Preventive measures to avoid outbreaks of COVID-19 in the territory of Tajikistan

Coordination
The President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, ordered to establish a Republican Coordination Working Group under the supervision of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection in the Republic of Tajikistan and implement anti-epidemic measures. The Coordination Working Group (CWG) includes all governmental bodies. There is also an Interagency Coordination Working Group (ICWG) monitoring the situation.

No cases of infection have been officially registered in Tajikistan. Nevertheless, threats are huge and each citizen in Tajikistan needs to demonstrate high degree of civil responsibility both towards oneself, as well as towards the general public and avoid group gatherings, greetings etc.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Tajikistan reports that from February 1 to March 30 2020, 6159 citizens who arrived in Tajikistan from foreign countries were quarantined in the country’s infectious diseases hospitals and sanatoriums.

The Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, ordered regional customs divisions to apply measures for restricting export of medical essentials.

The measures being taken in Tajikistan are as follows:
1. a working group was established comprising representatives of various departments at the border to thoroughly check people crossing the border;
2. in order to avoid negative consequences in the country’s economy and support the supply chain, during approaching to our borders foreign and national vehicle drivers have two options:
2.1. if the drivers of heavy trucks want to cross the border, they must be quarantined for 14 days under the supervision of doctors;
2.2. if the drivers of freight vehicles do not agree to be quarantined for 14 days, then at the border the goods will either be reloaded onto another freight vehicle or the drivers (change in truck cabin) will be changed in order to further deliver the goods and vehicles to their destination within the country.
3. screening in accordance with the International Health Regulations;
4. proper disinfection of the freight vehicle is carried out under the supervision of ICWG members.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
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As from 30 April, the Karasu-Kulma border crossing point between Tajikistan and China has reopened to freight transport operations. Companies should be aware that transshipment operations are carried out at the border. Non-Chinese truck drivers are not allowed to leave their vehicles. “Contactless” controls are carried out by both border forces. Passenger operations and the presence of unauthorised persons remains strictly prohibited; the Chinese Government will immediately close the border if this rule is breached.
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Government of Tajikistan has issued a temporary regulation concerning international freight transport in the Republic of Tajikistan in view of COVID-19 prevention (unofficial translation from ABBAT here).

This temporary regulation specifies the entry, exit and transit of international freight vehicles and the movement of drivers engaged in international road transport to/from the Republic of Tajikistan.

The regulation was approved by the Ministry of Transport, Health and Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Customs and the State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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Since January 2020, the border between Tajikistan and China – Kulma-Karasu, has been completely closed.

From 11 March 2020, Tajikistan began closing its borders with Afghanistan. The last checkpoint on the border with Afghanistan (Nizhny-Pyanj) was closed on 16 March 2020.

According to official data, the spread of Coronavirus has not been detected in Tajikistan, and in this regard the borders between Tajikistan-Uzbekistan and Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan are currently operating normally.

For more information please check the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan - https://mfa.tj/.

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