1. Entry by foreign nationals holding a visa is suspended.
   - This does not apply to:
     - foreign nationals with a visa issued after 28 March 2020
     - foreign nationals with a residence permit issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

2. Entry by foreign nationals with a residence permit is suspended.
   - This does not apply to:
     - foreign nationals with a permanent residence permit;
     - foreign nationals with a residence permit with the purpose 'work', 'personal matters' or 'reunion'. They must not arrive from Bangladesh, Belgium, France, India, Italy, Philippines, Russian Fed. and United Kingdom.

3. Passengers with an invitation letter issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are allowed to enter with a visa.

4. Passengers with a Pre-Valid card (PVC) issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are allowed to enter without a visa.

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7. Entry by foreign nationals with an APEC Business Travel Card is suspended.

8. Port visas, 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy, Hainan 30-day visa-free policy, 15-day visa-free policy specified for foreign cruise-group-tour through Shanghai Port, Guangdong 144-hour visa-free policy specified for foreign tour groups from Hong Kong or Macao SAR, and Guangxi 15-day visa-free policy specified for foreign tour groups of ASEAN countries are suspended.

9. Foreign nationals coming to the mainland of China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities or out of emergency humanitarian needs may apply for visas at Chinese embassies or consulates.

10. Passengers are subject to medical screening and quarantine for 14 days at the first point of entry.
11. Airline crew of foreign airlines:
- are not required to undergo nucleic acid test if they have a short stay after landing then depart immediately, and do not leave apron during the transition; OR
- shall receive nucleic acid test in the first port of entry if they need to enter the country to rest or continue to operate domestic routes. The test results will be confirmed by the local government in accordance with the requirements of epidemic prevention management. Only if the test results are negative, crews can continue the operations; OR
- are allowed to return to their home country for isolation treatment when agreed by the local joint control mechanism, if they are symptomatic, in close contact with infected persons or tested positive. Airlines and crews shall make all commitments to bear their responsibilities and also carry out strict protections.

12. Passengers must complete an "Exit/Entry Health Declaration Form" and present a QR code before departure. The form can be obtained at http://health.customsapp.com/.

13. Nationals of China (People's Rep.) must have a green QR code with an 'HS' mark. The code can be obtained from the WeChat App 'Fang Yi Jian Kang Ma Guo Ji Ban' by uploading a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued at most 2 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued at most 2 days before departure. A positive IgM antibody test result could be accepted with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate. More details can be found at the website of the respective Chinese embassy. Passengers not arriving directly in China (People's Rep.) must repeat both tests in the transit countries and obtain a new green QR code with an 'HS' mark in each transit country.
- This does not apply to:
  - nationals of China (People's Rep.) arriving from Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, China, Macao SAR, China, United Arab Emirates or USA;
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Transport authorities in border provinces have been urged to implement an information registration system for road freight drivers engaged in international cold chain logistics.

The circular also stresses that transport authorities should coordinate with health, customs and market supervision authorities to establish a full-chain, traceable and integrated management system for cold chain logistics in order to contain the virus.

Link (Chinese only): http://xxgk.mot.gov.cn/2020/jigou/ysfws/202008/t20200828_3457554.html

Source: China’s Ministry of Transport

10.07.2020

As from 3 July, a Green Lane system is being implemented on designated border crossing points between China and Mongolia. Green Lanes can be used by:

- Goods drivers carrying out operations between the two countries.
- Key personnel that need to cross the border for business, logistical or production purposes.
- Staff urgently needed to engage in major cooperation projects between the two countries.

Detailed rules can be found here.

Source: Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Mongolia

25.05.2020

At a press conference held on 19 May, the Minister of Transport informed that the Ministry will ensure the smooth flow of international road transport by increasing transport capacity and conducting transshipment at borders.

Source: IRU Beijing office

16.04.2020

On 14 April, the border crossing point of Irkeshtam, on the China-Kyrgyzstan border, has been reopened to freight transport. Goods entering both countries in foreign trucks have to be unloaded and loaded onto domestic vehicles driven by domestic drivers.

Passenger transport remains banned.

Source: Irkeshtam Customs

13.04.2020

The Ministry of Transport of the People’s Republic of China published new rules on 11 April 2020 - notification on further prevention and control of overseas epidemic importation and strengthening the closed management of international road freight drivers. Specific requirements for foreign drivers are as follows:

- In principle, foreign freight vehicles entering the border should unload at the port. Foreign drivers shall leave China on the same day, and shall not contact the management personnel of the freight terminal and the cargo handling personnel during the loading and unloading period.

- Foreign drivers who are unable to leave China on the same day due to genuine difficulties will be subject to temperature check, and will be directly transferred from the port to a designated place under the supervision of the local authority responsible for the prevention and control of the epidemic. It will not be permitted to go out of the designated place before leaving China.
15. Nationals of China (People’s Rep.) arriving directly from the USA must have a green QR code with an ‘HS’ mark. The code can be obtained from the WeChat App ‘Fang Yi Jian Kang Ma Guo Ji Ban’ by uploading a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued at most 2 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued at most 2 days before departure. A positive IgM antibody test result could be accepted with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate. More details can be found at the website of the respective Chinese embassy. Passengers not arriving directly in China (People’s Rep.) must repeat both tests in the transit countries and obtain a new green QR code with an ‘HS’ mark in each transit country. Details can be found at http://us.china-embassy.org/eng/notices/11841416.htm.
- This does not apply to:
  - passengers younger than 3 years;
  - passengers with an invitation letter issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;
  - passengers with a Pre-Valid card (PVC) issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

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- This does not apply to:
  - nationals of China (People’s Rep.);
  - passengers younger than 3 years;
  - passengers with an invitation letter issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;
  - passengers with a Pre-Valid card (PVC) issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

17. Nationals of China (People’s Rep.) arriving directly from Canada must have a green QR code with an ‘HS’ mark. The code can be obtained from the WeChat App ‘Fang Yi Jian Kang Ma Guo Ji Ban’ by uploading a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued at most 2 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued at most 2 days before departure. A positive IgM antibody test result could be accepted with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate. More details can be found at the website of the respective Chinese embassy. Passengers not arriving directly in China (People’s Rep.) must repeat both tests in the transit countries and obtain a new green QR code with an ‘HS’ mark in each transit country.
- This does not apply to:
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  - passengers with an invitation letter issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;
  - passengers with a Pre-Valid card (PVC) issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

- During their stay in China, foreign drivers shall comply with the relevant provisions on the prevention and control of the epidemic situation at the place where the port is located, strengthen their own protection, take the initiative in health declaration, and promptly report any suspected symptoms such as fever, dry cough and fatigue.
- Foreign drivers who make multiple trips to and from cross-border transport shall be subject to regular testing (nucleic acid testing).
- Drivers who refuse to comply with the epidemic prevention and control regulations will be placed on a blacklist.

Source: CRTA

08.04.2020

With effect from 6 April, the passing of road freight through the Russian-Chinese border crossings points of Poltava-Dongning and Turiiog-Mishan is no longer permitted. The Pogranichny-Suifenhe border crossing point is closed for passenger transport, however currently remains open for freight transport. These measures have been put in place in order to ensure centralised inspections and/or quarantine in relation to the flow of goods and passengers through these ports.

With effect from 8 April, due to the rapidly increasing flow of passengers, the Manzhouli-Zabaikalak border crossing point has been closed for passenger transport until further notice, as it has exceeded its capacities for inspection, quarantine and virus testing.

Freight transport will remain open for operations.

Sources: Foreign Affairs Office of the People’s Government of Heilongjiang Province; People’s Daily

31.03.2020

On 30 March 2020, the Ministry of Transport of the People’s Republic of China issued a notice on the prevention and control of imported coronavirus from overseas.

The following items are related to border crossing point (BCP) closures and operations of foreign trucks:

1. **For road BCPS.** Those closed passenger and cargo transport BCPS and passenger transport BCPS will continue to be closed for transport operations until further notice; the opening of international passenger transport at seasonal BCPS will be postponed.

2. **For truck drivers.** Foreign trucks will unload cargo at BCPS, and foreign truck drivers will return on the same day of arrival in China. Those foreign truck drivers who have difficulty returning will stay in accommodation designated by local disease prevention and control agencies.

Source: China Transportation News

27.03.2020

1. China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry into China by foreign nationals holding valid visas or residence permits due to the rapid global spread of COVID-19, according to an announcement by the Foreign Ministry and the National Immigration Administration on Thursday.

The suspension - starting on Saturday 28 March - is a temporary measure that China is compelled to take in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the practices of other countries.
18. Passengers arriving directly from Canada must have a green QR code with an ‘HDC’ mark. The code can be obtained at https://hrhk.cs.mfa.gov.cn/H5/ with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued at most 2 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued at most 2 days before departure. A positive IgM antibody test result could be accepted with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate. More details can be found at the website of the respective Chinese embassy. Passengers not arriving directly in China (People's Rep.) must repeat both tests in the transit countries and obtain a new green QR code with an ‘HDC’ mark in each transit country.  
- This does not apply to:  
  - nationals of China (People's Rep.);  
  - passengers younger than 3 years;  
  - passengers with an invitation letter issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;  
  - passengers with a Pre-Valid card (PVC) issued by the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

19. Nationals of China (People's Rep.) arriving directly from United Arab Emirates must have a green QR code with an ‘HS’ mark. The code can be obtained from the WeChat App ‘Fang Yi Jian Kang Ma Guo Ji Ban’ by uploading:  
- a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued 14 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued 14 days before departure; and  
- a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) nucleic acid test result issued at most 2 days before departure and a negative IgM antibody test result issued at most 2 days before departure.  
Details can be found at http://ae.chineseembassy.org/eng /lsyw/11872245.htm .  
- This does not apply to:  
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21. Passengers arriving from Chinese Taipei must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test result issued at most 3 days before departure.

22. Passengers entering Beijing (PEK) from Hong Kong SAR, China must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test result issued at most 7 days before departure.

23. Passengers arriving from Macao SAR, China must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test result issued at most 7 days before departure.

In addition, entry with diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas will not be affected, and foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities, or out of emergency humanitarian need, may apply for visas at Chinese Embassies or Consulates.

(Note: C visas are issued to air crew members, railway and maritime staff, and international road transport drivers. Therefore, international drivers will be exempted from the above policy).

Source: the Foreign Ministry, the National Immigration Administration, China Daily

2. Chinese authorities have urged strict measures to prevent the return of a domestic outbreak while controlling the import of new cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). The central government have urged local governments to perform their duties in preventing cases, imported or exported through land and waterway transport, and implement measures to suspend cross-border international road transport and enhance management on international waterway transport.

Provincial governments should enforce quarantine measures for those entering the border through land ports in their administration, except for residents living at the border, diplomats, and people engaged in important trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

To guarantee unimpeded freight transport, measures to control and prevent COVID-19 must be carried out for drivers of freight vehicles. Foreign freight vehicles entering the border should unload at the port, unless the goods cannot be moved midway.

Source: The State Council of the People's Republic of China

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20.03.2020

Overview of the situation at land borders for passenger transport operations:

According to a notice published on 20 March by The State Council of The People’s Republic of China, China will suspend cross-border road transportation for passengers and hold back inbound and outbound tourist services as part of a broader effort to curb the importation of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases from 20 March until further notice.

https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202003/20 /WS5e740aa9a31012821728095b.html

The epidemics control on domestic cases is stabilising in China, but the Government is maintaining stringent measures to avoid cases imported from foreign countries.

Overview of the situation at land borders:

- All borders from China side remain open for now, but Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan borders remain closed on their sides,
- At borders with Kazakhstan, from China side, no compulsory quarantine requirements on non-Chinese truck drivers entering into China, but regular business operations have been severely affected:
  1. Alashankou BCP has resumed TIR transport since February, the operations are normal,
  2. The auxiliary services in Khorgos have shown signs of re-opening for business. However, due to the control measures applied in Kazakhstan, very few operations are taking place,
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Source: Chinese Customs

16.03.2020

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Further information: https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php

Source: Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Switzerland
29.09.2020

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The People's Republic of China National Immigration Administration Announcement on Entry by Foreign Nationals Holding Valid Chinese Residence Permits of Three Categories

September 23, 2020

In view of the current COVID-19 situation and the need of epidemic prevention and control, adjustments are now made to the Announcement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Immigration Administration on the Temporary Suspension of Entry by Foreign Nationals Holding Valid Chinese Visas or Residence Permits issued on 26 March 2020.

Effective from 0 a.m., 28 September 2020, foreign nationals holding valid Chinese residence permits for work, personal matters and reunion are allowed to enter China with no need for applying for new visas. If the above three categories of residence permits held by foreign nationals expired after 0 a.m., 28 March 2020, the holders may apply for relevant visas by presenting the expired residence permits and relevant materials to the Chinese embassies or consulates on the condition that the purpose of the holders’ visit to China remains unchanged. The above-mentioned personnel shall strictly abide by the Chinese regulations on epidemic prevention and control.

Other measures in the Announcement issued on March 26 will continue to be implemented. While ensuring effective epidemic control, the Chinese government will continue resuming people-to-people exchanges in a step-by-step and orderly manner.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China National Immigration Administration of the People's Republic of China

Further information: http://ch.china-embassy.org/fra/ls_fw_s_2/tz/t1820007.htm
Fast clearance of anti-epidemic supplies. For imported supplies, all local Customs are required to open exclusive counters and green lanes 24/7 to ensure fast clearance; imported pharmaceuticals, disinfection supplies, protective suits, treatment equipment and other supplies will be released without delay. For exported supplies, green lanes are provided 24/7 to minimize the clearance time. Source: China Customs (as reported in WCO website); http://english.customs.gov.cn/newsroom/news

China Customs has put in place a Command Center and a Working Group to coordinate border efforts and provide solutions to COVID-related issues. GACC has rolled out policies and measures on faster clearance, minimum-interference customs control, certification services, acceleration of market access process for imported agricultural products, among others. Source: China Customs (as reported in WCO website); http://english.customs.gov.cn/newsroom/news

To guarantee unimpeded freight transport, measures to control and prevent COVID-19 must be carried out for drivers of freight vehicles. Foreign freight vehicles entering the border should unload at the port, unless the goods cannot be moved midway.” Source: The State Council of the People’s Republic of China http://english.www.gov.cn/premier/news/202003/26/content_WS5e7caf41e5d0c201c2cbf8a2.html

For road BCPs. Those closed passenger and cargo transport BCPs and passenger transport BCPs will continue to be closed for transport operations until further notice; the opening of international passenger transport at seasonal BCPs will be postponed.” Source: Ministry of Transport of the People’s Republic of China - China Transportation News

Foreign trucks will unload cargo at BCPs, and foreign truck drivers will return on the same day of arrival in China. Those foreign truck drivers who have difficulty returning will stay in accommodation designated by local disease prevention and control agencies.” Source: Ministry of Transport of the People’s Republic of China - China Transportation News

Source: WCO/ China Customs

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In response to the outbreak of COVID-19, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has set up ad hoc working structure and mechanisms, taken science-based border health and quarantine measures to safeguard public health security, and adjusted clearance formalities to promote trade security and facilitation.

I. Ad hoc working structure and mechanisms of GACC against COVID-19

Following the outbreak of the disease, China Customs has put in place a Command Center, with GACC Minister as Commander-in-Chief and all Vice Ministers as Deputy Commanders-in-Chief, and a Working Group.
Led by the Vice Minister in charge of border health and quarantine, the Working Group guides Customs offices across the country to fight the epidemic in line with policies made by the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism led by the State Council. The specific functions of the Working Group include launching anti-epidemic plans and measures, coordinating border efforts made by all relevant government agencies, supervising the implementation of anti-epidemic measures, and providing solutions to emergency issues.

Under the Working Group are 9 Sub-groups led by one department and participated by other relevant departments of GACC.

II. Measures to contain COVID-19

1. Around-the-clock tracking and analysis of the epidemic situations. China Customs has been following closely the spread of the disease both at home and abroad, and collecting information through multiple sources. As the disease evolves, experts in a wide range of fields and from various departments are gathered to assess risks and provide guidance for targeted measures at border crossings across the country.

2. Compulsory health declaration. All cross-border passengers are required to declare to the Customs their health conditions, especially pneumonia-like symptoms and travel and exposure history in the past 14 days. The health declaration form (which can be found in the annex) has been translated into over 10 languages. Edeclaration is also available on mobile phone—passengers can declare through an applet developed by China Customs, and scan the generated QR code when passing Customs.

3. Strict entry/exit health and quarantine measures. All cross-border passengers are subject to a three-step screening approach at border crossings. 1) Passengers are required to declare their health conditions, have their temperature taken, and accept initial health assessment. 2) Those who are found in step one with COVID-19 related symptoms, or from most affected countries or regions, or have been exposed to confirmed cases, will be further screened through epidemiological investigation, medical examination and laboratory testing. 3) Those who are identified in step two as confirmed cases, suspected cases or close contacts, or showing relevant symptoms, will be transferred or quarantined for further treatment or medical observation, in line with the requirements of the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism. The three-step approach enables early detection, early report, early quarantine and early treatment. Other major infectious diseases such as Ebola and Lassa fever have also been carefully watched among incoming passengers to prevent other outbreaks.
4. Collaboration among multiple agencies. China Customs works closely with other border agencies to share information and coordinate the procedures for screening, quarantine and referral of passengers. A comprehensive prevention and control network was put in place to contain the spread of the disease.

5. Application of big data for transmission prevention. Since it is difficult to identify the passengers travelling on flights that have departed from most affected countries (regions) and transited in a third country (region) before arriving in China, China Customs has been using big data to conduct correlation analysis on global flight routes and schedules, thus taking more precise border quarantine measures.

6. International Cooperation. China Customs has been strengthening cooperation on border health and quarantine with its counterparts in other countries and regions. Contact points were designated for communication and coordination of anti-epidemic efforts. Exchanges have been made on border health and quarantine policies, laws and regulations, and on experience and practices of prevention and control of COVID-19.

III. Trade facilitation measures

1. Facilitated clearance for anti-epidemic supplies. A Sub-group has been set up under the ad hoc Working Group to ensure fast clearance of anti-epidemic supplies.

For imported supplies, all local Customs are required to open exclusive counters and green lanes 24/7 to ensure fast clearance; imported pharmaceuticals, disinfection supplies, protective suits, treatment equipment and other supplies will be released without delay. For exported supplies, green lanes are provided 24/7 to minimize the clearance time.

2. Supporting foreign trade and economic development. To promote social and economic development amid current anti-epidemic efforts, the GACC has rolled out policies and measures on faster clearance, minimum-interference customs control, certification services, acceleration of market access process for imported agricultural products, among other, to help businesses resume operations and boost foreign trade growth.

3. Information availability. China Customs has made information available on news media, GACC official website, Customs official Weibo and WeChat accounts and journals.

Link to GACC official website: http://english.customs.gov.cn.


IV. Suggestions
We suggest that WCO play a more vigorous role in enhancing coordination and cooperation among Member Customs in the following respects: 1) encourage Members to share information of cross-border passengers who have been identified as confirmed cases, suspected cases or close contacts of COVID-19, and conduct health screening on outbound passengers, so as to jointly contain the spread of COVID-19 at borders; 2) encourage Members to facilitate and expedite the clearance of imported, exported and transit anti-epidemic supplies; 3) strengthen international customs cooperation, and refrain from taking excessive measures against the movement of cross-border goods and transport conveyances, to ensure the security of global supply chain and trading network, and promote the development of international trade at the special time.