

On April 6, 2020 the Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria, Kiril Ananiev, has issued a new ORDER, RD-01-183/ 06.04.2020 in view of the situation with COVID-19, which provides the following:

I. Introduces a temporary ban on entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as follows:

1. Temporarily is prohibited the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of all third-country nationals, through all border crossing points, by air, sea, rail and road.

2. Temporarily is prohibited the entry into the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of persons, irrespective of their nationality, who come from the following EU Member States and Schengen countries with a high risk of COVID-19 proliferation: Italy, Spain, France, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg at all border crossing points, by air, sea, rail and road.

3. The prohibitions under points 1 and 2 shall not apply to:

a) Bulgarian citizens, family members of Bulgarian citizens, persons with permanent, long-term or long-term residence status in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and members of their families;

(b) medical professionals, medical scientists and social workers, where the purpose of the journey is linked to the profession, practiced by them;

c) transport personnel engaged in the carriage of goods, crews of aircraft engaged in commercial air transport and other transport personnel as necessary;

d) foreign officials (Heads of State, Government members, etc.) and members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, officials of international organizations, military personnel and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties;

(e) persons traveling for humanitarian reasons;

(f) nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and third-country nationals directly involved in the construction, maintenance, operation and security of strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria;

(g) frontier workers and seasonal farm workers.

4. Transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is allowed to:

(a) nationals of Member States of the European Union and Schengen States (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members in order to return to their country of residence;

(b) third-country nationals who hold a long-term residence permit in another Member State of the European Union or in a Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and

their family members in order to return to the country of residence;

(c) citizens of Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey in order to return to the country of which they are nationals;

d) the persons referred to in point 3 (c) to which the special rules apply.

5. Transit shall be allowed only in cases where immediate departure from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed. Nationals of foreign countries allowed to transit through the territory of The Republic of Bulgaria, with the exception of the persons referred to in point 3 (c), must have previously informed the diplomatic mission or consular office accredited to the Republic of Bulgaria which, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, agrees with the Ministry of the Interior on the transit route.

II. The following quarantine order is introduced:

1. All persons entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be quarantined for a period of 14 days at their home or at other accommodation, where the person has indicated that will stay in, with a precept according to the sample (Annex No. 1) of border control health authorities.

2. An exception to point 1 shall be allowed in respect of the persons referred to in point I, 3 (b) and (d).

3. For the persons referred to in point I, 3 (c), the special rules under point III shall apply.

4. General practitioners (GPs) shall carry out medical monitoring for a 14-day period of persons under quarantine in their patient lists.

5. Bulgarian citizens without a general practitioner shall be monitored for a 14-day period by the respective regional health inspectorate office on whose territory they are quarantined.

6. Persons with foreign citizenship shall be monitored for a 14-day period by the medical establishment, with which their respective accommodation residence has a contract for medical care provision. The medical establishment provides information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about foreign nationals who quarantined (names, date of birth, document number, citizenship).

7. All persons in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, according to the current case definition, shall be put by the Regional Health Inspectorate under quarantine at the home or at other accommodation under medical observation for a 14-day period from the day of last contact with a sick person.

8. All persons under quarantine shall be obliged not to leave their homes or the place of accommodation in which they have indicated that they will stay for the prescribed period, with exception for the persons under point III, 3.

9. If no symptoms of COVID-19, according to the current case definition, appear until the expiry of the prescribed period, the quarantine shall be suspended.

10. In case of influenza-like symptoms (increased body temperature; coughing; difficulty of breathing, fever, etc.), persons are obliged to contact by telephone their GP (general practitioner), the healthcare facility serving the accommodation, or the relevant regional health inspection office, from where they can obtain instructions depending on the case.

III. Introduces special rules for persons providing goods and services, as follows:

1. Drivers of heavy goods vehicles - Bulgarian citizens, arriving from a country with registered COVID-19 cases shall be quarantined in compliance with the rules under point II.

2. The implementation of the measure under point 1 shall be controlled according to the rules specified in this order, and the haulier whose employee is the respective driver is obliged to render full assistance until the driver leaves the country.

3. Drivers of heavy goods vehicles - Bulgarian citizens are entitled during the quarantine period for the purpose of carrying out or completing of international transport:

a) to transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

(b) be in the cabin of the heavy vehicles;

(c) to drive the heavy vehicle;

d) carry out loading and unloading activities;

e) to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria before the quarantine period has expired.

4. For drivers of heavy goods vehicles who are not Bulgarian citizens but are nationals of any of the countries under point I.1. and /or enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria from a country under point I.2. or have passed through the territory of such a country the following regime is introduced:

a) the drivers of goods vehicles, carrying cargo and goods intended for the Bulgarian market enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unload the transported cargo and goods and /or load cargo and goods, and immediately leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

b) for drivers of heavy goods vehicles, carrying cargo and goods destined for other countries is permitted to transit through the territory Republic of Bulgaria on a route announced by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

5. To the drivers under point 3 and point 4 passing through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be issued a precept according to the sample (Annex No. 2) by the National TOLL Directorate under the Road Infrastructure Agency, which shall specify:

a) date and time at which they should leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;

b) the border crossing point at which they are to cross.

6. The determined deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria under point 5, b. "a" shall not exceed 24 (twenty-four) hours from the issuance of the precept under point 5.

7. In cases when drivers of heavy vehicles, carrying cargo and goods destined for other countries, which are allowed to transit through the Republic of Bulgaria, but due to a ban by a state bordering the Republic of Bulgaria, cannot leave the country, a specific place is determined where the heavy vehicle and the driver must stay until the respective ban is lifted, and then to leave the country in accordance with point 4, b. "b".

8. For compliance with the issued precept under point 5, according to their functional competence, monitoring shall be executed by the following authorities:

a) bodies of the Ministry of Interior in exercising their control powers by law;

b) officials of the National TOLL Directorate in exercising control over the fulfillment of the toll payment obligations;

9. The bodies under point 8 shall notify the director of the respective regional directorate of the Ministry of Interior, or the mayor of the respective municipality in case of violation of a precept under point 5.

10. For crewmembers of aircrafts flying to and from public airports on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the following special regime shall apply:

a) the crewmembers of an aircraft flying from the Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of a State under point I, 1 and 2, which did not stay on the territory of that State, except on a platform (parking, airplane service sleeve) and this stay is connected with the fulfillment of the mandatory pre-flight preparation, and landing again in the Republic of Bulgaria, shall not be subject to quarantine;

b) the crewmembers of an aircraft flying to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria from the territory of a State under point I, 1 and 2 shall enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, in case that they do not leave the aircraft except for the mandatory pre-flight preparation, as the duration of their stay until departure for the next scheduled flight does not exceed their flight duty period (FDP), but no more than 12 hours;

c) the crewmembers of an aircraft flying to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for the purpose of delivering the aircraft for maintenance and its return after it, who are nationals of a state under point I, 1 and 2, enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, provided that they do not leave the aircraft except for mandatory pre-flight preparation, as their time of stay until departure for the next scheduled flight does not exceed their flight duty period (FDP) but not more than 12 hours;

d) In case of identification of a passenger with symptoms of COVID-19 on board of an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the crew which made the respective flight shall not be scheduled for the next flight and shall be a subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine, according to the instructions of the bodies for state health control.

Annex No. 1 to Item II, 1 of Order No. RD-01-183/06.04.2020

REGIONAL HEALTH INSPECTORATE -

Outgoing №...../..... (date, month, year)

**GUIDE/RULE/ INSTRUCTION/PRECEPT FOR
PLACEMENT INTO A QUARANTINE**

The undersigned

the three names of the State Health Inspector

in the capacity of /appointed as

Directorate/Unit

By virtue of Order №/ of the Minister of Health, in conjunction with Art. 63 of the Health Act and Art. 29 of Ordinance No. 21 of 2005 on the procedures for registration, communication and reporting of the communicable diseases

I GUIDE/RULE/INSTRUCT:

1. To be placed in quarantine of:

three names of the person

with Personal ID Number/Personal Number of Foreigner

description of the reason for quarantining

The person to be placed in quarantine at the following address: _____

Starting date and mandatory 14-day period for which the person is quarantined:

2. The person mentioned under item 1 to keep a distance of at least 1 m. from the people he or she is living with, incl. stay/sleeping in separate rooms if possible, regular ventilation, eating at different times,

regular cleaning of handles and common surfaces, using separate towels in the bathroom, washing hands before eating, after using the toilet, etc.

3. In the event of influenza-like symptoms (high temperature, coughing, difficulty breathing, fever, etc.), the person mentioned under item 1 to contact immediately his/her general practitioner and / or regional health inspectorate - _____ by calling on the following Tel. No. _____ .

4. In the event of violation of this guide/rule/instruction the person mentioned under item 1 will be subject to criminal liability by virtue of Article 355 of the Criminal Code - by imprisonment of up to three years and payment of fine of one thousand to ten thousand BGN. In a situation of outbreak, pandemic or state of emergency, which is related to deaths, the person mentioned under item 1 will be subject to criminal liability by imprisonment of up to five years and payment of fine of ten to fifty thousand BGN.

State Health Inspector: _____

Signature

SERVICE OF THE GUIDE/RULE/INSTRUCTION

Date _____
day, month, year, hour

Travel time to the place of quarantine _____

Hanging _____ Receiving

signature

signature

Forenames and Surname

^r
Forenames and Surname

I am well aware that I am subject to criminal liability by virtue of Article 355 of the Criminal Code for not having followed this guide/rule/instruction.

Declarant

(signature)

Annex No. 2 to Item III, 5 of Order No. RD-01-183/06.04.2020

GUIDE/RULE/ INSTRUCTION/PRECEPT FOR LORRY DRIVERS

Today (date, month, year): 20, in the city of/village of.
 , Municipality Region
at (exact hour am,/pm.)

The undersigned
(names of the employee)

(position at the company)
(names of the company/employer) City

by virtue of Item 111,4-6 of Order No. RD-01-.....of 20of the Minister of Health

I GUIDE/RULE/INSTRUCT:

The person.

**(Forenames and Surname in Cyrillic and Latin, date of birth, place of birth, nationality, ID number of Driving
Licence of the lorry driver)**

Driver of
(trade mark of the vehicle, vehicle's model, type of the vehicle, registration number of the vehicle and the trailer or semitrailer to it)
must leave the territory of Republic of Bulgaria:

1. Not later than on 20(date, month, year).
(indication of end time and date on which the person must leave the territory of Republic of Bulgaria)
2. Through the border crossing point -
(it is indicated the border crossing point where the person must pass)
3. In the event when lorry driver transports cargo and goods, destined for other countries, and who have permission to transit through the territory of Republic of Bulgaria due to a ban by a country bordering the Republic of Bulgaria, and at the same time the lorry driver cannot pass through the designated border crossing point, the following parking place for TIR transport is determined, where the truck and driver should remain until the ban is lifted:

(buffer parking place for TIR transport of the former military airport in the territory of Uzhundzhovo village, Municipality of “Haskovo”)

This guide/rule/instruction shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the Code on Administrative Procedures within 14-day period at the time of service to the direct supervisory administrative authority or to the Administrative court - in the city of

Pursuant to Art. 60, para. 1 of the Code of Administrative Procedure, I allow preliminary implementation of the guide/rule/instruction.

The measures included in this guide/rule/instruction are in pursuance of Order No. RD-01- of2020 of the Minister of Health.

The preliminary implementation is being undertaken in order to limit the COVID-19 outbreak, which represents severe public health emergency at national and global level. This justifies their character as measures of extremely high public interest.

The consequences of untimely application and any delay in the implementation of anti-epidemic measures will cause significant, difficult to overcome and irreversible harm to people's life and health.

The preliminary implementation shall be subject to appeal in accordance with Art. 60, para. 5 of the Code on Administrative Procedures through the

(the administrative authority, which issued the guide/rule/instruction)

to Administrative court - in the city of within 3-day period of its announcement.
This guide/rule/instruction is issued in duplicate, one of which is provided to the person.

ISSUER of the GUIDE/RULE/INSTRUCTION:

Signature

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

The undersigned:

(Name of the lorry driver in manuscript)

I received a copy of this guide/rule/instruction.

Date of service:

Hour of service:

SIGNATURE:

To be filled in if the person is not a Bulgarian citizen.

This guide/rule/instruction was reported to me at (hour, am., pm.)

on (date, month, year)..... in a language that I can understand with the help of

(Names and Surname, Personal ID Number, permanent address)

SIGNATURE:

(Signature of the lorry driver)

SIGNATURE:

(Signature of the person conducted the interpretation)

The refusal of the person to receive a copy of the present guide/rule/instruction shall be certified by a witness's signature.

WITNESS:

(Names and Surname, Personal ID Number, permanent address)

SIGNATURE: