

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Ministry of Health
Minister of Health

ORDER

No РД-01-274 of May 21 2020

Pursuant to Article 61(2) and Article 63(4), (5), (11), and Article 63c of the Health Act, Article 73 of the Administrative Procedure Code and the Decision 325 of the Council of Ministers dated 14.05.2020 on the emergency epidemic situation and proposal of the Chief State Health Inspector for taking measures

I hereby ORDER:

- I. **A temporary ban on entry in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria starting from 22.05.2020 shall be imposed as follows:**
 1. A temporary ban on entry in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be imposed on all persons, regardless of their nationality through all border-crossing points by air, marine, railway and road transport.
 2. The bans referred to in point 1 shall not apply to:
 - (a) Bulgarian nationals, nationals of EU Member States and Schengen countries (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican), members of the families of Bulgarian citizens as well as the people living in de facto partnership with Bulgarian citizen, persons having Bulgaria as the country of their permanent, long-term or extended residence and members of their families;
 - (b) medical professionals, medical researchers and social workers, where the purposes of their travel relate to the discharge of their professional obligations;
 - (c) workers, engaged in supply of medicines, products for personal protection, medical apparatus, including by instalment and maintenance.
 - (d) transport personnel, engaged in international transport of passengers and cargo, crew on aircrafts, providing commercial air services and other transport personnel, where necessary, including crews of vessels and persons engaged in maintenance of vessels ;
 - (e) foreign officials (heads of state, government members, etc.) and the members of their delegations, as well as diplomats, international organisation officials, military personnel and public order authorities personnel and humanitarian workers in the course of discharging their professional obligations;
 - (f) persons travelling for humanitarian purposes;

- (g) commercial, economic and investment activities agents and persons directly related to construction, maintenance, operation and ensuring the security, strategic and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Bulgaria, implementation of projects, certified after the Investment Promotion Act; analyses of projects of potential investors, and other activities of major importance for the country's economy, including persons, engaged in the shipbuilding sector and ship reparation activities, where the activity is certified by a letter issued by the Minister of Economy or other Minister in charge for the corresponding activity;
- (h) seasonal workers employed in agriculture and workers engaged in tourism;
- (i) workers in border regions;

3. Exception of the ban referred to in point 1 shall apply also to the transit through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of:

- (a) nationals of EU Member States and Schengen countries (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members wishing to return to their country of residence;
- (b) third country nationals holding a long-term residence permit issued for another EU Member State or Schengen country (including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and the Vatican) and their family members wishing to return to their country of residence;
- (c) Serbian, North Macedonian, Montenegrin and Turkish nationals wishing to return to their country of nationality

4. Transit shall only be allowed where immediate departure from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria can be guaranteed.

5. Any person entering the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be placed in quarantine for a period of 14 days either in their place of residence or in the accommodation facilities in which said person has stated that they would reside with prescription of the director of the relative health inspection directorate or authorised by him official with the exception of:

(a) Bulgarian citizens and citizens of EU-member states, who are:

(aa) persons after point 2, b, "e"

(ab) persons after point 2, b, "g"

(ac) members of the family of a Bulgarian citizen, respectfully in de facto partnership with a Bulgarian citizen when the period of their stay in the country lasts up to 7 days.

(ad) drivers of international passenger bus lines;

(ae) drivers of heavy trucks, who execute or finish international transport of cargo or goods;

(b) Persons after point 2, letters "b", "c", "e" and "i", no matter of their citizenship

6. The corresponding regional health inspectorate shall send information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the foreign nationals placed under quarantine. (names, date of birth, number of id, citizenship).

7. Persons, who are not placed under quarantine as well as the transit passengers after point 4, present to the border health control authorities a declaration, after the exemplary in Annex, in which they oblige themselves to observe the contra epidemic measures, imposed by an Order of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria as well as to declare that there are familiar to the risks of the Covid -19 disease.

8. Road Infrastructure Agency (API) shall determine a place, where the heavy truck and the driver shall stay until the suspension of the corresponding ban, in the cases, when the transit heavy truck drivers, transporting goods and cargo, destined for other countries, cannot leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria because of the ban imposed in a neighbor country.

9. The following special procedure shall apply to crew members on aircrafts flying to and from public airports on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria:

(a) crew members on an aircraft servicing a flight from the Republic of Bulgaria to the territory of a foreign country, which has not had a layover on the territory of said country, except when on the tarmac (the apron position and the jet bridge) and where said layover was for the purposes of mandatory pre-flight preparations, and landing again in the Republic of Bulgaria shall not be subject to quarantine;

(b) crew members on an aircraft servicing a flight to the Republic of Bulgaria from the territory of a foreign country, shall be allowed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only where they do not leave the aircraft, except for the purposes of mandatory pre-flight preparations and where the time before their next planned flight does not exceed their flight duty period (FDP) but not more than 12 hours;

(c) crew members on an aircraft servicing a flight to the Republic of Bulgaria to deliver said aircraft for the purposes of technical maintenance and its subsequent return, where said crew members are nationals of a foreign country shall be allowed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria only where they do not leave the aircraft, except for the purposes of mandatory pre-flight preparations and where the time before their next planned flight does not exceed their flight duty period (FDP) but not more than 12 hours;

(d) where a passenger aboard an aircraft that has landed on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is established to display symptoms of COVID-19, the crew servicing said flight shall not be assigned to subsequent flights and shall be placed in mandatory quarantine for a period of 14 days according to instructions by the state health control authorities.

10. The obligatory 14-day quarantine shall not be imposed to bus drivers, Bulgarian citizens who are engaged in international transport of passengers and for the heavy truck drivers – Bulgarian citizens, executing or finishing international transport of cargo, who are placed under quarantine as of the date of entering into force of the current order, were not in contact with people contaminated with Covid -19 and the reason for placing under quarantine was the executing or finishing international transport of passengers or cargo. Having these requirements fulfilled, the director of the corresponding health inspectorate or an official authorized by him, repeals the prescription for placement under obligatory quarantine.

II. Order No РД-01-265 of 14 May 2020 of the Minister of Health, shall be repealed.

III. The Order shall enter into force on 22.05.2020

IV. This Order shall be communicated to the Heads of Regional Health Inspectorates, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications, Minister of Regional Development, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Economy for information and implementation the actions on surveillance. The Order shall be published on the website of the Ministry of Health.

The Order can be subject to appeal in a period of one month prior to its publication on the webpage of the Ministry of Health, in front of the corresponding Administrative court.

[Signature]

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