Kazakhstan

Source: Ministry of Transport and Communications

Continuation of rail freight, subject to additional health measures and introduced export restrictions on socially-important goods. Source: https://ktzh-gp.kz/ru/media/news/news_main_section_ru/14247/

From 5 March 2020, freight road transport arriving from Iran to the ports of Aktau and Kurik was temporarily stopped. From 1 April, transit of freight vehicles from the ports would be carried out with a convoy until their exit from the national territory. Source: https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/miid/press/news/details/o-prinimaemyh-merah-miir-rk-napravlennyh-na-nerasprostranenie-koronavirusnoy-infekcii?lang=ru


Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

12.05.2020

On 12 May, IRU received confirmation that visa-free procedures in Kazakhstan have been extended to all international drivers up until 1 June 2020. Confirmations came from KAZATO and AIST, who received it from Kazakh Embassy in Berlin.

Full notice can be read here.

Sources: KAZATO, AIST

30.04.2020

Following communications with BGL, KAZATO and the Kazakh authorities, German individuals willing to enter Kazakhstan should be aware of the following:

- **Visa-free entry of German citizens** into Kazakhstan for periods of up to 30 days has been suspended since 17 April until 1 November 2020 due to the Corona crisis. As a result, German citizens will need a visa of entry into Kazakhstan even if their planned stay is less than 30 days.
- Also, for the duration of the state of emergency in Kazakhstan, issuance of a visa has been completely suspended.

Therefore, entry into Kazakhstan has become impossible for German drivers unless they are in possession of a visa valid for a stay longer than 30 days.

Further details can be found in the dedicated webpage of German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IRU is in contact with local authorities for further information on rules applicable to drivers coming from other countries.

Source: BGL

02.04.2020

According to the Kazakhstan Border Service, the following border crossing points will be temporarily closed for road transport as of 4 April in Kazakhstan.

**Kazakhstan - China border:**
- Kolzhat (Almaty region)
- Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region)
- Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region).

**Kazakhstan - Russia border:**
- Kandibai (Kostanay region)
- Akbalshik (Kostanay region)
- Kyzyl Zhar (North Kazakhstan region)
- Naiza (Pavlodar region)
- Zheskent (East Kazakhstan region)
- Baitanat (East Kazakhstan region)
- Koanbai (East Kazakhstan region)
- Orda (West Kazakhstan region)
30.03.2020

The Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan issued a memo for drivers, carriers and transport companies engaged in international freight transport and passengers across the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This memo has been prepared to help them comply with the current measures in place to prevent coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in Kazakhstan.

Source: DSLV (from the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural development of Kazakhstan)

26.03.2020

Freight vehicles and their drivers can now circulate across the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan without restrictions.

In order to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), and according to the decision of the State Commission following the state of emergency declared on 20 March 2020, freight vehicles and their drivers can cross the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan without restriction, but will however be subject to sanitary epidemiological measures.

Source: KAZATO

24.03.2020

Authorities have identified the following border crossing points for international road transport of goods:

Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan border:
- Karasu (Zhambyl region);
- Aisha-bibi checkpoint (Zhambyl region)

Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan border:
- Kaplanbek (Turkestan region)
- Kazygurt (Turkestan region);
- Tazhen (Mangistau region);

Kazakhstan - Turkmenistan border:
- Temir Baba (Manistau region);

Source: KAZATO
Kazakhstan - China border:
- Kolzhat (Almaty region);
- Nurzholy (Almaty region);
- Dostyk (Almaty region);
- Bakhty (East Kazakhstan region);
- Maykapchagay (East Kazakhstan region);

Kazakhstan - Russia border:
- Kairak (Kostanay region);
- Zhana Zhol (North Kazakhstan region);
- Karakoga (North Kazakhstan region);
- Sharbakty (Pavlodar region);
- Urlitobe (Pavlodar region);
- Kosak (Pavlodar region);
- Auyil (East Kazakhstan region);
- Ube (East Kazakhstan region);
- Zhaisan (Aktobe region);
- A limbet (Aktobe region);
- Syrym (West Kazakhstan region);
- Taskala (West Kazakhstan region);
- Zhanibek (West Kazakhstan region);
- Kurmangazy (Atyrau region).

Source: KAZATO

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Following a state of emergency declared in Kazakhstan, effective from 08.00, 16 March, the State Border Service has provided guideline for entities involved in import/export operation.

During the emergency period, crossing the states borders by drivers and vehicles engaged in international road transport operations will be allowed only if they meet the following conditions:

- international goods transport by road is performed in compliance with the quarantine and sanitary-epidemiological standards;
- drivers, regardless of citizenship, must use foreign passports to cross the state border;
- in case of arrival at the border crossing point for entry to the territory of Kazakhstan (including for transit) of drivers from countries of categories 1a) and 1b), as well as drivers of other countries who visited countries in categories 1a) and 1b) within last 15 days, cargo will be allowed for entry only if a driver is replaced at the territory of the border crossing point in compliance with quarantine and sanitary-epidemiological standards or the truck(tractor) is replaced with a Kazakh one.

The border crossing points listed here have been specified for international road transport of goods.