

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

In the Western Balkan Region some crossing points at which customs and other inspection agencies are present, have been designated as the ones at which the traffic flow of all goods is guaranteed 24/7.

In addition to this, specific crossing points are determined to form so called “Green Corridor” in the Region. These crossing points ensure the traffic flow of all goods, giving priority to the essential goods. The single, previously agreed, List of the essential goods contains the food and feed essential products and the *World Customs Organisation list of the medical supplies*. Depending on the needs of the CEFTA Parties the list of the essential goods may be reassessed and modified. Prioritized movement of the above said essential goods is secured through electronic dissemination of pre-arrival information within the IT System named “System of Electronic Exchange of Data” (SEED) that is in use in whole Region. SEED notifications on the arrival of priority consignments are sent in advance to all agencies involved in clearance of goods, in order for the agencies to prepare in advance and give to those consignments a priority passage. Mixed consignments, transporting the essential products from the List and the ones out of List, are given priority treatment, as well.

Recognition of the essential goods is based on the input of tariff HS code at the level on 8 or 6 digits made in customs export/transit declarations.

Additional information on this initiative in Serbian language can be found at our official web site (<https://www.carina.rs/cyr/Stranice/CEFTACovid19.aspx>), and in English at the following links:

<https://cefta.int/news/the-system-of-electronic-exchange-of-data-upgraded-to-support-facilitation-of-transport-and-trade-of-essential-goods-amid-covid-19/>

<https://cefta.int/covid-19/>

<https://www.transport-community.org/covid-19-news/>

https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Joint-TCT-CEFTA-proposal-green-corridors_07042020.pdf

2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

The Government of the Republic of Serbia has passed a number of Regulations, Conclusions and Decisions in this area, out of which we single out the following:

2.1. Regulation on usage of budget funds of the Republic of Serbia during a state of emergency due to COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia“, number 38 of 20 March 2020.

2.2. Regulation on tax measures for mitigation of economic consequences due to Covid-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia“, number 38 of 20 March 2020.

2.3. Regulation on conditions and criteria on state aid compatibility to remedy adverse consequences caused by outbreak of COVID-19 infectious disease „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 54 of 10 April 2020.

2.4. Regulation on conditions and criteria on state aid compatibility to remedy a serious disturbance to the economy caused by outbreak of COVID-19 infectious disease „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 54 of 10 April 2020.

2.5. Regulation on determining the Programme of financial support to economic operators to maintain liquidity and working capital in hampered economic conditions due to COVID-19 pandemics caused by SARS-CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 54 of 10 April 2020.

2.6. Regulation on determining a guarantee scheme as a measure of support to the economy for mitigation of consequences of COVID-19 pandemics caused by SARS- CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia“, number 57 of 16 April 2020.

2.7. Regulation on monetary aid to the farm households to mitigate consequences due to COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia“, number 57 of 16 April 2020.

2.8. Regulation on financial support to the farm households through facilitated access to utilization of loans in hampered economic conditions due to COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 57 of 16 April 2020.

2.9. Regulation on fiscal benefits and direct benefits to the private sector economic operators and monetary aid to the citizens to mitigate economic consequences of COVID-19 „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 54 of 10 April 2020.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

The Government of the Republic of Serbia and its institutions has passed a number of Regulations, Decisions and Recommendations in this area, out of which we single out the following:

3.1. Regulation on organization of work of employers during a state of emergency „Official Gazette of the RS“, number 31 of 16 March 2020 (work from home, shift work, protective and disinfection products supply).

3.2. Decision on amendments to the Civil Servants Code (obligation of the supervisor to organize the work in a way that reduces the risk for employees, required communication is done over the telephone, via e-mails or conference calls, and when it comes to the meetings that must be held in the office, shaking hands is not allowed, the meetings are restricted to 20 minutes with the presence of maximum 4 persons, a room where the meeting is held shall be large enough to enable physical distance between the attendees).

3.3. Notification of the Ministry of Finance of the measures during coronavirus caused pandemic (increased hygiene measures, complying with measures stipulated in the above said Code, obligation of both the supervisors and the competent health authorities to report health issues and contacts with infected persons).

4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society

The Government of the Republic of Serbia has passed a number of Decisions in this area, adjusting adopted measures to the current situation in the country, out of which we single out the following:

- 4.1. Decision on proclaiming COVID-19 disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus as infectious disease** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, Nos. 23/20...49/20)
- 4.2. Decision on closing border crossing points** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, Nos. 25/20...47/20)
- 4.3. Decision on medicine export ban** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 28/2020)
- 4.4. Decision amending Decision on medicine export ban** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No.33/2020)
- 4.5. Decision on temporary ban of essential products export** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No 28/2020) **CEASED TO BE VALID ON APRIL 13, 2020**
- 4.6. Decision amending and changing Decision on temporary ban of essential products export** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 33/2020)
- 4.7. Decision amending Decision on temporary ban of essential products export** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 37/2020).
- 4.8. Decision on medicine export ban** („Official Gazette of the RS“ no. 32/2020, 33/2020, 47/2020)
- 4.9. Decision on temporary ban of essential products export** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No 54/2020) **CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 10, 2020 AND APPLIED FROM APRIL 13, 2020**