

Dear colleagues,

we would like to inform you that due to extraordinary circumstances related to spread of COVID-19 and with aim to protect public health, Slovak authorities have declared state of emergency and as of tomorrow decided to put in place further measures to prevent and contain spreading of the virus. These measures include restrictions of international bus transport and measures to be taken by drivers in international road haulage. Please find further details below.

International coach and bus services

Following a decision of the Central Crisis Management Committee of the Slovak Republic dated 12 March 2020 we would like to inform you about an operating ban on all international bus lines, and on international bus transport through the territory of the Slovak Republic in force as of 13 March 2020 07:00 until further notice. During this period no international bus transport services are allowed to operate through the territory of the Slovak Republic.

This measure invokes Article 11 (force majeure) of the Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 on common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services, and amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006.

International Road haulage

Operation of international road haulage remains without restrictions but we recall a public Decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic dated 9 March 2020, which informs about a decision on measures to prevent and contain spreading of COVID-19 and which stipulates measures to be applied by drivers of the international road haulage.

Drivers transiting territories of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Italian Republic, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea or drivers performing carrying, loading or unloading goods in any of the states mentioned above:

- shall use respirators of FFP2 or FFP3 type,
- shall limit direct contact with personnel in the states mentioned above, and
- shall have rubber gloves at their disposal in vehicle, as well as hand sanitizer.