Turkmenistan

SOURCE: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Measures taken to prevent the entry and spread of the COVID-19 in Turkmenistan are listed here.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

08.11.2022

Turkmenistan: COVID-19 update - entry, exit and transit via the territory of Turkmenistan

The Road Transport Agency of Turkmenistan informed that as of 7 November 2022, borders are open for transit and bilateral transport, allowing for loading and unloading of goods at inland customs. Foreign and Turkmen transport operators and drivers are allowed to enter, exit and transit via the territory of Turkmenistan through the following border crossings:

- International seaport of Turkmenbashi
- Artyk
- Sarakhs
- Garabogaz
- Altyn Asyr
- Dashoguz
- Koneurgench
- Farap
- Ymamnazar
- Serhetabat

As before, the foreign drivers are requested to present a negative PCR test and a vaccination certificate or an antibody certificate. At border crossing points, the drivers will also have to take an express test for COVID, and the vehicles will be disinfected.

Contactless transport operations under trailer swap procedure will be available as well if necessary.

The official letter from Road Transport Agency of Turkmenistan is available for download when opening the Flash Info.

IRU reminds that as of 15 September 2022, TIR-EPD has become operational in Turkmenistan. TIR transport operators are therefore strongly encouraged to send advance cargo information using TIR-EPD both for import and transit before entering Turkmenistan, and thus benefit from the streamlined border crossing and simplified formalities. Time and costs savings are assured for quality data, if submitted in a true and accurate manner.

Source: Road Transport Agency of Turkmenistan, THADA, IRU

19.09.2022

COVID-19 update: additional routes to perform transit via the territory of Turkmenistan

In addition to the Flash Info posted **here** and **here**, as of 7 September 2022, foreign transport operators are able to use additional routes transiting Turkmenistan:

- enter the border crossing point "International seaport of Turkmenbashi" to transit through Turkmenistan with the destination to border crossing points Artyk (Turkmenistan) /Lotfabad (Iran); Sarakhs (Turkmenistan)/Sarakhs (Iran) and Farap (Turkmenistan)/Alat (Uzbekistan). The same applies for return transport;
- enter the border crossing point "International seaport of Turkmenbashi" to load/unload cargo at the port and leave through the same border crossing with drivers;
- enter through Turkmen border crossing points Altyn Asir, Artyk, Sarakhs and Farap to load/unload cargo at the first nearest railway warehouse or station and leave the territory back in the same direction with drivers.

All the COVID requirements remain valid.

Source: The Agency of Transport and Communications of Turkmenistan

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01.07.2022

COVID-19 update: new route to perform transit via the territory of Turkmenistan

In addition to the information posted here, as of 25 June 2022, foreign transport operators are able to use the second route transiting Turkmenistan:
Lotfabad (Iran) b Artyk (Turkmenistan) b Farap (Turkmenistan) b Alat (Uzbekistan)

Foreign transport operators should follow the same rules as applied for the first itinerary. Load or unload cargo on the territory of Turkmenistan is still not allowed.

Source: THADA

25.05.2022

COVID-19 update: foreign transport operators allowed to perform transit via the territory of Turkmenistan

In Q1 2020, Turkmenistan implemented strict COVID restrictions making it impossible for foreign transport operators to enter the territory of Turkmenistan, which have remained in force until now.

As of 1 June 2022, foreign transport operators will be allowed to perform transit via the territory of Turkmenistan by entering through Alat/Farap checkpoint at the border with Uzbekistan and leaving through Sarakhs/Sarakhs checkpoint at the border with Iran and vice versa.

Foreign transport operators should follow the rules described in the documents available for download when opening the Flash Info publication (in Russian and English).

Finally, they are not allowed to load or unload cargo on the territory of Turkmenistan.

Source: THADA

14.10.2021

Border crossing conditions at Turkmenistan-Iran border

Turkmenistan - Iran (Islamic republic of)

According to the Road Transport Agency of Turkmenistan, since October 2021 the “Altyn asyr-Inçeburun” border crossing point (Turkmenistan-Iran border) is operational for imports, exports and transit of foreign vehicles through the territory of Turkmenistan. Vehicles, including trucks and semi-trailers can cross without any mandatory swap of tractor. However, crossings must be done in a “non-contact mode”, meaning that foreign drivers should stay at the neutral zone, passing trucks and semi-trailers to Turkmen drivers.

Turkmen vehicles, including trucks and semi-trailers, are allowed to travel to foreign countries through this border crossing point following the same procedure.

Source: THADA

08.07.2021

Aqina Customs office at border crossing point between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan is closed for international transit

Afghanistan - Turkmenistan

Due to security issues, Aqina Customs office at border crossing point between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan, is closed for international transit under the TIR System and national transit (T2 form).

Until further notice, we call upon all our members to instruct TIR transport operators to avoid TIR operations from this border crossing.

Source: ACCI

12.11.2020

As of 15 November 2020 Turkmenistan reduce the tariffs for entry and transit permits for commercial road vehicles: USD 150 for entry (import) permit and USD 100 for transit permit (instead of USD 380 currently). The new tariffs will be in force until 15 November 2021. They will be also applicable to swapped foreign semi-trailers moved by Turkmen hauliers from the border to inland destination, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The COVID-19 restrictions were prolonged until 1 January 2021.

Source: THADA

26.06.2020

On 25 June, Turkmen Authorities informed of the decision to extend the temporary entry restrictions **until 20 July inclusive**.

All travellers (both Turkmen and foreign nationals) entering Turkmenistan are required to prove that they have tested negative to Covid-19, and the proof must not be older than 72 hours prior to the date of travel.

Upon arrival, all travellers will be accompanied to designated centres and tested again, and be asked not to leave until the result is known. In cases where one or more travellers test positive, they will be quarantined for 14 days together with other accompanying passengers. In cases where all travellers test negative, they will be allowed to reach their place of residence, where they will isolate for 14 days under the supervision of health officials.

Source: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office

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04.06.2020

On 3 June, the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the UN confirmed that, until 20 June, all freight operations are carried out at the border, with the possibility of an extension.

All travellers entering Turkmenistan, both Turkmen and foreign nationals, are required to possess a medical certificate proving a Covid-19 negative status, issued by a competent health authority of their residing country no more than 72 hours prior to the date of travel.

Source: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the UN

14.04.2020

The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva has informed IRU of the following procedures affec ting freight transport in Turkmenistan, and has requested that IRU communicate this to all interested parties. Please consider this information when planning transport in Turkmenistan.

Source: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan in Geneva

27.03.2020

Rules and procedures of Cargo Delivery to the International Seaport of Turkmenbashi.

The Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva informed IRU about the rules and procedures of Cargo Delivery to the International Seaport of Turkmenbashi and requested IRU to communicate it to all interested parties.

Please consider this information when planning transportation.

Source: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan in Geneva

25.03.2020

With effect from 24 March 2020, the transportation of goods arriving in Turkmenistan by road through the checkpoints "Garabogaz" and "Farap" on the state border of Turkmenistan, followed by transportation inside Turkmenistan, will be carried out by Turkmen carriers. The goods can be transferred from the foreign freight carrier to a Turkmen freight carrier in specially designated areas on the state border, provided that they are transferred without contact.

Foreign trucks which arrived in Turkmenbashi International Seaport prior to, or on 23 March (inclusive) can leave trailers or semi-trailers in the designated areas on the territory of the Turkmenbashi International Seaport for subsequent transportation to Turkmenistan, or for transit through its territory by Turkmen trucking companies. Subsequently, foreign tractors must return, with the driver, by sea.

However, with effect from 24 March 2020, **all** cargo arriving at the Turkmenbashi International Sea Port, including cargo in transit, can only be sent by sea vessel, on trailers or semi-trailers without tractors, drivers or persons accompanying the goods.

At the same time, for the efficient functioning of transport and transit corridors passing through the territory of Turkmenistan, the Turkmen authorities propose to actively use combined modes of transport (both sea and land) for the transportation of goods in containers and railway wagons.

For any issues relating to the transportation of goods in Turkmenistan and transit through its territory, the Turkmen authorities have set up hotlines:

- Ashgabat - +99365647471;
- Baku - +994502900301;
- Tashkent - +998712023210/998901297455.

Taking into account the introduction of additional measures in Turkmenistan to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is recommended that carriers, as well as organisations planning to deliver goods to Turkmenistan, minimise the volume of road freight transport in the region by using combined modes of transport.

Please consider this information when planning transportation.

Source: THADA

17.03.2020

According to the a measure, as of March 17th, people entering Turkmenistan via Uzbekistan, must present a health report. Entry into the territory will not be allowed without this health report.

More information here.

Source: Turkish Embassy – Ashgabat / Turkmenistan