Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

18.05.2020

On 15 May, Romanian authorities confirmed that their ‘state of emergency’ status was reduced to ‘state of alert’ at national level. Social distancing measures remain mandatory and face masks should be worn in enclosed spaces. All foreign nationals are banned from entry into Romania, with the exception of: family members of Romanian citizens, family members of citizens of other member states of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or of the Helvetic Confederation, having residence in Romania; persons in possession of a long term visa or a residence permit; persons travelling in a professional capacity, proved by a visa, residence permit or other equivalent document; diplomatic or consular personnel, personnel of international organisations, military personnel or personnel ensuring humanitarian support; passengers in transit, including repatriated following the granting of consular protection; passengers travelling for imperative reasons (medical or familial); persons in need of international protection or other humanitarian reasons.

The international transport of passengers between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey is suspended until 1 June 2020.

There are no changes on the current measures regarding road freight transport.

On 14 May, the measure applied which lifted the traffic ban on the DN1 (E60), Ploiesti – Brasov for vehicles over 7.5t expired.

Source: UNTRR

22.04.2020

On 22 April, UNTRR confirmed that, although the Romanian Authorities have not sent the updated information to the European Commission regarding the extension of the state of emergency until 15 May 2020, it is understood that documents such as licences, transport certificates, authorisations, etc., will remain valid during the state of emergency period.

Therefore, documents issued by the Romanian Road Authority that expire during the state of emergency will remain valid until 15 May and can be renewed within 90 days of that date. Documents can be sent by post.

The validity of Romanian driving licences expiring during the state of emergency has also been extended until 15 May.

Source: UNTRR

21.04.2020

Romanian Authorities have extended the temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for drivers performing domestic/international road transport of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14.2 of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. This exception applies from 17 April to 31 May. The measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours driving.
- Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

Source: UNTRR
On 16 April, the Ministry of Internal Affairs issued a new Military Ordinance for which the measures regarding the ban on exporting some agricultural food products ceased to apply.

On 16 April, the National Company for Road Infrastructure Administration (CNAIR) extended the measures lifting the driving restrictions imposed on vehicles with a maximum authorised weight over 7.5 tonnes on the DN1 (E60) between Ploiesti and Brasov until 14.05.2020 (during the state of emergency). The driving restrictions are still in force on the DN1 between Bucharest and Ploiesti.

Also, the driving restrictions imposed on vehicles with a maximum authorised weight over 7.5 tonnes are lifted until 14 May 2020 (during the state of emergency) on the A2 highway (Bucharest - Constanta), DN7 (Ptitești - Vestem), and DN39 (Agigea - Mangalia) on the day before the public holidays and the day of public holidays (30 April and 1 May).

Source: UNTRR

15.04.2020

On 14 April, the Romanian President extended the state of emergency on the territory of Romania for an additional 30 days, starting from 15 April. The same conditions apply. The text of the decree can be read here (Romanian only).

Source: UNTRR

11.04.2020

The Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued Military Ordinance No.8, which details new measures as follows:

- The following State Border Crossing Points will remain totally or partially closed during the entire period of the state of emergency:

  **At the Romanian-Hungarian Border:**
  1. Turnu, Arad County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
  2. Salonta, Bihor County – railway and road (except for the movement of cross-border workers by road);
  3. Săcuieni, Bihor County (except for the movement of cross-border workers);
  4. Valea lui Mihai, Bihor County - railway and road (except for railway freight traffic);
  5. Carei, Satu Mare County.

  Note: A cross border-worker is understood as a person who makes proof of living and working within an maximum area of 30 km from the Romanian-Hungarian state border, calculated from the nearest border-crossing point open for people, and who returns home at least once a week. The Romanian-Hungarian border-crossing points open for cross-border workers when entering Romania are the following: Cenad, Nădlac, Turnu, Vârând, Salonta, Bor, Săcuieni, Urziceni, Petea.

  **At the Romanian-Bulgarian Border:**
  1. Negru Vodă, Constanța County;
  2. Lipnia, Constanța County;
  3. Dobromir, Constanța County;
4. Zimnicea, Teleorman County;
5. Turnu Măgurele, Teleorman County;
6. Bechet, Dolj County (except for railway freight traffic).

**At the Romanian-Ukrainian Border:**
1. Sighetu Marmaiei, Maramure County;
2. Isaccea, Tulcea County.

**At the Romanian-Moldovan Border:**
1. Rădăuți-Prut, Botoani County;
2. Oancea, Galai County.

**At the Romania-Serbian Border:**
1. Porile de Fier II, Mehedini County;
2. Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedini (except for railway freight traffic);
3. Orova, Mehedini County;
4. Moldova Nouă, Cara-Severin County;
5. Naidă, Cara-Severin County;
6. Vâlcani, Timi County;
7. Stamora-Moravia, Timi County- railway (except for railway freight traffic);
8. Lunga, Timi County;
9. Foeni, Timi County;
10. Jimbolia, Timi County - railway (except for railway freight traffic).

· The export of the following agricultural food products is prohibited /suspended during the state of emergency:
1. grain and meslin – tariff code 1001;
2. barley - tariff code 1053;
3. oat - tariff code 1004;
4. corn - tariff code 1005;
5. rice – tariff code 1006;
6. wheat flour or meslin - tariff code 1101;
7. soy beans, even crushed - tariff code1201;
8. sunflower seeds even shattered – tariff code 1206;
9. sunflower seed oil, saffron or cottonseed oil and their fractions even refined but not chemically modified - tariff code 1512;
10. cane or bean sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid state - tariff code 1701;
11. bakery, pastry and biscuit products, unposted bread, empty capsules from starch leaf used for medicines, waffles with lid, dried pasta from flour, from starch, starch extracted from potatoes and similar products - tariff code 1905;
12. cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil – tariff code 2304;
13. cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or agglomerated in pellet form resulting from the extraction of fats or vegetable oils, other than those of the positions 2304 or 2305 - tariff code 2306;
Notes:
- Export of the above-mentioned products is prohibited/suspended to non-EU Member States.
- Export of the above-mentioned products is allowed only if the EU Member State proves that the acquired products are destined for its own domestic market or another EU-Member state, and not for export outside EU. The Statement regarding the usage of the purchased goods must be filled.

Source: UNTRR

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09.04.2020

On 4 April, the National Company for Road Infrastructure Administration (CNAIR) lifted driving restrictions on vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes on the Ploiesti-Brasov section of DN1 (E60) national road. The measure applies until 16 April. Driving restrictions on the Bucharest-Ploiesti section of DN1 are still in force.

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06.04.2020

On 4 April, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued Military Ordinance No.7, which details new measures for the road transport of persons and goods that have been put in place and are as follows:

- Article 11. - The international road transport of persons through regular services, special regular services and occasional services in international traffic has been suspended until the end of the state of emergency. The provision applies to routes between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey.

- Article 12. - Upon entering Romania, drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes and who do not have symptoms associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) must complete a declaration using the template from the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication, where details of the location where drivers can be contacted during the period between the two transports must be given (templates of these forms are available in Romanian here). Drivers are not required to undergo self-isolation at home or quarantine, provided that the employer ensures they use protective materials against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Note: Foreign drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement as provided in Art.14 (see below).

- Article 13. - The provision of Article 12 applies accordingly to drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes, who are travelling for professional reasons either from Romania to another European Union Member State, or from another EU Member State to Romania, to the state of residence of the driver, regardless of whether the trip is made in his/her freight vehicle, by individual means of transport or on his/her own. Upon entry to Romania they must present an employee certificate signed by the employer.

- Article 14.1 - Drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes who are transiting Romanian territory are not required to complete the medical statement upon entry into Romania, provided they meet the following minimum conditions:

a) They only use transit corridors, and border crossing points at the end of these corridors, approved by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Any deviation from these is not permitted.
b) Transit through Romanian territory must be done within the minimum time frame, and must not exceed 48 hours from entry into Romania, including stationary periods for their daily rest.

c) Parking of the vehicle is done exclusively in allocated parking areas located along the identified transit corridors.

Drivers transiting Romania must fill out this form when entering the country. The form must be handed over at the border of exit.

Note: In this case, the Romanian Inspectorate for Road Transport Control confirmed that professional drivers are also required to have the form provided by ANNEX 3, Template of Certificate for International Transport Workers (EC communication on green lanes) details here.

- Article 14.2 - In the case of non-compliance with the conditions provided in paragraph 1 (14.1), the driver of the vehicle will be obliged to enter quarantine for 14 days, bearing any expenses incurred for this quarantine.

- Article 14.3 - Upon entering Romania the driver is required to apply a special sticker from by the State Inspectorate for Control of Road Transport to the vehicle’s windscreen, in order to show the transit corridors (the model of which has been established by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications).

Romanian authorities have also published an interactive map displaying transit corridors, refuelling stations and rest areas.

Source: UNTRR

05.04.2020

The Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs issued the Military Ordinance no. 7. New measures for road transport of persons and goods have been put in place and are as follows:

Article 11. - The international road transport of persons through regular services, special regular services and occasional services in international traffic is suspended until the end of the state of emergency. The provision applies to routes between Romania and Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Swiss Confederation, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Turkey.

Article. 12. - Upon entering Romania, drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes that do not have symptoms associated with COVID-19 shall fill out a declaration on their own responsibility whose model is established by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication where they assume the location where they can be contacted during the period between two transports. They do not undergo isolation at home measure /quarantine provided that the employer ensures the protective materials against COVID-19.

Article. 13. - The provision of article 12 shall apply accordingly to drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes which are moving for professional reasons from Romania to another European Union Member State or from another EU Member State to Romania, to the state of residence of the driver, regardless of whether the trip is on board of the freight vehicle or by individual means of transport or on its own. Upon entrance to Romania they must present an employee certificate signed by the employer.

Article. 14.1 - Drivers of goods vehicles heavier than 2.4 tonnes which transit Romanian territory are not required to complete the epidemiological statement, upon entry into Romania, if they meet the following minimum conditions:

a) They only use transit corridors and border crossing points at the ends of these corridors approved by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, deviation from these being forbidden.
b) The transit through Romanian territory shall be done in a minimum time frame without exceeding 48 hours from entering Romania including periods of stationary for the daily rest.

c) Parking of the vehicle is done exclusively in parking lots located on the identified transit corridors.

Drivers transiting Romania have to fill out this form when entering the country. The form must be handed over at the border of exit.

Article 14.2 - In case of non-compliance with the conditions provided in paragraph 1, the driver of the vehicle will be obliged to enter quarantine for 14 days, bearing the expenses incurred with his quarantine.

Article 14.3 - Upon entering Romania the driver is required to apply on the glazed parts of the vehicle (windshield) a special sticker made available by the State Inspectorate for Control of Road Transport, respectively to keep the transit form whose model is established by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications.

Romanian authorities have also published an interactive map displaying corridors, refueling stations and rest areas.

Source: UNTRR

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04.04.2020

On 4 April, the National Company for Road Infrastructure Administration (CNAIR) lifted driving restrictions on vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes on the Ploiesti-Brasov section of DN1 (E60) national road. The measure applies until 16 April.

Driving restrictions on the Bucharest-Ploiesti section of DN1 are still in force.

Source: UNTRR

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30.03.2020

The Ministry of Internal Affairs in Romania has announced new measures which will enter in force on 31 March, 2020:

When entering the country, for the protection of their families, drivers of freight vehicles with maximum permitted weight of more than 2.4 tones have the option to choose for quarantine/isolation, for a maximum 14-day period between journeys. One of the following options can be chosen to protecting against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19):

a) quarantine in spaces provided by the employer;
b) the isolation at home together with all the persons with whom they live, or alone, in another available living space;
c) quarantine upon request, in the spaces made available by the public administration authorities, with the support of the expenses related to the quarantine.

Drivers of these freight vehicles (with a maximum permitted weight of more than 2.4 tons) must communicate their chosen option for their period of quarantine/isolation (a), (b) or (c)), by filling a declaration on their own responsibility. The above-mentioned provisions also apply to aircraft pilots and ship crews.

These measures only applies to Romanian drivers.

For additional references, regular updates are also available in English on UNTRR website.

Source: UNTRR

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The Romanian Ministry of Transport publishes daily information regarding the situation at border crossing points on its website. Currently, the main bottlenecks reported are the following (at 16:00):

**CALAFAT EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY**
More than 125 vehicles are waiting and the queue extend over 2.7 km with a waiting time of more than 3 hours.

**CALAFAT ENTRY IN THE COUNTRY**
51 vehicles are waiting and the queue extend over 1.2 km with a waiting time of 50 min

**GIURGIU ENTRY IN THE COUNTRY**
Queue of 500 meters, waiting time 60 minutes.

**GIURGIU DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY**
5 trucks are currently waiting.

Between 14:00 and 15:00, 44 vehicles entered through Giurgiu Customs and 32 vehicles left.

**NADLAC II ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY**
Queue of approximately 2.5 km with a waiting time of approx. 2 hours.

**NADLAC II EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY**
Queue of approximately 3 km, waiting time approx. 2 hours.

Source: UNTRR

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26.03.2020

On 24 March 2020, the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs announced the following new measures:

- Isolation at home or, as the case may be, quarantine for all persons entering Romania (it is not clear if this measure also applies to truck drivers). This measure entered into force on 25 March 2020 at 12:00 (Romanian time).

- All flights to France and Germany, and from France and Germany to Romania, are suspended for a period of 14 days. This measure does not apply to flights by state aircraft, freight and mail, humanitarian or emergency medical services, and authorised non-commercial technical flights. This measure entered into force on 25 March 2020 at 23:00 (Romanian time).

- Documents issued by the public authorities that expire during the state of emergency may be exchanged within 90 days from the date of cessation of the state of emergency.

**Passage transit corridors in Romania**

In line with the EC request, Romania has established the following transit corridors (map here):

**Corridor 1**
- Additional corridor from Bucharest to Constana A2.

**Corridor 2**
- Giurgiu (border crossing point) – Bucureti – Urziceni – Buzău – Focani – Bacău – Suceava – Siret (border crossing point).

**Corridor 3**

Corridor 4

· Moravia (border crossing point) – Timioara – Arad – Oradea – Satu Mare – Halmu (border crossing point).

Corridor 5


The Romanian Ministry of Transport publishes daily information regarding the situation at border crossing points on its website here. The information is updated every evening at 20:00.

According to this information (updated 25.03.2020), there are long queues of trucks and long waiting times at the border crossings with Hungary and Bulgaria.

Source: UNTRR

Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs announced new measures as follows:

1) Retail activities, products and services are temporarily suspended in the shopping centers where several economic operators operate, except for the sale of food, veterinary or pharmaceutical products and cleaning services.

2) Recommendations entering in force on March 22, 2020, at 22.00 (local time) for the movement of people between 06.00 – 22.00:

   - the movement of persons outside the home/household should be carried out only for the following reasons:

   a) travel in professional interest, including moving between home/household and the workplace, when the professional activity is essential and cannot be postponed or performed remotely;

   b) travel for the provision of goods that cover the basic needs of the persons and their pets, as well as goods necessary for the professional activity;

   c) travel for healthcare that cannot be postponed or performed remotely;

   d) displacement for justified reasons, such as caring/accompanying the child, the assistance of elderly, sick or disabled persons or death of a family member;

   e) short trips, near the home/household, related to the individual physical activity of the people and the needs of their pets.

3) Between 22.00 – 06.00 the movement of persons outside the home/household is allowed only by presenting, at the request of the competent authorities, a certificate issued by the employer or a declaration on their own responsibility. The declaration on its own responsibility must include name and surname, date of birth, address of place of residence/household/place of work and reason for travel. The measure shall be applied from March 23, 2020, at 22:00 (local time).

4) Foreign citizens cannot enter Romania's territory unless they transit Romania through designated corridors, whose list will be shared as soon as it is made available. The following categories are exempted from such provision:

   a) family members of Romanian citizens;
b) family members of citizens of other EU Member States, of the European Economic Area, or of the Swiss Confederation, residing in Romania;

c) citizens who hold a long-stay visa, a residence permit or a document equivalent to the residence permit issued by the Romanian authorities, or an equivalent document issued by the authorities of other states, according to the law of the European Union;

d) people travelling in professional interest, evidenced by visa, residence permit, or other equivalent documents;

e) diplomatic staff or consular personnel, personnel of international organisations, military personnel or personnel who can provide humanitarian aid;

f) passengers in transit, including those repatriated as a result of granting consular protection;

g) passengers travelling on imperative grounds (medical or family);

h) persons who need international protection or for other humanitarian reasons.

Exceptions:
- National transport of goods and passengers
- International road freight transport
- Drivers of goods vehicles over 2.4t who arrive from or have passed through “red areas” or “yellow areas” are not subject to quarantine or isolation measures if at the border crossing point they do not show symptoms associated with coronavirus infection SARS-CoV-2. All persons entering Romania will have to fill in a form. Templates of these forms are available in Romanian and English here.
- Drivers of goods vehicles over 2.4t have the obligation, at the border crossing point, to have on them and to wear individual means of protection, such as disinfectant, gloves, face mask and to present documents attesting the route of travel to the destination.

Source: UNTRR