Portugal

Reintroduction of border controls and restrictions on entry into Portugal (16.03.2020)

Portugal has decreed the exceptional and temporary reintroduction of documentary control of persons between Portugal and Spain and the prohibition of road traffic at land borders. Circulation is still permitted for entry of nationals and holders of residence permits in their respective countries, as well as for cross-border workers and the transport of goods. A list of authorised crossing points at the land border is available.

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: 15.04.2020

Further information: https://www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/alertas/covid-19-reposicao-de...
On 9 April, the Council of Ministers approved the extension of the state of emergency until 00:00 on 14 May.

Borders will remain closed for the movement of people. International freight transport, cross-border commuters and emergency vehicles are exempted from restrictions. However, only major border crossings with Spain will remain open: Quintanilha, Tui, Vilar Formoso, Elvas, Castro Marim, Vila Verde de Raia (Chaves), Monfortinho (Castelo Branco), Marvão (Portalegre) and Vila Verde de Ficalho (Beja).

The municipality of Ovar remains in quarantine (state of calamity). Freight transport to the municipality is only allowed for the supply of authorised industries (the list of which can be found here), supermarkets, pharmacies and petrol stations.

International freight transport remains exempted, regardless of the vehicle used or goods carried.

Source: ANTRAM

During the Easter period, professional drivers must have a declaration signed by their employer attesting that the driver is performing a transport operation. The declaration aims at preventing the unnecessary movement of people during this Easter period. The form can be downloaded here. The obligation to carry such a document will come into force from 00:00 on 9 April, until 00:00 on 13 April. During this period, the movement of people will only be allowed for professional reasons (freight transport drivers included) or for specific needs (to go to hospital, pharmacies or to buy food).

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On 3 April, the President of the Portuguese Republic announced a new decree extending the deadline of the measures currently in force; these measures will remain applicable until 17 April 2020.

In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, companies should telework whenever possible and non-essential shops should close.

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International goods and freight transport is permitted regardless of the type of services carried out or the type of goods transported. However, drivers should respect hygiene and sanitary requirements set out to prevent the spread of the virus.

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