

Travelling During the State of Emergency (26/03/2020)

Due to the threat to public health and the necessity to adopt measures according to the Act on Civil Protection of the Population, the Government of the Slovak Republic declared, on March 11, 2020, an extraordinary situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic. On March 12, 2020, the Central Crisis Staff of the Slovak Republic adopted, inter alia, travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 disease.

As of April 6, 2020, the entry of foreign nationals to the territory of the Slovak Republic is not allowed, with the exception of the situations listed below, without prejudice to the obligation to comply with the quarantine and other measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic:

1. Foreign nationals who are relatives of Slovak citizens, i.e. husbands/wives, minor children, parents of a minor child entering the Slovak Republic via the internal border (i. e. from Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria). Minor children, husbands/wives do not have to travel together with the foreign national; their family relationship shall be demonstrated by presenting, for example, a birth certificate or marriage certificate (Should a foreign national not carry the original, a standard copy of the document shall suffice.). If the document exists only in a foreign language, the foreign national shall provide for its translation (a non-official translation is enough). When undergoing the check, the foreign national should present the original in the foreign language and its translation.

2. Foreign nationals who have a valid residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic, pursuant to Act No. 4040/2011 on the Residence of Foreign Nationals, as amended, and who present themselves with a valid residency permit, a residence ID and a statement confirming that their residency has been registered.

3. Foreign nationals with temporary or permanent residence in the border region of a neighbouring state within 30 km from the internal border of the Slovak Republic (living in Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria) who regularly commute for employment reasons to the territory of the Slovak Republic within the 30 km from the internal border of the Slovak Republic and can present their employer's certificate of employment.

4. The staff of diplomatic missions, their relatives (husbands/wives, minor children) with accreditation at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

5. Foreign nationals who are granted exemption by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic according to the public order No. OLP/3012/2020 adopted on April 4, 2020 (available on website www.uvzsr.sk).

6. Entry to the territory of the Slovak Republic shall also be made possible **for all foreign nationals – drivers of freight transport by road and of goods vehicles who have a CMR loading certificate** and also of unloaded vehicles for the purpose of loading goods and transit through the territory of the Slovak Republic to another state without a CMR certificate (the driver of an unloaded vehicle must be able to demonstrate, in a trustworthy manner, the purpose of their travel to a loading place and/or of their transit). Foreign nationals who are drivers of freight transport will also be allowed to entry, under the condition that they are traveling to a place where they are going to be engaged in freight transportation, whereas the beginning of the

transportation is in the Slovak Republic. This shall be demonstrated by presenting e.g. employment certificate, indication of destination of freight transportation and identification details of the drivers (and co-drivers) and vehicles. Such persons shall leave the territory of the Slovak Republic within 24 hours.

7. Drivers and crew of personal bus transportation, who are engaged in transportation of persons being repatriated to the Slovak Republic;

8. Drivers and crew of medical service, who are engaged in transportation of patients or transportation of body organs for transplantations, blood and blood substitutes;

9. Employees of funeral services, who are engaged in the international transportation of human remains for the purpose of burial or cremation.

Inquiries for additional information in addition to the above stated must be addressed directly to the Border and Foreign Police Bureau of the Presidium of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic – suhcp@minv.sk.