Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
29.04.2020

On 28 April, Slovak Authorities decided to lift driving bans that were originally planned for 1, 3, 8 and 10 May.

Source: CESMAD

18.04.2020

· Restrictions at borders

On 17 April, the Slovak government has decided to extend controls at the borders until 7 May.

The open border crossing points list is unchanged.

· Facilitation measures

On 17 April, the Slovakian government has notified the extension of driving and rest times rules relaxations. Relaxations apply from 00:00 of 18 April until 24:00 of 31 May and are the following:

- Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving time from 9 hours to 11 hours
- Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving time from 56 hours to 60 hours
- Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving time from 90 hours to 96 hours
- Art. 7: the driver shall have an uninterrupted break of at least 45 minutes if he does not take a rest period after five and a half hours of driving
- Art. 8.1: reduction of the minimum daily rest period from 11 hours to 9 hours

Source: CESMAD

09.04.2020

the Slovak police have lifted driving restrictions for goods vehicles heavier than 3.5 tonnes on 10, 12 and 13 April (please note there are no driving restrictions in place on Saturday).

07.04.2020

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 – Jarovice – Kittsee (motorway)
- Bratislava – Jarovice - Kittsee (old road)
- Bratislava – Petrzalka – Berg
- Moravsky Svaty Jan - Hohenau

Slovakia - Hungary
Financial Administration of the Slovak republic adopted on 16th of March 2020 the following measures:

- obligation for all employees to wear a mask or other protective equipment (shawl, scarf, etc.);
- prohibition of clients entering offices without a mask or other means of protection;
- introduction of temporary regime of service, enabling home office when its applicable;
- compulsory quarantine for all employees and persons living in the same household for 14 days after returning from abroad, in this case, the obligation to contact the doctor by telephone and then to notify the employer;
- obligation to wash hands or use an alcohol-based hand disinfectant especially after handling client documents;
- prohibition of clients entering the office premises outside of the premises reserved for the public (mail room, client center);
- recommendation to use telephone, electronic and written communications preferably, except in justified cases;
- to conduct personal meetings at the offices only in exceptional cases, in agreement with the client, in the designated areas;
- consider the use of disposable gloves when handling documents and documents from citizens and, after work, re-wash hands in the prescribed manner;
- to regulate the number of clients in client centers;
- to prohibit the entry of clients with symptoms of respiratory diseases to the workplaces;
- restrict the entry of clients with children to financial administration workplaces;
- keep a minimum distance of two meters between the negotiators during personal meetings if the workplace does not have a protective compartment;
- to shorten client handling in personal contact to a maximum of 15 minutes;
- recommendation to all employees to restrict private journeys to coronavirus-confirmed countries;
- ordering that the place of stay of employees must be known when applying for a leave from work;
- calls for frequent ventilation of the offices and other premises;
- cancelling all educational activities;
- cancelling the participation on foreign business trips with immediate effect and prohibits the reception of foreign delegations;
- in the case of care for a child under the age of 10, because the childcare institution or school has been closed pursuant to the regulations of the competent authorities, absence of employees will be justified.

Please find attached bellow useful links to our national authorities concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

Public Health Authority of the Slovak republic
http://www.uvzsr.sk/en/

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

IOM Migration Information Centre, Slovak Republic

**Slovakia – Czech Republic**

- Bratislava unovo – Rajka (motorway)
- Medveov – Vámosszabadi
- Komárno – Komárom
- Štúrovo – Esztergom
- Šahy – Parassapusza
- Slovenské armény – Balassagyrmat
- Šíatarská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
- Krá – Bánréve
- Milhost – Tornyosnémeti (road no. l/17)
- Milhost – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
- Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely

**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.

**Source: CESMAD Slovakia**

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27.03.2020

According to information from the Slovak Government Authorities, Slovakia is currently closing its borders with the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria, to freight vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, due to bottlenecks and resulting traffic jams which have accumulated since this morning at the Hungarian borders.

The only exempted transports are those unloading in Slovakia and those allowed on the dedicated green lanes [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/green-lanes.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/green-lanes.pdf). The list of goods allowed to use the green lanes are post, perishable goods, fuel supply for gas stations, foodstuff, transport of live animals, and medical and biological products.

Exiting Slovakia is possible.

The duration is not specified.

**Sources: CESMAD Slovakia and CESMAD Bohemia**

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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.
Suspension of international rail transport and reduced domestic rail transport (12.03.2020)

From 7:00 am on Friday, 13 March 2020, all passenger trains were canceled at all cross-border railway sections. If these trains also provided carrier national transport, the trains remained functional in the territory of the Slovak Republic. From 14 March 2020 all domestic trains are operated according to the regular schedule for a Saturday.

Start date: 13.03.2020
End date: not available

Further information: https://korona.gov.sk/obmedzenia-v-doprave/

Suspension of all international bus lines and international bus transport through Slovakia (12.03.2020)

Following a decision of the Slovak Republic dated 12 March 2020, a ban was introduced on the operation of all international bus lines and the ban on international bus transport through the territory of the Slovak Republic from 07.00 hrs. on March 13, 2020 pending appeal. During this period no international bus transport through the territory of the Slovak Republic shall be operated.

Start date: 13.03.2020
End date: not available

Further information: https://korona.gov.sk/obmedzenia-v-doprave/

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods.

Slovakia notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006

Start date: 19.03.2020
End date: 17.04.2020

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