**Czech Republic**

**Source:** European Union/Re-open EU

26.08.2020

**Travelling to Czechia**
Entry from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of Romania and, from 24/8, Spain.

Travelling from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

**Travelling from Czechia or returning to Czechia**

This map shows countries which are safe for travel (in green). If countries are marked in red, there is an unfavorable development of covid-19 with a high risk of infection in that country. Citizens and residents of the Czech Republic can travel to countries marked in green without restrictions when returning. A test for covid-19 will be required when travelling from countries marked in red.

**Country specific Travel Advice** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Rules and Exceptions**
Czechia divides countries in two categories: **green** and **red**.

For countries classified as **green**, entry is allowed without restrictions.

For EU countries classified as **red**, presentation of a negative test for covid-19 or undergoing a period of quarantine is necessary. This applies both to Czech citizens and also to citizens of those EU countries who can also travel to the Czech Republic as tourists.

For non-EU countries classified as **red** (countries which are not on the list) where there is a high risk of infection, specific conditions determined by the protective measure apply (citizens of these countries may only travel to the Czech Republic for the reasons specified in the protective measure and subject to presentation of a negative test for covid-19, or by undergoing a period of quarantine).

The following third countries are considered to be at low risk of Covid-19: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Tunisia, South Korea and Japan.

**Mandatory Travel Documentation**
No special documentation required.

Find out more:
- www.mvcr.cz
- koronavirus.mzcr.cz

**Documents you need to travel in Europe**

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CZE

**Remarks from the International Road Transport Union**

09.07.2020

Members are reminded that, in combination with Covid-specific measures and updates to the Road Transport Act, the following documents are required when entering Czech Republic:

- a document certifying their status, i.e. international transport workers (in English and Czech),
- a proof of their professional competence,
- an employment contract,
- for drivers of companies established in the EU, a Czech translation of their employment contract.

Measures apply as from 1 July.

Source: CESMAD

01.07.2020

On 30 June, the Czech Ministry of Health relaxed the rules on travelling to the Czech Republic. Foreigners coming from high-risk countries are still subject to provisions to comply with upon entry. Rules in detail can be read here.

The classification of countries, according to their risk, is updated every other week, and the latest can be found here. As of 30 June, Polish, British and EU citizens with temporary or permanent residency in Poland and Great Britain, can enter the Czech Republic without the necessity of having a negative PCR test and without the necessity to prove the purpose of travel.

Entry restrictions and quarantine measures do not apply to people working in international transport. Details can be found here.

All border crossings with Austria, Germany, Poland and Slovakia are open.

Source: CESMAD

19.05.2020

Following the end of the state of emergency on 17 May, from 18 May - the weekend and holiday driving bans have been fully reintroduced in the Czech Republic for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t, and trucks and special vehicles with trailers if the MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3.5t.

Source: CESMAD

12.05.2020

As of 00:00 on 11 May, new rules came into force at Czech borders. All foreign nationals are banned from entry; foreigners with a permanent residence permit, foreigners with a temporary residence permit over 90 days and people working in international transport are exempted from the provision.

The following categories are included in the definition of “people working in international transport” and benefit from the exemption:

- Truck drivers (drivers' assistants are not considered to be drivers, therefore the exemption does not apply to them)
- Bus drivers (especially those driving repatriation buses)
- Road managers' vehicle crews
- Aircraft crews
Entry into the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic applies entry restrictions depending on the epidemiological situation. Consult the website for the latest rules and applicable exemptions.

Further information:
https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-0...

More info:
https://www.vlada.cz/en/media-centrum/aktualne/measures-adopted-by-the...

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en

Source: WCO/General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic

06.04.2020

Measures taken by the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic regarding the COVID-19 outbreak

Since the beginning of the declared COVID-19 state of emergency on 12 March, the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic follows closely the Government decisions, instructions from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior and other institutions.

Special attention is paid regarding legal instruments, instructions, notes and recommendations from the European Commission which apply in the whole European Union.

Internally, the General Directorate of Customs informs all staff about relevant decisions and instructs about necessary procedure to be followed. All instructions are regularly updated and published on the internal website of the Customs administration.

Externally, the General Directorate of Customs publishes information on its website www.celnisprava.cz and deals individually with relevant stakeholders (government and other state and institutions, transport operators, companies...).

In order to prevent the further expansion of the COVID-19 epidemic and, on the other hand, to remain operational and continue performance of customs activities, the General Directorate of Customs adopted the following measures in connection with the state of emergency which apply for all customs procedures:

- Train drivers, train crews and carriage inspectors
- Ship captains and cargo vessel crews
- Drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers who are transporting one of the above categories of people to their place of work and back, and the empty journeys associated with those transportations. The driver must be employed in the same company as the people he/she is transporting.
- Third party drivers of vehicles of up to 9 passengers, subject to certain conditions
- Accompanying vehicles of abnormal load transport (supporting documentation must be provided by the carrier or the organisation responsible for transport)

Full communication can be read here

Source: CESMAD

29.04.2020

On 29 April, the Czech government has prolonged the state of emergency until 17 May 2020. Exemptions from driving restrictions have been extended accordingly.

Source: CESMAD

18.04.2020

The Czech government granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules.

Relaxations apply from 15 April until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Czech territory and are as follows:

- Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving limit from 9 hours to 11 hours
- Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving limit from 56 hours to 60 hours
- Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 100 hours
- Art. 8.1: reduction of the daily rest requirement from 11 hours to 9 hours
- Art. 8.6: postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period
- Art. 8.8: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, provided that the vehicle is stationary and it has suitable sleeping facilities.

Source: CESMAD

09.04.2020

The applicable driving restrictions on Sundays and Public Holidays are lifted during the period of state emergency

27.03.2020

Prohibition to overtake on some sections of the CZ road network
- Health protection and safety – use of personal protective equipment, hygiene and disinfection measures;
- Restriction on movement of persons within the public areas of Customs offices (entry to the building upon demand, body temperature checks);
- Limitation of direct contact with declarants and drivers (isolated rooms for storage and distribution of mail and other documents, where possible, documents are sent electronically);
- Protection based on the social distancing principle (change of shifts for customs officers, teleworking where possible);
- Flexibility towards extension of time-limits, deadlines and validity of documents, certificates and declarations;
- Temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies (such as medicines, disinfection and protective equipment);
- Reliefs from customs duty and taxes for the import or temporary admission of medical, surgical and laboratory equipment in line with the current legal provisions;
- Facilitation of customs procedures and customs formalities in line with the current legal provisions;
- Recommendation to use simplifications.

Practical implementation of the measures and further facilitation depends on the facilities and overall situation at each Customs office.

Until today, the General Directorate of Customs has not identified any serious problem or obstacles affecting the proper functioning of all customs procedures. At this moment of time, there are on-going efforts to manage the current difficult situation while ensuring compliance with the legal obligations.

From 19 March 2020 for a period of 60 days, the border sections of the D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 motorways are affected by the following restriction:

**In the direction of the border crossing points, lorries over 3.5 tonnes are prohibited from overtaking.**

**Exceptions** to this prohibition are vehicles used in:

a) The carriage of perishable goods, at least half the volume of the cargo space of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.

b) The transport of live animals.

c) Carriage of fuel intended for petrol stations.

d) Carriage of postal items.

e) The transport of medical and biological material, medicines and material for their manufacture.

The reason for this restriction is to reduce queues at border crossing points and give preference to essential transport.

The restriction applies to the following sections of road:

- Highway D1 from km 366,300 to the right (direction of state border).
- Highway D2 from km 35,000 to the right (direction of the state border).
- Highway D5 from km 136,300 to the right (direction of parking).
- D8 motorway from km 86,900 to the right (direction of the state border) and from the state border to km 88,200 to the left (direction Prague, due to checks by the Czech Republic police).

**Source:** CESMAD-Bohemia

**22.03.2020**

Members are reminded of the wide exemption from 561/2006 on the Czech territory. There is a critical situation on the CZ/SK borders due to drivers taking the 45 min. rest in the right lane blocking the access to the border crossing. Drivers are asked to take the rest elsewhere or to postpone it.

**Source:** CESMAD Bohemia and Czech Police

**16.03.2020**

The government announced on March 16th a temporary tolerance concerning the enforcement of driving and resting times for drivers involved in all transport of goods. Measures lifted are the ones in articles 6 to 9 of the EU Regulation No. 561/2006. This exception applies from 16032020 (00:00) for a period of 30 days.

**Source:** CESMAD BOHEMIA
### Introduction of priority lanes for priority transfer for the carriage of goods (20.03.2020)

The Czech Republic has introduced so called “priority lanes” for priority transfers for carriage of medical, sanitary materials and devices, live animals, perishable goods, mail and fuel designated for the continuous supply of fuel stations on border sections of its main motorways D1, D2, D5, D8 and D11 between the Czech Republic and its neighbouring states Germany, Poland and Slovakia.

- **Start date:** 19.03.2020
- **End date:** not available
- **Further information:** [https://www.mdcr.cz/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy/Od-soboty-plati-mimorad...](https://www.mdcr.cz/Media/Media-a-tiskove-zpravy/Od-soboty-plati-mimorad...)

### Entry restriction to non-Czech nationals and travel restriction from the Czech Republic (15.03.2020)

From midnight from Sunday 15/03 to Monday 16/03, the ban to entry is extended to all foreigners, not only from high risk epidemic countries. Foreigners residing in the Czech Republic with temporary residence over 90 days or permanent residence are excluded from this measure. Further, the ban to travel from the Czech Republic will apply on citizens of the Czech Republic and persons with permanent or temporary residence over 90 days. In addition a number exceptions are valid to these travel restrictions (Government Resolution No. 203 of 13 March 2020)

- **Start date:** 16.03.2020
- **End date:** not available