

Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

Country: Republic of Serbia

Date: 27/01/2021

Measure related to :	Restriction period		Temporary exemptions (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc...)	
	From	To	Type	Period
<p>Goods:</p> <p>A negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, as a requirement to enter the Republic of Serbia, from all countries across the world, (excluding Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), shall not apply to foreign nationals carrying out international transport, for the purposes of loading or unloading goods or for transportation of people in or through the Republic of Serbia, when it comes to crews of:</p> <p>-cargo motor vehicles transporting goods by international road traffic. In case of transit traffic, the latter is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entry in the Republic of Serbia.</p>	16 December 2020	14 January 2021		

<p>Passengers:</p> <p>To prevent import of infectious disease onto the territory of the Republic of Serbia, individuals coming to the Republic of Serbia from all countries across the world, (excluding Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), shall be allowed to enter the Republic of Serbia solely provided they have a negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, issued by a referential laboratory of the country they are coming from, that is the country they are entering the Republic of Serbia. Should there be a delay when entering the Republic of Serbia that cannot be attributed to the passenger but to an existence of an extraordinary occurrence that could not have been foreseen, avoided or discarded (delay/postponement of flight, bus or train departure, or similar event), then the test cannot be older than 72 hours when entering the Republic of Serbia.</p> <p>A negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, as a requirement to enter the Republic of Serbia from all countries across the world, (except from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), shall not apply to foreign nationals carrying out international transport, for the purposes of loading or unloading goods or for transportation of people in or through the Republic of Serbia, when it comes to crews of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -passenger inter-city or long-distance coaches, both in transit and in case the final or departing destination is the Republic of Serbia. 	<p>16 December 2020</p>	<p>14 January 2021</p>		
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<p>Other:</p> <p>A negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, as a requirement to enter the Republic of Serbia from all countries across the world, (excluding Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), shall not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • foreign nationals transiting through the Republic of Serbia. Transit for foreign nationals is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia; • crew and cabin crew of aircraft whose final destination is the Republic of Serbia; • crew, personnel and passengers who are in transit, that is who are in transfer through international airports of the Republic of Serbia; • accredited members of the staff of foreign diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations resident offices, as well as members of their families who are holders of special identity cards, that is identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Serbia; • minors up to 12 years of age, provided the parent, custodian or any other person accompanying the child has a negative RT-PCR test, if it is needed; • foreign nationals who have either a temporary or permanent permit in the Republic of Serbia; 	<p>16 December 2020</p>	<p>14 January 2021</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• members of foreign military, police and other security services who are transiting through the territory of the Republic of Serbia or who are coming to the Republic of Serbia for official purposes with prior notification;• foreign nationals carrying out international transport, for the purposes of loading or unloading goods or for transportation of people in or through the Republic of Serbia, when it comes to crews of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) cargo motor vehicles transporting goods by international road traffic. In case of transit traffic, the latter is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entry in the Republic of Serbia;b) cargo ships transporting goods to one of Serbian ports. In case of transit navigation on the international waterway on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the latter shall be limited to a period not longer than 90 hours for ship formations and 60 hours for self-propelled watercrafts from the moment they entered the territory of the Republic of Serbia in case of upstream navigation, or for a period not longer than 72 hours for ship formations and 54 hours for self-propelled watercrafts from the moments they entered the territory of the Republic of Serbia in case of downstream navigation;c) passenger inter-city or long-distance coaches, both in transit and in case the final or departing destination is the Republic of Serbia;d) train formations and their accompanying crews;e) humanitarian convoys arranged through diplomatic channels.				
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<p>A negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, not older than 48 hours, as a requirement to enter the Republic of Serbia from all countries across the world, (excluding Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), shall not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nationals from neighbouring countries from the border area who are carrying out field works and have farming land on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, who are duty-bound to have, when crossing the state border to carry out field works, a written proof of ownership on this land or a written statement by the owner of the land that the person in question is carrying out field works on his land, based on reciprocity; • nationals from neighbouring countries who are residing in the border area but are employed in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, issued by their employer from the Republic of Serbia a document certifying their employment, based on reciprocity. <p>Individuals coming from the USA instead of a negative RT-PCR test are recognized, under the same conditions, a negative Antigen FIA Rapid test.</p> <p>Nationals of the Republic of Serbia and foreign nationals having either a temporary or permanent permit in the Republic of Serbia, when entering the Republic of Serbia from all the countries, (except from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Northern Macedonia and Montenegro*), and who do not have a negative RT-PCR test to the virus SARS-CoV-2, issued by a referential laboratory of the country they are coming</p>	<p>30 December 2020</p>	<p>14 January 2021</p>		
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from, that is the country they are entering the Republic of Serbia, or for individuals coming from the USA, a negative Antigen FIA Rapid test, not older than 48 hours from the date the result has been issued, shall be ordered a measure of quarantine at home in a duration of 10 days. The aforementioned individuals shall be served when entering the Republic of Serbia, at a passport check-point a written information – medical advice on how to abide by the measures of a quarantine at home in a 10-day period from the moment they passed the state border and to mandatory call on the relevant COVID health-care centre or a relevant public health institute in particular territory within 24 hours from crossing the state border by having them registered at the following address: www.e-zdravlje.gov.rs.

This measure shall not apply to:

- 1) accredited members of the staff of foreign diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations resident offices, as well as members of their families who are holders of special identity cards, that is identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Secretary General of the Government of the Republic of Serbia;
- 2) individuals from the border area who are carrying out field works and have farming land on the territory of the Republic of Serbia or neighbouring country, who are duty-bound to have, when crossing the state border to carry out field works, a written proof of ownership on this land or a written statement by the owner of the land that the person in question is carrying out field works on his land;

<p>3) individuals who are residing in the border area but are employed in the territory of the Republic of Serbia or neighbouring country, issued by their employer from the Republic of Serbia or neighbouring country a document certifying their employment.</p> <p>4) crew and cabin crew of aircraft whose final destination is the Republic of Serbia;</p> <p>5) members of crews carrying out international transport, for the purposes of loading or unloading goods or for transportation of people in or through the Republic of Serbia, when it comes to crews of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) cargo motor vehicles transporting goods by international road traffic. In case of transit traffic, the latter is limited to a period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entry in the Republic of Serbia;b) cargo ships transporting goods to one of Serbian ports. In case of transit navigation on the international waterway on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the latter shall be limited to a period not longer than 90 hours for ship formations and 60 hours for self-propelled watercrafts from the moment they entered the territory of the Republic of Serbia in case of upstream navigation, or for a period not longer than 72 hours for ship formations and 54 hours for self-propelled watercrafts from the moments they entered the territory of the Republic of Serbia in case of downstream navigation;c) passenger inter-city or long-distance coaches, both in transit and in case the final or departing destination is the Republic of Serbia;d) train formations and their accompanying crews;				
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<p>6) humanitarian convoys arranged through diplomatic channels;</p> <p>7) minors up to 12 years of age;</p> <p>8) individuals who have been outside the territory of the Republic of Serbia for less than 48 hours, and have a negative RT-PCR test to virus SARS-CoV-2 issued by a referential laboratory of the Republic of Serbia not older than 48 hours from the time of its issuance. Should there be a delay when entering the Republic of Serbia that cannot be attributed to the passenger but to an existence of an extraordinary occurrence that could not have been foreseen, avoided or discarded (delay/postponement of flight, bus or train departure, or similar event), then the test cannot be older than 72 hours when entering the Republic of Serbia.*</p> <p>Simplified procedure for business people when entering the Republic of Serbia **</p> <p>Citizens of the Republic of Serbia and foreign citizens arriving to the Republic of Serbia for business purposes shall be allowed entry into the Republic of Serbia, with prior notice to the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, provided that they within 24 hours from crossing the state border submit to the Chamber of Commerce a negative RT-PCR test or an antigen test for virus SARS-CoV-2, issued by a reference laboratory of the Republic of Serbia.</p> <p>The Serbian Chamber of Commerce shall submit without delay the notice from paragraph 1 of this item to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Border Police Administration, not later than</p>				
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<p>24 before the expected crossing of the state border.</p> <p>If citizens of the Republic of Serbia and foreign citizens arriving to the Republic of Serbia for business purposes, with prior notice to the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, fail to provide a negative RT-PCR test or antigen test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus within 24 hours from crossing the state border or if the test is positive to the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the Serbian Chamber of Commerce shall immediately inform the relevant health-care centre for the territory.</p>				
<p>Useful links: https://www.mgsi.gov.rs https://www.srbija.gov.rs https://www.mfa.gov.rs https://www.zdravlje.gov.rs</p>				
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