The Danish Customs Agency continues its work under the COVID-19 pandemic. Import and export and transit of goods continue to take place. The Customs Agency is still present at the borders, where we carry out customs clearance and customs controls.

Customs clearance offices continue to be open, but some have adapted their opening hours due to changes in ferry routes and less passenger traffic.

Since 14 March 2020, the border has been closed for the entry of foreign nationals into Denmark without a worthy purpose. The border closure does not apply to the import and export of goods. Transport of goods are carried out as normal.

Staff are instructed to follow the advice of the health authorities in their working environment. Information on how to protect themselves and the customs clients and other information is regularly spread throughout the organization. Specific instructions have been issued for customs officers in the frontline handling documents, carrying out control of passengers or goods and checking means of transport. At the clearance offices the number of officers present at the same time is kept to a minimum to enable staff to keep rules of distance.

Outside, posters in several languages advise persons, before entering, on how to respect the rules on keeping distance, how many persons are allowed at a time inside, recommendations on washing hands and using sanitizers etc. Presentation of documents in an electronic form is encouraged wherever possible. Disposable gloves, hand sanitizers and soap are used as protective means.

Since 12 March 2020, all Government officials have been asked to work from home, if their physical presence is not required. This implies that many in the Customs Agency now work from home via teleworking. Virtual meetings take place on a regular basis.

A crisis team has been established which monitors the situation. So far the Customs Agency has not experienced any disruptions caused by shortage of personnel or by the changes due to the different way of working that have not been overcome.

Information in English from the Danish Customs Agency can be found on the following website: https://www.toldst.dk/corona-virus-information-and-customs-guidelines/

General information in English from the Danish authorities about coronavirus/covid-19 in Denmark can be found on this website: https://politik.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark

Restrictions at the Danish border have been extended until 11 May. Following the Easter weekend, nurseries and schools began to open and a limited number of professions have also resumed activity. The current limits on group gathering will also be progressively relaxed: from 10 May onwards, the current limit of 10 people will be raised to 500 until 1 September 2020.

Concerning ADR certificates for drivers, Denmark has signed the Multilateral agreement on driver training certificates expiring between 1 March and 1 November 2020 will remain valid until 30 November 2020.

In addition, despite section 6a (2), 1 of the Freight Forwarding Act, the exchange of drivers with companies with a Danish operating license for international freight transport is allowed, pursuant to section 1 (1) 1 of the Freight Forwarding Act. This applies until 28 April 2020.

STA-licenses (drivers of pilot cars for exceptional transport) that expire between 1 March and 30 April 2020 will have their validity extended until 31 August 2020. This will only apply to transport within the Danish borders.

Drivers who carry out international road transport and have an expired driver’s certificate are advised by the Danish Road Authority to bring the certificate for international transport workers (Annex III from the Green Lane Guidelines). More information on the Danish Road Authority site can be found here.

Members should be aware that the driving and rest times relaxations have expired.

Source: DI, ITD, and DTL

On 6 April, the Danish Prime Minister announced that restrictions in place at Danish borders will be extended until 10 May, inclusive; the period could be further extended depending on the circumstances. Goods and freight transport remains exempted. Restrictions on social life currently in place (e.g. bans on events of more than 10 people) are also extended until the same date. Large gatherings are banned until the end of August.

Source: ITD

Extension of a temporary exemption in the driving and rest time rules regarding weekly rest

From 13 March 2020 until 11 April 2020, all national freight transport in Denmark has been exempted from the rules on weekly rest. As of 26 March 2020, the temporary exemption covers both international and national freight transport.

More information here (in English) or here (in Danish).

Sources: DLT and DI Transport
Recommended quarantine for 14 days for everyone coming into the country

The Danish Government strongly advises travellers to stay at home for 14 days regardless of the status of the country of departure, duration of the stay abroad, and whether people are citizens, residents, or entering with a worthy purpose, possible exemptions e.g. for commuters

Start date: 14.03.2020
End date: 13.04.2020

Further information: https://politi.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark/if-you-are-travelling-to-and...

Entry restriction to non-Danish citizens (14.03.2020)

Travellers can enter Denmark if they are Danish citizens, residents in Denmark, transiting through Denmark or have a 'worthy purpose'. No restrictions to freight transport. Consult the website for further information (such as exemptions): https://politi.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark/if-you-are-travelling-to-and...

Start date: 14.03.2020
End date: 13.04.2020

The validity of the following categories of licences and certificates that expire in the period between 1 March and 30 April 2020 will be extended to 31 August 2020:

- Licence types: C1, C1/E, C, C/E, D1, D1/E, D and D/E.
- Driver training certificates issued pursuant to the Executive Order on Qualification Requirements for Certain Drivers of Vehicles in Road Transport.
- Driver training certificates for the carriage of dangerous goods by road issued pursuant to the Order on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.
- Security Advisor Certificate issued pursuant to Executive Order on Security Advisors for the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

In addition, notwithstanding section 6a (2), 1 of the Freight Forwarding Act, the exchange of drivers between companies with an operating licence for international freight transport is allowed pursuant to section 1 (1). 1 of the Freight Transport Act. This applies until 30 March 2020.

Original article in Danish: http://dtl.eu/presserum/nyheder/2020/marts/sundhedsministeren-saetter-lempelser-i-kraft-for-vejtransport/

Source: DTL

Danish Minister of Transport has announced that the temporary exemption for drivers' weekly rest has been extended by another 20 days and will therefore apply until 11 April (included).

The exemption only concerns national transport.

Measures lifted are the ones mentioned in Art. 8.6 of Reg. (EC) 561/2006; all other provisions apply.

Source: DI Transport

The leading Danish transport and logistics associations have prepared a list of recommendations for the receipt and shipping of freight. The document contains recommendations for transport companies, professional drivers, consignors and consignees and is available in English, German and Polish.

Source: DTL