

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

**RESOLUTION No 152
DECLARING A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

26 February 2020
Vilnius

In pursuance of Article 6(1)(e), Articles 25 and 27 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), Article 9(11) and (19), Article 21(2)(1) and Article 26(1)(2) of the Law on Civil Protection, Article 10 of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the State Border and the Guard Thereof, having regard to the proposals of the meetings by the Emergency Commission of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 24 February 2020 and of 8 June 2020, Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 of 30 June 2020 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction, and with a view to protecting the population and the environment against the entry and spread of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection), as well as to preventing a new outbreak of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection) in the territory of the country, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has r e s o l v e d:

1. To declare:
 - 1.1. a state of national emergency due to the threat of the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus infection);
 - 1.2. the tertiary (absolute preparedness) level of preparedness of the civil protection system.
2. To extend the temporary internal border control and checking of persons entering the Republic of Lithuania at the internal border of the European Union from 17 June 2020, 00:00, until 14 September 2020, 18:00:
 - 2.1. at the international airports;
 - 2.2. Klaipėda State Seaport.
3. To lay down the following temporary conditions for the restriction and/or closing for entry at the state border crossing:
 - 3.1. Border crossing shall be closed for entry at the following border crossing points:
 - 3.1.1. Tverečius - Vidzy;
 - 3.1.2. *repealed as of 04-08-2020*;
 - 3.1.3. Šumskas - Losha;
 - 3.1.4. Ramoniškiai - Pogranichny;
 - 3.1.5. Nida - Morskoe;
 - 3.1.6. Adutiškis - Moldevichi;
 - 3.1.7. Papelekis - Lyntupy;
 - 3.1.8. Krakūnai - Geraneny;
 - 3.1.9. Eišiškės - Dotishki;
 - 3.1.10. Rakai - Petyulevci;
 - 3.1.11. Norviliškės - Pitskuny;
 - 3.1.12. Latežeris - Parechcha
 - 3.2. Border crossing shall be restricted at the following border crossing points:
 - 3.2.1. by road:

- 3.2.1.1 Medininkai - Kamenyi Log;
- 3.2.1.2. Šalčininkai - Benjekoni;
- 3.2.1.3. Raigardas - Privalka;
- 3.2.1.4. Kybartai - Chernyshevskoye;
- 3.2.1.5. Panemunė - Sovetsk;
- 3.2.1.6. Lavoriškės - Kotlovka;
- 3.2.2. by rail:
 - 3.2.2.1. Kena - Gudagai;
 - 3.2.2.2. Vilnius railway station border checkpoint;
 - 3.2.2.3. Stasylos - Benjekoni;
 - 3.2.2.4. Kybartai - Nesterov;
 - 3.2.2.5. Pagėgiai - Sovetsk;
- 3.2.3. international airports' border checkpoints:
 - 3.2.3.1. Vilnius;
 - 3.2.3.2. Kaunas;
 - 3.2.3.3. Palanga;
 - 3.2.3.4. Šiauliai;
- 3.2.4. international seaports' border checkpoints:
 - 3.2.4.1. Pilies;
 - 3.2.4.2. Malkų įlankos;
 - 3.2.4.3. Būtingė oil terminal;
 - 3.2.4.4. Molo.

3.3. Border crossing shall be restricted by preventing the entry of foreigners to the Republic of Lithuania. It shall not apply in the case of:

3.3.1. citizens of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco, the Republic of San Marino and the Holy See (Vatican City State) and persons lawfully residing in the countries;

3.3.2. foreigners who hold a document confirming their right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania, or in whose respect the Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania has adopted a decision to issue a document confirming the right to reside in the Republic of Lithuania, and foreigners who are family members (spouses or persons, with whom a registered partnership agreement has been concluded, children (adopted children), including minor children of spouses or persons, with whom a registered partnership agreement has been concluded, parents (adoptive parents) and guardians) of the citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and of the foreigners who hold a document confirming their right to permanent residence in the Republic of Lithuania;

3.3.3. foreigners who hold a national visa of the Republic of Lithuania, or in whose respect the Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania has adopted a decision to issue a national visa;

3.3.4. foreigners lawfully residing in countries that have not been listed in 3.3.1 of this Resolution, and which are included in the EU-level list of third countries, for the residents of which temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU should be lifted at external borders, unless the incidence of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection) exceeds 25 cases per 100 000 population over the last 14 days;

3.3.5. persons enjoying immunities and privileges under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961), the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) and under other international agreements and legislation of the Republic of Lithuania, their family members and their service personnel, also members of official delegations;

3.3.6. persons serving in the military units of NATO and of NATO countries and their service personnel, also their family members;

3.3.7. crew members, who are employed in Lithuanian companies engaged in international commercial transportation, or who carry out international commercial transportation by all the means of transport, and seafarers;

3.3.8. health professionals who come to the Republic of Lithuania for the provision of health services;

3.3.9. high-performance athletes, specialists of high-performance sports and physical activity, instructors of high-performance sports and physical activity and their family members, referees or other key personnel of competitions, and sports medical personnel, who come to the Republic of Lithuania at the permission of the Minister for Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania for the preparation for and participation in high-performance athletic competitions;

3.3.10. artists who come to the Republic of Lithuania at the permission of the Minister for Culture of the Republic of Lithuania for the participation in professional artistic events, and their service personnel;

3.3.11. journalists who come to the Republic of Lithuania at the permission of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania;

3.3.12. and in other exceptional cases, where foreigners are allowed entry to the Republic of Lithuania on the basis of an individual permission by a minister holding the jurisdiction in the respective realm, and whose entry has been approved by the Government;

3.3.13. persons transiting through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania:

3.3.13.1. on their return to their country of residence;

3.3.13.2. in whose respect a reasoned request has been made by a foreign country;

3.3.13.3. *repealed as of 16-07-2020*;

3.3.13.4. those using facilitated transit of persons from the territory of the Russian Federation to Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation and backwards. This transit of persons shall be carried out only through Kena railway border checkpoint and Kybartai railway border checkpoint under the conditions laid down by the Minister for Foreign affairs of the Republic of Lithuania;

3.3.14. foreigners entering the Republic of Lithuania for the purpose of studies, admitted for studies under a study programme(s) or for doctoral studies in Lithuanian higher education and research institutions that ensure the requirements laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations regarding isolation and COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) tests for foreigners arriving for the purpose of studies;

3.3.15. foreign investors entering the Republic of Lithuania at the permission of the Minister for Economy and Innovation, where there is a confirmation from a public institution under Article 13(4) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Investments regarding foreign investors' plans for investments in the Republic of Lithuania, which are not below the value referred to in Article 13(1)(6);

3.3.16. foreigners entering the Republic of Lithuania for humanitarian purposes at the permission of the Minister for the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, where there is a reasoned recommendation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania regarding the entry of these foreigners to the Republic of Lithuania;

3.3.17. foreigners entering the Republic of Lithuania to attend the funerals of the relatives (parents (adoptive parents), children (adopted children), brothers and sisters of their spouses or of the persons, with whom a registered partnership agreement has been concluded).

3.3¹. Foreigners entering the Republic of Lithuania:

3.3¹.1. shall comply with the conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations, except for foreigners under paragraphs 3.3.5, 3.3.6, and 3.3.13 of this Resolution;

3.3¹.2. must have a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) taken not earlier than 72 hours before the entry to the Republic of Lithuania and negative results thereof, if they arrive from the countries, where the incidence rate of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus infection) exceeds 25 cases per 100 000 population over the last 14 days calendar days, except for foreigners under paragraphs 3.3.5, 3.3.6, and 3.3.13 and 3.3.16 of this Resolution.

3.4. Persons who are not subject to the state border crossing restrictions shall cross the state border only at the border crossing points listed in paragraph 3.2 of this Resolution.

4. To establish the following state of national emergency response and mitigation measures:

4.1. economic activity restriction measures:

4.1.1. services shall be provided, trade and activities at leisure and entertainment venues, catering facilities, restaurants, cafés, bars, nightclubs, other entertainment venues, gambling houses (casinos) and amusement arcades, and bingo halls shall take place, and cultural, entertainment, sports and other events (hereinafter the ‘event’) shall be organised and held under the conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for the management of the flow of people, safe physical distance, and other key requirements for public health safety, hygiene, and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment;

4.1.2. events shall be organised and held:

4.1.2.1. from 16 August 2020 to 31 August 2020:

4.1.2.1.1. outdoors, with the maximum of 1000 spectators and/or participants (except performers, athletes that participate in high-performance athletic competitions, specialists of high-performance sports and physical activity, instructors of high-performance sports and physical activity, referees, anti-doping officers, organisers and service personnel);

4.1.2.1.2. indoors, with the maximum of 600 spectators and/or participants (except performers, athletes that participate in high-performance athletic competitions, specialists of high-performance sports and physical activity, instructors of high-performance sports and physical activity, referees, anti-doping officers, organisers and service personnel);

4.1.2.2. from 1 September 2020, the number of spectators and/or participants will not be restricted in outdoor and indoor events, provided that the organisers of the event ensure electronic distribution of tickets, and/or registration of spectators and/or participants. Where the organisers of the event are unable to ensure this, events will be open to the maximum of 300 spectators and/or participants (except performers, athletes that participate in high-performance athletic competitions, specialists of high-performance sports and physical activity, instructors of high-performance sports and physical activity, referees, anti-doping officers, organisers and service personnel);

4.2. public and administrative service restriction measures:

4.2.1. in the field of organising and providing education: pre-school, pre-primary, general, non-formal education of children and adults, vocational education and higher education shall be carried out and education assistance shall be provided in education establishments and by other education providers, while ensuring the necessary conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for health safety, hygiene and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment;

4.2.2. in the field of organising activities in social care establishments:

4.2.2.1. visits of persons in residential social service establishments for the elderly and for persons with disabilities, in group living homes, orphanages, child care homes and foster families shall be subject to the requirements laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for health safety, hygiene and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment;

4.2.2.2. the provision of day care and short-term social care or social welfare services to the elderly in non-residential social service establishments shall be subject to the requirements laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for public health safety, hygiene and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment;

4.2.2.3. the provision of services in residential social service establishments for the elderly and for persons with disabilities, in group living homes, orphanages, child care homes and foster families shall be subject to the requirements laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for health safety, hygiene and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment until 1 August 2020.

4.2.3. in the field of organising services in medical facilities regardless of their subordination and legal form:

4.2.3.1. ensure management of patient flows, infrastructure and material and human resources;

4.2.3.2. *repealed as of 01-08-2020*;

4.2.3.3. the heads of the medical facilities ensure that individual health care services are provided in accordance with the approved plan for routine inpatient and/or routine outpatient individual health care services, prepared in accordance with the requirements established by the Minister for Health and submitted to the National Public Health Centre under the Ministry of Health;

4.2.3.4. medical facilities that are part of the Lithuanian public health system shall process all the patient data related to the delivery of health services, including case summaries, referrals, outcomes of referrals, medical images and their descriptions, only through the Electronic Health Services and Cooperation Infrastructure Information System, and medical establishments that are not part of the Public health system shall ensure the processing of these data and their traceability through its own information system.

4.2.4. public transport services shall be provided under the conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for the management of the flow of persons, safe physical distancing, and other key requirements for public health safety, hygiene, and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment.

4.3. The arrangement and execution of long visits in correctional facilities and remand centres shall be restricted.

4.4. State and municipal institutions and bodies and state and municipal enterprises shall organise their work and provide customer services in such a way as to ensure the required conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for customer flow management, safe distancing and other essential conditions for public health safety, security, hygiene and provision with necessary personal protective equipment.

5. To establish that in the event where the State Commander of National Emergency Operations is unable to perform the functions of the commander of operations due to temporary incapacity for work, secondment or leave, the functions of the State Commander of National Emergency Operations shall be performed by the Acting Minister.

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