

Ανακοίνωση του σλοβακικού Υπουργείου Εξωτερικών και Ευρωπαϊκών Υποθέσεων σχετικά με την οδική διέλευση από την Ουγγαρία (22.5.2020)

Hungary - border crossing conditions, exemptions and procedure for transit facilities

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In the territory of Hungary, the Government Decree of 26 March 2020 - closure of the state border, including border crossings at the entrance to the country, continues, with exceptions.

Only Hungarian nationals and EEA citizens who have a permanent or temporary residence.

Exception for Slovak citizens

From 22 May 2020 from 07:00 Hungarian Government Regulation 218/2020 (V.21) applies. in the matter of crossing the borders of our citizens to Hungary. The regulation allows citizens of the Slovak Republic to cross the border **in the direction from the Slovak Republic without restriction and to stay in Hungary for 24 hours.**

According to the regulation, a citizen of the Slovak Republic staying in the territory of Hungary is **obliged to leave the territory of Hungary within 24 hours, if this does not happen, the existing government regulations will apply to him. Regulation 218/2020 does not apply to the crossing of frontiers by freight transport and applies from 22 May 2020.**

According to the purpose, passenger transport from Hungary to the Slovak Republic is allowed only through the following border crossings:

- Medveďov - Vámosszabadi
- Štúrovo - Esztergom
- Šahy - Parassapuszta
- Slovenské Nové Mesto - Sátoraljaújhely
- Milhosť -Tornyosnémeti
- Komárno - Komárom
- Lenártovce - Banreve
- Král' - Banreve
- Čuňovo - Rajka
- Šiatorská Bukovinka - Somoskőujfalu
- Slovenské Ďarmoty - Balassagyarmat

Towards Hungary, these passenger crossings are allowed only to enter passenger transport by Hungarian nationals and citizens with permanent or temporary residence in the country. We recommend regularly monitoring the FB profile of the Police of the Slovak Republic.

For this purpose (isolation in facilities designated by the state), the **border crossings of the Slovak Republic for possible returns of Slovak citizens from Hungary in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic are determined as follows:**

- Čuňovo - Rajka (highway)
- Šahy - Parassapusta
- Milhošť - Tornyosnémetgy (expressway R4)
- Komárno - Komárom

Rail / bus transport

The state railway company MAV and bus companies interrupted passenger transport with the Slovak Republic.

Air transport

Air traffic in the country is limited to a minimum. The internal Schengen border of F. Liszt International Airport in Budapest is closed and does not accept non-Hungarian citizens, resp. EEA citizens who have a permanent or temporary residence. **D of the interior are released only Hungarian citizens and their family members and foreigners with permanent / temporary residence in Hungary. Some foreign nationals are returned by the airport to the country of departure, resp. they are allowed to enter the transit zone and continue in transit traffic – i.e. only departure from Hungary.**

We recommend following the rapidly changing situation at F. Liszt International Airport in Budapest

Warning - arrival at Budapest International Airport:

Pursuant to the Regulation of the Hungarian Government of 26 March 2020, **the entry of foreign nationals into the territory of Hungary is also prohibited by civil air transport.**

Under Hungarian national regulations, the competent authorities have the right to return foreign nationals from the transit zone to the country of departure. In view of the above, we warn citizens **to look for other ways to return to the territory of the Slovak Republic, not through Hungary.**

We inform the citizens of the Slovak Republic that the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Budapest **has not been carrying out individual repatriations from Franz Liszt International Airport in Budapest since midnight on 2 April 2020.** It carries out only group repatriations organized by repatriation flights of EU member states.

Warning / Repatriation by road passenger transport:

From 19 March 2020, the Hungarian side approved the transit of citizens of the Slovak Republic through the territory of Hungary through open border crossings with Serbia and Romania.

Transit through Hungary (return to Slovakia)

Crossing through Hungary is only possible with the permission of the police. The application for transit (return to the Slovak Republic) through Hungary is submitted by the citizens of the Slovak Republic to the relevant embassy of the Slovak Republic in the country from which they travel back to the territory of the Slovak Republic, e.g. From Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia, Slovenia, Greece, Croatia.

Foreign nationals with a residence permit in the territory of the Slovak Republic apply for a transit permit to the diplomatic mission of the state of which they are citizens.

Exceptions to enter Hungary for a specified purpose

As of 11 May 2020, the Hungarian Government Regulation 29000 / 12535-1 / 202 applies that foreigners (including Slovak citizens) may apply to the Hungarian police (in Hungarian) for permission to grant an entry exemption for the following purpose:

- a) participation in legal proceedings
- b) business activity justified by an invitation letter from a central state administration body, independent regulatory body or autonomous state administration body
- c) treatment in a medical facility - accompanying letter or similar document
- d) examination obligations - if the person is a high school or university student certificate from the institution
- e) performance of transport activities - in the case of travel by personal transport - the employer issues a certificate of the starting point or goal
- f) participation in the funeral of a close person.

In connection with the crossing of the Slovak-Hungarian border and transit through the territory of Hungary, you can apply to the Presidium of the Police Force of Hungary (*Országos Rendőr-főkapitányság*), in Hungarian, for an exemption to enter Hungary .

The application can only be sent electronically and must contain the personal data of the applicant and passengers as well as their address, telephone and e-mail contact, the purpose and justification of the application, the date, place and manner of crossing the border. The application must be accompanied by an identity card, a document confirming the reason or the situation, a copy of the document which is the basis for granting the exemption, in the case of the journey for which the person has been authorized, the authorization.

If the person does not have a customer portal, the request can be submitted on the police website via a smart questionnaire

The application form can be found in the table entitled inNOVA úrlap.

Contacts for the Hungarian police

Address: 1139 Budapest, Teve utca 4-6

Corresp. address: 1903 Budapest, Pf. 314

Tel .: + 36-1-443-5500

E-mail: ugyfelszolgalat@orfk.police.hu

Permanent service: ugyelet.orfk@orfk.police.hu

Requests that do not meet the content or formal requirements (not completed in Hungarian, incomplete, do not contain a reason for granting an exemption) will be rejected by the Hungarian side. Upon entering the territory of Hungary, the person must show, at the request of the police, the original documents entitling him to enter.

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Budapest has no powers or competencies in handling exemptions for permission to enter Hungary.

Possibility to travel to Hungary on a business trip

The Statute of Business Travellers is regulated by Government Decree 174/2020 of 30 April 2020. If a Slovak citizen is an employee or manager of a national company or a company registered in Hungary, which is in a business relationship with a company registered in the Slovak Republic and **arrives in Hungary by passenger transport for the purpose of a demonstrable trade route, he may enter the territory of Hungary without restriction** (mandatory 14-day quarantine does not apply).

The Hungarian police will demand **confirmation from the employer or an employment contract** from the citizens of the Slovak Republic upon entry. In the case of company owners, the Hungarian police will request proof of registration in the commercial register, respectively an extract from the commercial register confirming that the citizen concerned is the registered owner of the company.

As of 21 May 2020, the measure of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic applies - the obligation of quarantine (state, domestic) does not apply or the submission of a negative test will not apply to persons with permanent or temporary residence in the Slovak Republic who travel to Hungary and other countries. It is **necessary to return to the territory of the Slovak Republic within 24 hours**.

Before leaving the Slovak Republic, it will be necessary to fill in a form about the time of leaving the territory, which will be confirmed at the border by a member of the police force.

- [Form for crossing the state border](#)

Measures for freight transport

For freight transport from / to the Slovak Republic, it is possible to cross the border crossings:

- M15 Čuňovo - Rajka
- Milhost' - Tornyosnémeti
- Šahy - Parassapuszta

Two-way freight transport (from Slovakia to Hungary and from Hungary to Slovakia) is possible through border crossings:

- Medveďov - Vámosszabadi
- Šiatorská Bukovinka - Somoskőujfalu
- Slovenské Nové Mesto - Sátoraljaújhely
- Král' - Banreve - also international truck transport with place of loading or unloading in the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland
- Host'ovce - Tornanádaska - open from 4 May 2020, daily from 06:00 until 18:00 for double-sided passenger and freight transport up to max. 3.5 MT. Valid only for transport between the Slovak Republic and Hungary.
- Komárno - Komárom - from 11 May 2020 also for small trucks up to 3, 5 MT
- Štúrovo - Esztergom - from 11 May 2020 also for small trucks up to 3, 5 MT

We recommend monitoring the rapidly changing conditions for freight transport on the profile of the Police of the Slovak Republic on the social network.

Mandatory medical examinations

At the entrances to Hungary, body temperature measurement is mandatory for the crew of freight vehicles. In case of demonstrable health problems, the truck is not allowed to enter the country. After unloading the goods in Hungary, the obligation to leave the country applies within 24 hours at the latest. In the case of transit traffic, it is necessary to leave the territory of Hungary as soon as possible and along the marked route. During transport in Hungary, it is mandatory to wear a drape and rubber gloves. Trucks coming from Italy are not allowed. There is a restriction on trucks with a capacity of up to 3.5MT, except for the above exceptions.

Traffic restrictions

So-called humanitarian corridors for safe transport have been created.

After entering the designated border crossings, foreign lorries can cross the territory of the country only via routes according to the map.

Due to the high waiting times at border crossings, which we have no control over, transport companies should warn drivers to be provided with a sufficient amount of drinks and food.

Free cross - border movement

From 19 March 2020, the free cross-border movement of citizens of the Slovak Republic who live or work in the territory of Hungary up to 30 kilometers from their borders applies.

Border checks will have to be proved by a valid identity document and a certificate from the employer, to return to Hungary by proof of residence.