

According to Article 15 paragraph 4 of the Law on Public Administration („Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 79/05, 101/07, 95/10, 99/14, 30/18 – other law and 47/18) item 4 paragraph 4 of the Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease („Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 23/20, 24/20, 27/20, 28/20, 30/20, 32/20, 35/20, 37/20, 38/20, 39/20, 43/20, 45/20, 48/20, 49/20, 59/20, 60/20, 66/20, 67/20, 72/20, 73/20, 75/20, 76/20, 84/20, 98/20, 100/20, 106/20, 107/20 and 108/20), and Article 17 paragraph 4, and Article 24 of the Law on Government („Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 55/05, 71/05 – correction, 101/07, 65/08, 16/11, 68/12 – US, 72/12, 74/12 – US, 7/14, 44/14 and 30/18 – other law), at the proposal of the Republic Commission of Experts for Protection of Population from Contagious Diseases and the Institute for Public Health of Serbia „Dr Milan Jovanović Batut”,

the Minister of Health has adopted the following

INSTRUCTION

for implementing the Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease, in the part relating to the restriction of entry of persons into the Republic of Serbia

1. This Instruction shall stipulate the method of implementing the Decision on declaring COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, a contagious disease (hereinafter referred to as: the Decision) in the part relating to the restriction of entry of persons into the Republic of Serbia that are coming from the countries with the unfavourable epidemiological situation.

2. For the purpose of protection from the entry of contagious diseases into the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the persons entering the Republic of Serbia from the countries with the unfavourable epidemiological situation, which are:

- the Republic of North Macedonia,
- the Republic of Bulgaria,
- Romania and
- the Republic of Croatia,

are allowed to enter the Republic of Serbia only if they have a negative RT-PCR test for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, issued by the reference national laboratory of the country from which they come, i.e. enter the Republic of Serbia, and which is not older than 48 hours from the date of the issuance of results.

3. The requirement specified in item 2 hereof concerning the entry into the Republic of Serbia shall not apply to:

- the citizens of the Republic of Serbia coming from the countries specified in item 2 hereof;
- the foreign citizens in transit through the Republic of Serbia. The transit for foreign citizens shall be limited to the period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia;
- the foreign citizens who were in transit not longer than 12 hours through the countries specified in item 2 hereof;
- the crew and cabin staff of aircraft whose ultimate destination is the Republic of Serbia;
- the crew, cabin staff and passengers in transit, i.e. transfer through the international airports of the Republic of Serbia;
- the accredited staff members of foreign diplomatic and consular missions and international organizations' offices, as well as members of their families that hold separate identity cards, i.e. identification documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Secretariat of the Government;
- the minors up to the age of 12, if a parent, guardian or other person accompanying a child has the negative test specified in item 2 hereof, if applicable;
- the foreign citizens with the approved temporary or permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia;
- the persons being part of foreign military, police or other security services that are in transit through the territory of the Republic of Serbia, or coming to the Republic of Serbia in order to perform their official duties with prior notification.

4. The requirement specified in item 2 hereof concerning the entry into the Republic of Serbia shall not apply to foreign citizens while performing international transport for the purpose of taking over or unloading goods, or for transporting persons to or through the Republic of Serbia, when it comes to the crews of:

- freight motor vehicles while performing international transport by road. In case of transit transport, the same shall be limited to the period not longer than 12 hours from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia;
- cargo ships transporting goods to one of the domestic ports. In case of transit navigation in the international waterway in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the same shall be limited to the period not longer than 90 hours for ship crews, and 60 hours for self-propelled vessels, from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of upstream navigation, i.e. for the period not longer than 72 hours for ship crews and 54 hours for self-

propelled vessels from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the case of downstream navigation;

- buses in regular and international transport of passengers in transit and in the case when the ultimate and departure destination is the Republic of Serbia;
- railway vehicles and the driving staff of railway vehicles and
- the humanitarian convoys contracted by diplomatic way.

5. The requirement specified in item 2 hereof concerning the entry into the Republic of Serbia shall not apply to the citizens of the neighbouring countries from the border area that perform agricultural activities and possess agricultural land in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, and that shall be obliged, when crossing the state border in order to perform agricultural activities in that land, to have the proof of ownership of agricultural land or the statement by the proprietor of the agricultural land that the person performs agricultural activities on his land, subject to the condition of reciprocity.

6. The requirement specified in item 2 hereof concerning the entry into the Republic of Serbia shall not apply to the citizens of the neighbouring countries that are residents in the border area and that are employed in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, to whom an employment document was issued by a employer from the Republic of Serbia, subject to the condition of reciprocity.

7. This Instruction shall come into effect on the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

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In Belgrade, 20 August 2020

Minister,

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