

Moldova



WCO/Customs Service

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1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

- 1.1. In spite of the fact that as protection measure many crossing points were closed, 15 out of 40 continue their work in normal mode;
- 1.2. Customs clearance has been prioritized for relief goods relating to countermeasures to the COVID-19, food, sanitary products, medical devices/equipment;
- 1.3. Relief from import duties for some goods needed to combat the effects of the COVID-19.

2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

- 2.1. To ensure fast clearance all customs offices are working full-time (24/7), and any import and export procedures are completed in the shortest possible time;
- 2.2. In order to facilitate smooth and fast release of goods into the market, all the physical examinations are based on risk management, enabling to examine only the necessary items;
- 2.3. The certificates of preferential origin of the goods, presented in copies (on paper or in electronic format), or authenticated with the digital signature (presented in copies or in original), have the same validity as their originals.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

- 3.1. Custom Administration, except those working in critical functions, have been instructed to work from home from the 17th of March onwards;
- 3.2. It is mandatory for Customs officials in close contact with population to use personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, etc;
- 3.3. It is mandatory to practice social distancing-keep 1m apart;
- 3.4. Minimizing person-to-person contact to a maximum of 15 minutes, for staff actively utilizing flexible working hours;
- 3.5. Closed spaces such as office and meeting rooms are regularly ventilated, surfaces are disinfected daily;
- 3.6. Respect of personal hygiene (hand washing, etc.);
- 3.7. In suspected cases, person is isolated in separate places, requesting the prehospital medical assistance.

4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society

- 4.1. Making COVID-19 related information available on news media, official website;
- 4.2. Active information support is provided by the hotline (24 /7);
- 4.3. Informing the public about working border crossing points;
- 4.4. All travellers arriving in Republic of Moldova are required to undergo health screening;
- 4.5. All coming travellers declare under personal responsibility the obligation to comply with the self-isolation regime for a period of 14 days.

5. Other Measures

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

04.10.2021

COVID-19 update: applicable rules in Moldova

Persons arriving in Moldova are subject to 14 days of self-isolation (decision #62 of the CNESP from 22 September 2021). However, **crossing borders without having to self-isolate is possible under one of the following condition:**

- persons who can demonstrate proof of a full course of vaccination against COVID-19 (proof of immunization is valid only after at least 14 days following the completion of the complete vaccination,
- persons who are in possession of a negative RT-PCR test (completed no more than 72 hours before entering the territory) or a negative rapid antigen test (no older than 48 hours),
- persons who have been confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 180 days prior to entry, for whom at least 14 days have passed from the date of confirmation to the date of entry, or who can present a confirmation document of the presence of Covid-19 antibodies, valid for 90 days from the date of the examination.

The persons who do not fulfil one of these 3 criteria will have to self-isolate for 14 days and fill an entry form as well as sign a declaration of compliance of the self-isolation policy. Note that from 5 October 2021, the form will need to be filled electronically, on the following page: <https://fisa-covid.gov.md/>. The entry form must be completed no later than 3 days prior to the entry into Moldova.

The detailed rule is available in the attachment.



Sources: AITA, Border Police

12.03.2021

COVID-19 update: Germany adds Moldova on the list of "high incidence area"

Germany - Moldova

With effect from Sunday, 14 March 2021, 00:00 hours, **Moldova will be considered a "high incidence area"** according to the German CoronaEinreiseVO. The relevant decision was published by RKI on 12 March 2021, 12:30 hours (see [RKI risk areas](#)).

A quick reminder on the relevant obligations on return/entry from "high incidence areas":

- **Obligation to register:**

5.1. The means of transport, introduced and declared by action, by the resident and non-resident natural persons, which expire during the period of emergency, shall be interrupted, following the flow from the date of cessation of the state of emergency

For persons who have stayed in high incidence areas outside of Germany in the last 10 days prior to entry, there is an obligation to register via the website <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de>. There is no exception to this registration requirement for truck drivers. However, there is an exception to the obligation to register (for all persons, i.e. also for truck drivers) if the high-incidence area was merely transited without a stay. If registration is mandatory but digital entry registration is not possible due to lack of technical equipment or technical malfunctions, a fully completed substitute notification according to the sample form (see <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/merkblatt-dea.html> for samples in many languages) must be carried on entry.

Obligation to test:

Persons who have stayed in a high-incidence area during the last 10 days before entry must undergo a COVID-19 test (PCR test or rapid test according to WHO criteria) before entering Germany and present it to the responsible authorities upon request. Truck drivers are exempt from this requirement for stays of less than 72 hours. For stays of more than 72 hours, drivers must undergo a COVID-19 test before entering Germany. (In response to the frequently asked question of what should be done if the 72-hour period is exceeded unplanned, we regularly receive the less than satisfactory information from the RKI that, to be on the safe side, the driver should carry out the test before entering the country if there is a risk of the 72-hour period being exceeded).

Source: BGL

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On 1 June, Moldovan Authorities reopened the land border crossing points of Briceni - Rossoanî, Criva - Mamalîga and Mirnoe - Tabaki.

Therefore, as of today, the open land border crossing points are the following:

At the border with Romania:

Leueni - Albia

Sculeni - Sculeni

Giurgiuleti - Galai

At the border with Ukraine:

Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk

Tudora-Starokazacie

Palanca-Maiaki-Udobnoe

Mirnoe – Tabaki

Briceni-Rossoanî

Criva – Mamalîga

Giurgiuleti-Reni

Ocnia-Sokireanî

Larga - Kelmenî

Source: IRU Moscow office

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25 March 2020

There are only 17 border crossing points operating in Moldova.

At the border with Romania:

Leueni - Albia (road/international)
Sculeni – Sculeni (road/international)
Ungheni – Iai (rail/international)
Giurgiuleti - Galai (road/international)
Giurgiuleti - Galai (rail/international)
Costeti - Stâncă (road/international)

At the border with Ukraine:

Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk (road/international)
Vlcine-Moghilev-Podolsk (rail/international)
Ocnia-Sokireanî (rail/international)
Briceni-Rossoanî (road/international)
Briceni-Rossoanî (road/international)
Giurgiuleti-Reni (road/international)
Giurgiuleti-Reni (rail/international)
Etulia-Frikei (rail/international)
Mirnoe-Tabaki (road/international)
Palanca-Maiaki-Udobnoe (road/international)
Tudora-Starokazacie (road/international)

As from 00:00 on 17 March 2020 it is forbidden to cross the Moldova-Ukrainian state border and as from 20:00 on 17 March 2020 – the Moldova-Romanian state border is closed to foreign citizens entering Moldova through border crossing points.

This restriction does not apply to foreign citizens and individuals without citizenship residing or permanently /temporarily residing in Moldova, drivers and maintenance staff of goods vehicles, crews of aircraft/ships and crews of railway trains. Exceptions are also applied to members of diplomatic missions and consular posts, accredited in the Republic of Moldova, international organisations /representative offices and members of their families.

Individuals entering Moldova must fill in a medical card and sign a declaration of personal liability for compliance with the self-isolation regime for 14 days at specified locations.

As an exception, car drivers and transport service personnel that carry cargo, crews of aircraft/ships and train crews, are not required to comply with self-isolation in the absence of clinical signs of respiratory infection or fever.

Source: State customs committee of Moldova, Government of Moldova, AITA.

From 7 April 2020, the border crossing points of Criva-Mamaliga and Mirnoe-Tabaki are closed to passenger and goods traffic.

Consequently, as from 7 April the open border crossing points are:

Moldova-Romania border

Leueni (MD) - Albia (RO)
Sculeni (MD) - Sculeni (RO)
Giurgiuleti (MD) - Galai (RO)

Moldova-Ukraine border

Otaci (MD) - Moghilev-Podolsk (UA)
Giurgiuleti (MD) - Reni (UA)
Palanca(MD) - Maiaki-Udobnoe (UA)
Tudora (MD) - Starokazacie (UA)

Companies should be aware that until 10 April the movement of vehicles with trailers or semi-trailers entering Moldova at Otaci - Moghilev-Podolsk will be limited due to roadworks.

Source: AITA, Customs Service of Moldov

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According to PROVISION No.6 of 26 March 2020 from the Commission for Exceptional Situations of the Republic of Moldova, there will be a temporary closure of border crossing points "Costeti-Stanca" (Moldo-Romanian border) and "Briceni-Rossoanî" (Moldo-Ukrainian border), from 29 March 2020 at 08:00.

Source: AITA

In the Republic of Moldova, several state border crossing points are closed for an indefinite period. At present, only 17 border crossing points are operating normally:

At the border with Romania:

PTF Leueni - Albia (road / international)
PTF Sculeni - Sculeni (road / international)
PTF Giurgiuleti - Galai (road / international)
PTF Costeti- Rock (road / international)

At the border with Ukraine:

PTF Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk (road / international)
PTF Briceni-Rossoanî (road / international)
PTF Criva-Mamaliga (road / international)
PTF Giurgiuleti-Reni (road / international)
PTF Mirnoe-Tabaki (road / international)
PTF Palanca-Maiaki - Udobnoe (road / international)
PTF Tudora-Starokazacie (road / international)

Additionally, from 17 March 2020 at 00:00, it is prohibited to cross the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border, and from 17 March 17, 2020 at 20.00, foreign nationals are prohibited from entering the Republic of Moldova from Romania using state border crossing points open to traffic.

This restriction does not apply to foreign nationals and stateless persons domiciled or permanently / temporarily living in the Republic of Moldova, drivers and service personnel involved in the transport of freight, aircraft / ship crews and train crews. In addition, staff of diplomatic missions and consular offices based in the Republic of Moldova, and staff working at international organisations / missions and their family members are also exempted.

Source: AITA (from Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova)