

Customs General Administration of Mongolia

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MEASURES TAKEN BY THE MONGOLIAN GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND RESTRICT THE MOVEMENTS OF TRAVELLERS, CARGO AND MEANS OF TRANSPORT

1. The Period of Cross-Country Enhanced Preparedness Actions against the Covid-19 pandemic was extended until 30 April 2020. In connection with announcement of the Cross-Country Enhanced Critical Preparedness Actions, educational institutions at all levels were temporarily closed and scheduled international flights and international railway passenger movements were suspended.
2. The Mongolian Customs had established the Interim Operative Working Group and appoints immediate duty officers on a day-to-day basis to provide the State Emergency Commission with real-time data. The regional Customs administrations and Customs branch offices have been fully supplied with cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization materials.
3. Within the framework of best protection against the outbreak of coronavirus and prevention measures, cross-border movements are partially restricted and only importation and exportation of goods and means of transport are allowed.
4. Customs examinations are carried out only after the goods and means of transport are properly decontaminated. The goods and means of transport are delivered to the border and inland Customs under police escort. Mongolian drivers are isolated for 14 days. The foreign drivers are also isolated until the cargo is unloaded and they return immediately under strict surveillance.
5. The Customs inspections are carried out in separate areas classified as red, orange and green. The Customs inspectors use full and half sets of personal protective cloths and equipment.
6. Limited number of special chartered flights are being arranged to locations outside Mongolia to bring Mongolian nationals back at their requests. The Mongolian nationals returning back and foreign nationals coming to Mongolia to reside in it permanently through the named ports are isolated for 14 days. Their accompanied and unaccompanied luggage is decontaminated and also kept under control for 14 days. Thereafter, the Customs carries out the necessary Customs inspections.
9. The Mongolian Customs translates into Mongolian the WCO updates and communique regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as immediately as possible and disseminates them through its website.