Georgia
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Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19

Institutional arrangement

Coordination

There is an Interagency Coordination working group at the level of Deputy Minister, DG-s, heads of departments, which gives opportunity to coordinate promptly, and in a harmonized way implementation measures of all adopted regulations due to Covid19 pandemic. The deputy DG of Revenue Service is a member of the group.

Customs formalities.

Freight transportation by road, rail, air and sea and the related import procedures on the territory of Georgia due to corona virus:

- Road, railway, air and marine cargo international movement related customs formalities are conducted without any restriction while applying hygiene checks on drivers/ personnel conducting the freight transportation on the borders due to Covid19.

- if the driver, coming from/via the countries nominated as high risk areas by the World Health Organization (WHO) (People’s Republic of China, South Korea, the Republic of Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain, the Confederation of Switzerland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Denmark; the list frequently changes due to the threat and the WHO assessment), having been in these countries during the last 14 days, would like to transit goods through the territory of Georgia, upon arrival to the entry Customs Crossing Point:
  - the truck will be escorted by the Patrol Police between the entry and exit Customs Crossing Points of Georgia. A transit route and temporary parking areas are assigned, and the Patrol Police is closely monitoring the whole process. The time period of transit has been decreased; or
  - the driver will be changed by another driver from a non-risky country. The initial driver should return; and
  - the means of transport should be fumigated/decontaminated; or
  - if it is possible but not mandatory to change the truck by another truck from a non-risky country. Of course the trailer should be fumigated and the initial truck should be returned.

- if the driver, coming from/via the countries nominated as high risk areas by the WHO, having been in these countries during the last 14 days, would like to import the goods to the territory of Georgia, upon arrival to the entry Customs Crossing Point:
  - the truck will be escorted by the Patrol Police between the entry Customs Crossing Points and the nearest customs control zone of Georgia, or
- The driver will be changed by another driver from a non-risky country. The initial driver should return; and
- the means of transport should be fumigated/decontaminated; or
- If it is possible but not mandatory to change the truck by another truck from a non-risky country. Of course the trailer should be fumigated and the initial truck should be returned.

- The international conveyance (whether import or transit) from/via other countries than those above mentioned should be conducted in accordance with normal customs procedures.

**Hygiene checks of drivers at the borders**

- The driver will be screened at the border and if symptoms of influenza/fever are confirmed at the entry customs crossing point the entrance will be denied. If the driver is a Georgian citizen, we have to grant to the driver the right to enter the territory of Georgia and the driver will be quarantined.

- The cargo might enter the territory of Georgia if:

  1) the driver will be changed by another driver from a non-risky country. The initial driver should return; and
  2) the means of transport should be fumigated; or
  3) if it is possible but not mandatory to change the truck by another truck from a non-risky country. Of course the trailer should be fumigated and the initial truck should be returned.

- it is highly recommended that the driver/personnel wears a protective mask during interaction with customs officers.

**Cargo movement is available via all land/air/marine border crossing points for 24/7.**

**Period of validity of these regulations.**
The period of validity is until 21 April 2020.