Armenia

Source: The Goverment of the Republic of Armenia

01.05.2022

COVID-19 Travel restrictions

Changes in the procedure of the entry to the Republic of Armenia

According to the amendments of the Government Decree: 1514-N of September 11, 2020, which entered into force on May 1, 2022:

The passengers are NO LONGER REQUIRED to present a COVID-19 PCR test or a Certificate of complete vaccination against COVID-19 to enter the Republic of Armenia.

For foreigners, the entry to the Republic of Armenia continues to remain open both via air and land borders.

The quarantine on the territory of the Republic of Armenia due to COVID-19 has been extended till June 20, 2022.

17.05.2021

COVID-19 travel restrictions

According to the amendments of the Government Decree: 1514-N of 11 September, 2020 which entered into force on 17 May, 2021:

- upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia travelers will be asked to provide:

1. a COVID-19 PCR test certificate* with a negative result taken within the previous 72 hours, or
2. a certification* of complete vaccination against COVID-19 with 2 dosages and the second dosage taken at least 14 days before entering the country.

- a certificate with a negative result or a vaccination certificate is not required for children up to 1-year-old (0-11 months 29 days).
- the travellers entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia from the territory of the Russian Federation should present the certificate through “ COVID-19” mobile application.
- For foreigners, the entry to the Republic of Armenia continues to remain open both via air and land borders.
- The quarantine on the territory of the Republic of Armenia due to COVID-19 has been determined to 11 July, 2021.

If the travellers have been registered in the ARMED system, the vaccination certificate can be provided via ArmedeHealth mobile application. The traveller can present the vaccination certificate via mobile application or present the printed version of the certificate from the application protected with a QR code.

Non-holders of the relevant certificate are subject to PCR sampling at the airport or border checkpoint sampling points and to compulsory isolation until the negative result will be obtained.

The person will be hospitalized if corresponding symptoms are detected as a result of the examination.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

07.04.2020

According to Decision No.31 of the Commandant’s Office of the Republic of Armenia, dated 3 April 2020, the transportation of all types of goods between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Armenia (export, import, transit) can be carried out at the Meghri border crossing point.

All goods from the Islamic Republic of Iran are subject to transhipment, except for those goods which have the written permission of the State Revenue Committee.

Armenia has no transport restrictions affecting any other country.

Source: AIRCA

In case of rejection of sampling or examination, all non-holders of the relevant certificate are being isolated for 14 days.

The PCR test-related expenses should be covered by the traveller.

* - The certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English printed on the official letterhead and should contain the following information:

- all contacts and the name of the head of the medical institution where the test/vaccination was taken,
- the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the examined/vaccinated person,
- the result of the test, the vaccine manufacturing name and the product's serial number, the dates of the first and the second dosages, signed by the head of the medical institution with its seal

Source: https://www.gov.am/en/covid-travel-restrictions/

Further information: https://www.mfa.am/en/COVID-19/2021/05/17/covid-19/10955

21.01.2021

COVID-19 travel restrictions

According to the amendments of the Government Decree 1514-N which entered into force on January 12, 2021 restrictions on the entry to the territory of the Republic of Armenia for persons arriving from foreign countries have been canceled and now all arriving persons (RA citizens and citizens of foreign countries) are permitted to enter the territory of the Republic of Armenia both via air and land borders.

According to the Decision N 1756-N adopted by the Republic of Armenia the process of self-isolation and submitting a PCR test upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia was changed.

Upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia via air and land borders travelers will be asked to provide a COVID-19 PCR test certificate with negative results taken within the previous 72 hours.

The certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English, include the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the examined person, printed on the official letterhead of the medical institution conducting the test, identifying all contacts of the organization, test result, signed and sealed by the head of the medical institution.

In order to detect symptoms of infection all passengers are subject to a relevant examination conducted by the Health and Labor Inspectorate immediately upon arrival (including contactless temperature checking, external examination, additional inquiries in case of clinical symptoms typical to the infection).

If corresponding symptoms are detected as a result of examination the person will be hospitalized.

Non-holders of the relevant certificate are subjected to PCR sampling at the airport or border checkpoint sampling points and to compulsory isolation until the negative PCR test result will be obtained.

Sampling points carry out sampling, then submit personal data and registration of self-isolation in the ARMED system on the basis of ID: authenticity of the contact phone number is checked on the ground by calling to the mentioned phone number. After sampling, the sampling point must provide a relevant document indicating the sampling and registration for self-isolation.

The results of the PCR test are registered in the ARMED system and are provided to the examined person within 48 hours.

If a negative PCR test is obtained, the person would be exempted from self-isolation.

The PCR test-related and possible treatment expenses should be covered by the arriving person.

Source: https://www.gov.am/en/covid-travel-restrictions/

18.08.2020

DECISION NO. 254-N BY STATE OF EMERGENCY COMMANDANT

COVID-19 Travel restrictions

Preventive Action

A requirement for self-isolation is established for persons arriving in the Republic of Armenia from foreign countries.

Persons arriving in the Republic of Armenia are provided with a 14-day self-isolation notice by the staff of the RA Health and Labor Inspectorate on duty at the medical-sanitary control checkpoints. The individuals so notified shall be isolated at the venues indicated by them, which they cannot leave during the whole period of self-isolation.

Exceptions to this rule may be applied to those persons arriving in the territory of the Republic of Armenia who take a polymerase chain reaction test for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on a paid basis during the period of self-isolation and receive a negative answer.

Self-isolated persons shall be immediately relieved from the regime of self-isolation after the negative result of the test has been entered into the ARMED system. Prior to entering the negative answer in the ARMED system by the competent laboratory, the person is given a notice of self-isolation.

Sampling for testing of these individuals can be done exclusively at their place of residence (self-isolation) through a visit by laboratory staff.

Exceptions to this rule are made for plane crew members arriving in the Republic of Armenia in order to organize pilots' rest, drivers of interstate freight transport, as well as for freight train drivers who are isolated until the next departure. Train drivers and the personnel in attendance are isolated between two consecutive shifts.

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

In accordance with the appendix (hereinafter the Appendix) to RA Government Decision No. 298-N of March 16, 2020, the entry of foreign citizens is allowed through the air border of the Republic of Armenia. The following persons are allowed to enter through the land border:
- RA citizens and their family members;
- Persons who are not citizens of the Republic of Armenia but have the right to reside legally in the Republic of Armenia
- Representatives of diplomatic missions, consular establishments, international organizations and their family members;
- Other special cases that may be envisaged by the Commandant based on the epidemiological situation in a specific country (region).

Source: https://www.gov.am/en/covid-travel-restrictions/

Source: WCO/State Revenue Committee

30.04.2020

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

- Importation of a number of medical goods, also required and used in relation to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a number of basic food products is subject to 0% import duty for the periods up to the 30th of June, 2020 for some of these goods and up to the 30th of September, 2020 for other goods, in accordance with the lists, approved (amended) by the resolutions 21 dated 16 March 2020, 33 and 34 dated 3 April 2020 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
- Measures aimed at facilitating the cross-border transportation of basic necessities

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

- Decision No. 382-A of 27.03.2020 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia “on regulating the process of importing goods to the Republic of Armenia from 27 March 2020 to 31 May 2020, including in the framework of responding to risks caused by the spread of the new coronavirus”;
- The Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "on amendments to some decisions of the Customs Union Commission on the approval of the list of goods imported by the Eurasian Economic Union Customs area for consumption by the Eurasian Economic Union Member States". Decision No. 21 of 2020;
- Decision No. 33 of 03.04.2020 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "on making amendments to some decisions of the Customs Union Commission and approving the list of important goods for import";
- In order to ensure continued daily monitoring of import and export of goods of strategic importance in relation to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and emergency regime announced in the Republic of Armenia, including medical goods and basic food products, analytical reports based on big data analysis tools, combining information from various databases, have been developed and are used to ensure appropriate supply of such goods, as well as monitor the values thereof;
- The State Revenue Committee has ensured 24/7 operation of certain functional units of the Customs Service, including particular divisions of IT Department, also a direct communication channel with the commandant, appointed under the emergency regime announced in the Republic of Armenia, is available;
- The Eurasian Economic Commission has approved a list of critically important goods for which a tariff exemption is provided in a form of release from import duties, in case of importation of goods into the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union member states from 1 April to 30 June 2020. The list of these products includes separate agricultural and food products, as well as a number of ready-made medicines and medical products;
- The list of products used in the production of medications has been expanded, as well as for medicinal products, the import of which is carried out from April 16 to September 30, 2020 without paying customs duties, providing that the authorized body in the field of health has approved their intended use;
- The procedure for issuing "A" type certificates is also temporary simplified for developing and less developed countries. The adopted decision allows the use of a paper or electronic copy of the above-mentioned document for a period of 6 months and allows for the non-submission of the original certificate during the declaration;
- Due to the coronavirus epidemic, the draft law "On Amendments and Addenda to the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia" was signed by the President of the Republic of Armenia, according to which from 21 April 2020, the taxpayer or tax agent pays a penalty of 0.04% for each overdue day, instead of the previous 0.075%.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations’ Staff

- Commandant's order No. 27 of 31.03.2020;
- Work was organized electronically - circular document No. 243 of 16.03.2020;
- Provides staff with personal hygiene and protective equipment, such as thermometers, masks, gloves, disinfectants, etc.;
- In order to prevent the spread of the infection, the customs authorities have been instructed to organize the service in an alternative manner, while ensuring the uninterrupted operation of the customs authorities;
- Strict measures have been taken to protect the customs department by applying the principle of maintaining social distance. Pregnant women, staff over 60 years of age, staff suffering from diabetes and / or cardiovascular and respiratory diseases have been employed remotely. The number of customs officers involved in shifts at border checkpoints has been reduced for less interaction;
- On organizing activities aimed at preventing the spreading of the coronavirus in the Republic of Armenia State Revenue Committee, order No. 240-A of 13.03.2020, No. 241-A of 16.03.2020, No. 332-L of 1.04.2020 of the Republic of Armenia State Revenue Committee Chairman;
- Measures have been taken to ensure reduction in the need of face-to-face meetings of employees of different structural and functional units of the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia. Such measures include implementation and use of project management software, available not only in the State Revenue Committee internal network, but also from personal computers, also for the staff working from home, reducing the need of in-person meetings of project teams, use of video-conferencing software, not only for international and interagency but also for interdepartmental meetings and discussions.

4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society

- "Strict control over the process of transporting goods by vehicles transported to Armenia from high-risk countries" Commandant's order No. N31, Commandant's order No. N38;
- The COVID 19 Armenia application launched

Source: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia

The Ministry of Economy reported that Islamic Republic and Iran and Armenia have made some exceptions for the transportation of goods between the two countries that are of "economic importance." The transfer will take place in the area between the administrative building of the Meghri land border crossing and the bridge, and under the supervision of the State Revenue Committee, Ministry of Health, and the National Security Service. Earlier, the transfer of some medical supplies was also allowed. According to the February 24 decision of the Government, some of the supplies include, respiratory masks, medical safety glasses, single use medical protective garments, disposable medical shoe covers, bandages, cotton, diagnostic tests, ethyl alcohol, breathing apparatus, single and multiple use medical scrubs, surgical gloves, etc. (Source: https://www.gov.am/ru/news/item/9692/)