

Kuwait



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New Update from The Kuwait Supreme Council for Planning and Development on 7 September 2020

Circular [No 87/2020](#) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

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Such restrictions will also include the passengers that were present in these countries 14 days before the date of travel until further notice.

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New Update from The Kuwait Supreme Council for Planning and Development on 8 August 2020

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued circular no. 28 dated 11 March 2020 ([attachment 1](#)) based on the decision of the Council of Ministers in the State of Kuwait deciding to take the following precautionary measures to limit the spread of Corona virus

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Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

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As of 1 July, new rules are in place for goods vehicles that need to cross the borders: they are first directed to dedicated parking areas where escort services organised by customs authorities escort them to customs centres for clearance. Restrictions on the export of food and medical supplies are in place; while the same type of goods are allowed to transit through the country.

Source: IRU Secretariat

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Saudi Arabia

Saudi Customs will allow UAE freight trucks to enter the country, for a period of 5 days, starting 15 April. So far, only Saudi trucks with resident drivers were allowed to enter from UAE to KSA.

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Customs are allowing only 25-30 trucks to enter the country, per day, since the start of the pandemic. This has created long queues at the border with Saudi Arabia, which could result in waiting times of up to 3 days.

Customs are allowing clearance to be done at the border rather than inland. This has significantly eased the traffic and the queues are gradually diminishing.

Source: IRU Secretariat

1- Non-Kuwaitis are prohibited from entering Kuwait through Kuwait International Airport as of the issuance of this circular.

2- Commercial flights are limited to Kuwaiti citizens and their first-degree relatives. It also allows entry of domestic helper accompanying them.

3- Suspension of the commercial flights to and from Kuwait International Airport, starting from midnight on Friday 13 March 2020 until further notice.

4- This circular excludes Air freight.

5- Kuwaiti citizens will be evacuated abroad in coordination with the embassies of the State of Kuwait.

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Update from The Kuwait Supreme Council for Planning and Development on 28 July 2020

In its letter dated on [15/7/2020](#), Kuwait General Administration of Customs informed the supreme council for planning and development that land border crossings has been working regularly during the pandemic period in all border to ensure the facilitation of trade exchange and the provision of all goods, especially basic necessities , food and medical, except those subject of decisions and circulars issued in this regard by the competent authorities in the country as well as in the neighboring countries. We will provide you with all data, decisions and instructions determined by the time period, type of goods and the customs border crossing

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Reference is made to the latest developments on the borders, land, sea or air, following the outbreak of Covid 19 Virus, which affected the whole world

The attached official circulars signed by the Director General of the Kuwait Ports Authority states the following:

1- The Kuwait Ports Authority worked in full capacity during the partial quarantine that started in the State of Kuwait on 11 March, 2020 in a government decision number A/8/391 ([Attachment 1](#)), as well as during the total quarantine, which started in the country on 6 April, 2020 in a government decision number A/1/480 ([Attachment 1](#))

2- The Kuwait Ports Authority was keen on facilitating the work of companies and suppliers of goods during the quarantine periods to exclude the work of the logistical system from issuing "lack of exposure permits" to ensure the continued flow of goods and their non-accumulation in ports

3- The Kuwait Ports Authority issued an administrative circular ([Attachment 2](#)) to facilitate the movement of the logistical system during the quarantine period in coordination with the Ministry of Interior with the exception of companies, suppliers and individuals operating in unloading, shipping and customs clearance of "lack of exposure permits".

4- All these decision led the markets movement to work positively so that the markets did not suffer from any shortage of goods and services during the two quarantine periods.

5- The Kuwait Ports Authority alerts any company or supplier of goods if its operations are affected by some delays caused by the total quarantine, an exemption from the floor fees will be issued to them.

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Land border crossings have been closed as follows:

- Al-Salmi border crossing (which is located on the western borders with Iraq and Saudi Arabia): it is limited to crossing foodstuffs and basic commodities.
- Al-Nuwiseeb border crossing (which is in the far south on the Kuwaiti-Saudi border): it is limited to crossing basic foodstuffs and basic commodities.
- Al-Abdali Border crossing (which is located to the north on the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border): completely closed. No individuals, vehicles, or foodstuffs are permitted

About air traffic, it was limited to the emergency plan, consisting on the evacuation of citizens and nationals to and from Kuwait

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