


# Costa Rica

 Source:WCO

The General Directorate of Customs of Costa Rica, due to the world situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, has taken the following measures:

- The implementation of special procedures have been activated.
- The digitalization of the procedures is being applied so that they can be done by mail

without the need to personally present the documents.

- Directive DGA-003-2020 was created to control the export or re-export of medical

implements.

- Enabling measures are being implemented that do not paralyze the import and export

activity. More green channels, not requiring original documents, creating special

procedures.

- The Fiscal Relief Law was approved, which defers the payment of VAT taxes; RENT;

CUSTOMS, without interest or fines. It is defined for three months, renewable.

- Minimize audits and change the strategy when the case allows it. Intensify the

subsequent control of declarations almost immediately upon dispatch.

- Information campaigns will be maintained for staff and users.
- Protective materials will be provided for personnel, according to our possibilities.
- An entrance control is maintained, so as not to exceed the maximum permitted

occupancy capacity.

- In order not to affect the service to the public due to the restriction of face-to-face

attention, the email contacts of the different addresses, customs and departments

were made available at regular hours.

Physical inspections of goods have been minimized (going up to the green channel)

and the use of protection for officials who must remain working.

Further information: <http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/.....>

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming



**Source: Government**

March 16, 2020: The Board of Port Administration and Economic Development of the Atlantic Slope (JAPDEVA) informs that the arrival of cruise ships with passengers at the Hernán Garrón Salazar Terminal is totally suspended. The suspension applies until April 30, 2020 in the first instance. The measures ruled suspend the arrival of cruise ships with passengers and the entry of crews remains enabled as long as they are approved according to the health protocols implemented by the competent authorities. JAPDEVA reported that the care services for cargo ships are maintained.

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16 Marzo 2020: La Junta de Administración Portuaria y de Desarrollo Económico de la Vertiente Atlántica (JAPDEVA) informa que se suspende en su totalidad la llegada de cruceros con pasajeros a la Terminal Hernán Garrón Salazar. La suspensión aplica hasta el 30 de abril de 2020 en primera instancia. Las medidas dictaminadas suspenden la llegada de cruceros con pasajeros y se mantiene habilitado el ingreso de tripulaciones siempre y cuando sean aprobados según los protocolos de salud implementados por las autoridades competentes. JAPDEVA informó que los servicios de atención a las naves de carga se mantienen.

**More information:**

<https://www.procomer.com/es/medidas-covid19>



**Source: Public Works and Transport Ministry (MOPT)**

EXECUTIVE DECREE 42253, March 24, 2020: Hourly regulation of the night vehicle restriction. During the days Monday to Sunday, inclusive, and in the period between 22:00 and 05:00, vehicular traffic will not be allowed throughout the national territory. Art 4: The following cases are excepted: vehicles for the transport of merchandise or cargo, public transport vehicles destined for the paid transport of people, vehicles that provide the service and fuel supply, vehicles that provide the garbage collection service, among others.

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DECRETO EJECUTIVO 42253, 24 marzo 2020: ART. Regulación horaria de la restricción vehicular nocturna. Durante los días lunes a domingo, inclusive, y en el período comprendido entre las 22:00 horas y las 05:00 horas, no se permitirá el tránsito vehicular en todo el territorio nacional. Art. 4: Se exceptúa de la restricción vehicular a los siguientes casos: vehículos de transporte de mercancía o carga, vehículos de transporte público destinados al transporte remunerado de personas, vehículos que presten el servicio y abastecimiento de combustibles, vehículos que presten el servicio de recolección de basura, entre otros.

**More information:**

<https://www.ministeriodosalud.go.cr/>



**Source: Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA)**

March 12, 2020: Updated Customs Service:  
Paso Canoas, Peña Blancas, Las Tablillas and Sixaloa, from  
8:00 to 16:00, from Monday to Sunday.

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12 Marzo 2020: Horarios Actualizados de Atención en  
Aduanas:  
Paso Canoas, Peña Blancas, Las Tablillas, Sixaloa: 8:00 a  
16:00 horas de lunes a domingo.