prevention of spread COVID-19, freight transportation by road, rail, air and sea and its import/export/transit procedures on the territory of Georgia shall be carried out with the following conditions
The Interagency Coordination Council continues to hold regular meetings under the leadership of the prime minister in order to take coordinated steps taking into account the current situation in the country and global trends.

The Interagency Coordination working group at the level of Deputy Minister, DG-s, heads of departments, which gives opportunity to coordinate promptly, and in a harmonized way implementation measures of all adopted regulations due to Covid19 pandemic.

**Import/export/transit procedures**

Road, railway, air and marine cargo international movement related customs formalities are conducting without any restriction while applying hygiene checks on drivers/personnel conducting the freight transportation on the borders.

**Border Crossing via land border crossing point:**

For individuals and passengers only following land border crossing points is opened (this does not apply to cargo movement):

- **TURKEY - Sarpi,** (open hours 10:00-18:00)
- **AZERBAIJAN - Tsiteli Khidi** (open hours 10:00-18:00)
- **RUSSIA - Kazbegi** (open hours 10:00-18:00)
- **ARMENIA - Sadakhlo** (open hours 10:00-18:00)

**Cargo movement is available via all (included but not limited via above-mentioned) land/air/marine border crossing points for 24/7.**

**Hygiene checks of drivers conducting at the borders**

- In accordance with the International Health Regulations the driver will be screened at the border and if the symptoms of influenza/fever will be confirmed at the entry customs crossing point the entrance will be denied. Georgian citizen, have permission for entering into Georgia and the driver will be the subject of quarantine.

- In this case the cargo might be entered the territory of Georgia if:

  1) the driver will be changed by the other driver from the non-risky country. The initial driver should be returned; and
  2) Transport means might be moved to the nearest customs control zone and cargo trans loaded to another means of transport.

   - it is highly recommended that the driver/personnel should wear the protective mask during interaction with customs officers.

**Movement of freight vehicles moving from the foreign countries to the territory of Georgia shell be performed with following conditions:**

Freight vehicles registered in a foreign country shall move through the territory of Georgia with following conditions:
After completing the procedures at the customs checkpoint, means of transport shall move non-stop to a final destination. Stopping allowed only on specially designated areas - STOP POINTs, places for purchasing compulsory civil liability insurance policy (https://www.tpl.ge/en/salespoints), and parking lots located in the vicinity of customs checkpoint;

- Specially designated STOP POINT areas will serve for trucks for refueling, paying the road fee, compulsory civil liability insurance policy of the owner of a motor vehicle registered in foreign countries. Availability to purchase personal necessities, food, WC and etc.
- In case of emergencies/ special needs (car accident, health problems, etc.), the driver should contact the relevant services and should remain in the cabin of truck before the representatives of those services will get to the driver. For these purposes driver shall call the Emergency and Operative Response Center at 112;

The truck should leave the territory of Georgia:

- In case of transit movement (except for the movements from/to customs checkpoint "Kazbegi") transport means shall leave the territory of Georgia within 24 hours since entering the country;
- In other case (including the import movement and transit case of entering/leaving via customs checkpoint "Kazbegi" within 48 hours.
- The time periods required for carrying out the customs formalities and stopping at parking lots located in the vicinity of Georgian State Customs Border Crossing Point shall not be counted.

It is strongly recommended to make only non-cash payment (online purchase, plastic card, etc.) and to use the personal protective equipment (medical mask, gloves, and etc).

Note:

STOP POINT located at:

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- Zestaponi – Zestapoini district, village Argveta, cadastral code: 32.03.34.211.
Legislation:

On January 28 the Government of Georgia adopted *Decree No 164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the Novel Coronavirus in Georgia and the Emergency Response Plan for Cases of Novel Coronavirus Disease. There have been adopted 13 amendments into this decree as the response of Covid19 outbreak in the region.*


- stropcov.ge *prevention of Coronavirus Spread in Georgia.

The Government of Georgia has set up a website to inform the public about the coronavirus. The website contains information on all measures taken by the Government of Georgia, as well the information disseminated by the World Health Organization. In addition, at StopCov.ge *statistical information on number of cases in Georgia and all over the world as well the recommendations on prevention of the spread of the virus is available.

- **State of Emergency**

Georgia declared the state of emergency starting March 21 till April 21 in connection with the pandemic situation over the novel coronavirus in the country.


The government has issued the Ordinance No 181, 23 March 2020 "On the Approval of Measures to be Implemented in connection with the Prevention of the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Georgia". International air, land and sea transport services for transportation of passengers shall be suspended for the duration of the state of emergency.


**Period of validity of those regulations.**

The period of validity is until the April 21.