

# Tajikistan



## WCO/Customs Service of the Republic of Tajikistan

07.04.2020

### Preventive measures to avoid outbreaks of COVID-19 in the territory of Tajikistan

#### Coordination

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, ordered to establish a Republican Coordination Working Group under the supervision of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection in the Republic of Tajikistan and implement anti-epidemic measures. The Coordination Working Group (CWG) includes all governmental bodies. There is also an Interagency Coordination Working Group (ICWG) monitoring the situation.

No cases of infection have been officially registered in Tajikistan. Nevertheless, threats are huge and each citizen in Tajikistan needs to demonstrate high degree of civil responsibility both towards oneself, as well as towards the general public and avoid group gatherings, greetings etc.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Tajikistan reports that from February 1 to March 30 2020, 6159 citizens who arrived in Tajikistan from foreign countries were quarantined in the country's infectious diseases hospitals and sanatoriums.

The Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, ordered regional customs divisions to apply measures for restricting export of medical essentials.

The measures being taken in Tajikistan are as follows:

1. a working group was established comprising representatives of various departments at the border to thoroughly check people crossing the border;
2. in order to avoid negative consequences in the country's economy and support the supply chain, during approaching to our borders foreign and national vehicle drivers have two options:
  - 2.1. if the drivers of heavy trucks want to cross the border, they must be quarantined for 14 days under the supervision of doctors;
  - 2.2. if the drivers of freight vehicles do not agree to be quarantined for 14 days, then at the border the goods will either be reloaded onto another freight vehicle or the drivers (change in truck cabin) will be changed in order to further deliver the goods and vehicles to their destination within the country.
3. screening in accordance with the International Health Regulations;
4. proper disinfection of the freight vehicle is carried out under the supervision of ICWG members

Further information: [http://www.wcoomd.org...../natural-disaster/covid\\_19/tajikistan...](http://www.wcoomd.org...../natural-disaster/covid_19/tajikistan...)

## Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

24.06.2021

### Update on the Sherkhan bandar (port)- border crossing between Afghanistan and Tajikistan

The main border crossing between Afghanistan and Tajikistan – Sherkhan bandar (port) - is under the control of the Taliban since 22 June 2021. Until further notice, we call upon all our members to instruct TIR transport operators to avoid TIR operations from this border crossing.

**Source: ACCI**

10.06.2020

On 9 June, the Ministry of Transport of Tajikistan [amended the rules](#) (English translation [here](#)) on international traffic in the context of Covid-19 pandemic. The updates are the following:

- In case of proof that the driver has tested negative, the driver and the vehicle are allowed to stay in the country for up to 5 days;
- With lack of such proof, the driver will be tested at the border by competent authorities. The driver will be quarantined until the result of the test is known. In case the test is negative, the driver is free to enter the country and reach his/her destination;
- The movement of vehicles importing humanitarian aid equipment, on the basis of an accompanying document, is exempt from the payment of terminal services.

**Source: ABBAT**

19.05.2020

As from 30 April, the Karasu-Kulma border crossing point between Tajikistan and China has reopened to freight transport operations. Companies should be aware that transshipment operations are carried out at the border. Non-Chinese truck drivers are not allowed to leave their vehicles. "Contactless" controls are carried out by both border forces. Passenger operations and the presence of unauthorised persons remains strictly prohibited; the Chinese Government will immediately close the border if this rule is breached.

**Source: ABBAT**

06.04.2020

Government of Tajikistan has issued a [temporary regulation](#) concerning international freight transport in the Republic of Tajikistan in view of COVID-19 prevention (unofficial translation from ABBAT [here](#)).

This temporary regulation specifies the entry, exit and transit of international freight vehicles and the movement of drivers engaged in international road transport to/from the Republic of Tajikistan.

The regulation was approved by the Ministry of Transport, Health and Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Customs and the State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan.

<http://www.abbat.tj/news/972>

**Source: ABBAT**

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27.03.2020

In accordance with Protocol No.1k / 25-2, dated 16 March 2020, in line with the meeting of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on measures on the prevention of the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan, the control and regulation of international traffic has been increased.

Registration and other customs operations with goods and products imported into the country are carried out at border terminals, and their further transportation to the destination will be carried out by national operators.

**Source: ABBAT (from the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan)**

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18.03.2020

Since January 2020, the border between Tajikistan and China – Kulma-Karasu, has been completely closed.

From 11 March 2020, Tajikistan began closing its borders with Afghanistan. The last checkpoint on the border with Afghanistan (Nizhny-Pyanj) was closed on 16 March 2020.

According to official data, the spread of Coronavirus has not been detected in Tajikistan, and in this regard the borders between Tajikistan-Uzbekistan and Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan are currently operating normally.

For more information please check the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan - <https://mfa.tj/>.

**Source: ABBAT**