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COVID-19: RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER CARRIAGE, TOURISM AND TRAVEL

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From 10 June 2020, the Cabinet of Ministers regulation No. 360 of 9 June 2020 "Epidemiological Safety Measures to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection" shall be applied in the Republic of Latvia, which prescribes restrictions on international passenger carriage, tourism and travel.

International passenger carriage through airports shall not be operated from/to the countries published on the website of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control <https://spkc.gov.lv/lv/tavai-veselibai/aktualitate-par-jauno-koronavi/valstu-saslimstibas-raditaji-a/> (hereinafter referred to as the Centre) where Covid-19 infection is known to pose a serious risk to public health, i.e. European Union and European Economic Area states where the Covid-19 cumulative incidence rate for the last 14 days exceeds 25 per 100 000 inhabitants. The requirement does not apply to:

1. Passenger carriage by state aircraft and military transport;
2. Passenger carriage (not more than five passengers) by private air transport and business flights;
3. Non-scheduled passenger carriage when passengers cross the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit;
4. Non-scheduled passenger services, which are specially organized for the carriage of workers for the performance of their work duties;
5. Carriage of workers performed on the basis of a list of workers submitted to the carrier by the respective employer;
6. Non-scheduled passenger carriage for repatriation initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As of 10 June 2020, the movement of persons and vehicles through the external border crossing points of the European Union from/to the countries published on the Centre's website where the spread of Covid-19 infection may pose a serious risk to public health (other than cargo transport) is prohibited.

This prohibition does not apply to:

1. Nationals of the Republic of Latvia and their family members whose permanent residence is abroad, as well as to foreigners who, when crossing the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit, return to the country of their permanent residence;
2. Nationals of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland and their family members, as well as persons who permanently reside in these countries, to return to their country of residence, including the Republic of Latvia, when crossing the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit;
3. Employees and passengers of cargo and passenger carriage service providers, crews of cargo or technical flights who enter or leave the Republic of Latvia while performing their work duties;
4. Passenger carriage by state aircraft and military transport;
5. Passenger carriage (not more than five passengers) by private vehicles and business flights;

6. Non-scheduled passenger carriage when passengers cross the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit;
7. Foreigners who have confirmed the need for entry into Latvia for the fulfilment of the obligations of merchants has been confirmed by the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia;
8. Foreign diplomats and their family members who cross the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit for the performance of official functions, as well as holders of Latvian diplomatic passports, officials of the diplomatic and consular service, employees and their family members who return from their country of service or who have to enter their country of service;
9. Nationals of the Republic of Latvia who are members of Latvian official delegations or who have to get to their place of work within the framework of the intergovernmental project.

Persons who have stayed in a country which, according to the list of countries published on the Centre's website, has been recognised as having to comply with the special precautionary and restrictive measures and who arrive in the Republic of Latvia, must comply with self-isolation. These persons must complete the certification form that they will comply with the conditions of self-isolation when crossing the State border of the Republic of Latvia. If a person arrives in the Republic of Latvia to perform work duties or as a provider of transport and passenger transport services, the person shall sign a statement that he or she will comply with self-isolation measures outside the performance of work duties, which may be discontinued if the next trip is required.

The relevant carrier is responsible for handing over the completed certification form to the State Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia.

The certificate form is available on the website of the Ministry of Transport <http://www.sam.gov.lv/sm/content/?cat=825>.

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