

Circular

Dear Member,

DG MOVE has published guidance to the Member States on the national measures taken in view of COVID-19-related emergency prolongation of certain licences and certificates for carriers and transport workers in the EU.

The Annex to the guidance, containing a non-exhaustive list of the EU law requirements that addressees may be unable to comply with due to measures taken in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, has been made publicly available today. It identifies legislation in the area of road transport, rail transport, inland navigation and transport security (aviation and maritime).

The Commission notes that the measures of this kind should only apply to operators or persons who, because of measures taken to contain the pandemic, were prevented from completing the necessary renewal formalities or procedures. Moreover, the measures adopted by a Member State should be limited to what is necessary in view of the current crisis, both on substance and in time.

As regards the temporal aspect, periods covered by urgent measures in the area of certificates and licenses should remain sufficiently short, such as three months, so as to avoid abuse. If the duration of a specific measure turns out to be too short, an extension can be envisaged.

You will find the full list of affected legislation in each area in the attachment to this Circular. The most relevant aspects are listed below.

Road transport

- **Periodic training of drivers**, to obtain their Certificates of Professional Competence (CPC), as provided for in Article 8 of Directive 2003/59/EC;
- **Driving licences**, regarding the renewal or, in some cases, the exchange of driving licences, according to Article 7 of Directive 2006/126/EC;
- **Dangerous goods**, covered by Directive 2008/68/EC, including among other things the renewal of driver training certificates for the transport of dangerous goods and the renewal of the dangerous goods safety advisers certificates;
- **Inspection of the tachograph**, as required by Article 23 of Regulation 165/2014;
- **Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers**, as required by Article 5 of Directive 2014/45/EU;
- **Renewal of community licences**, according to Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1072/20097 and Article 4 of Regulation 1073/20098;
- **Renewal of the driver attestation**, issued according to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009;
- **Renewal of the certificate of competence for drivers for the transport of live animals**, according to Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1/20059.

Rail transport

- **Expiration of train drivers licences** according to Article 14(5) of Directive 2007/59/EC;
- **Renewal of dangerous goods safety advisers certificates**, as referred to in section 1.8.3.16.1 of the Annex to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of

Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID18.), in the context of Directive 2008/68/EC;

- **Time limit for treatment of requests for railway undertakings' licences** under Article 25(2) and period of validity of the temporary licence under Article 24(3) of Directive 2012/34;
- **Renewal/updating of single safety certificate for railway undertaking** under Article 10(13) of Directive (EU) 2016/798;
- **Renewal/updating of safety certificate for railway undertaking** under Article 10(5) Directive 2004/49/EC.

Aviation security

- **Validity and frequency of background checks**, set out in Point 11.6.3.5(a) of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Appropriate Authority re-approval of European Union Regulated Agents**, if the on-site visit (Point 6.3.1.2(b)) cannot take place due to the current circumstances, set out in Point 6.3.1. and in particular 6.3.1.4 of the Annex Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Appropriate Authority re-approval of Known Consignors**, if the on-site visit cannot take place, according to Point 6.4.1 and in particular 6.4.1.4 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Recertification of persons performing tasks** as listed in points 11.2.3.1 to 11.2.3.5 (including **training of persons implementing screening of cargo and mail**), set out in Point 11.3.1 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Appropriate Authority re-approval of Regulated Suppliers**, if the on-site visit (point 8.1.3.2(b)) cannot take place, set out in Point 8.1.3 and in particular 8.1.3.3 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Periods defined to determine the minimum recurrent training requirements for persons operating x-ray and EDS equipment**, if the complete fulfilment thereof is impeded, set out in Points 11.4.1(a) and 11.4.1(a) of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Period defined to determine the recurrent training of EDD teams**, if the complete fulfilment thereof is impeded, set out in Point 12.9.3.11 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998;
- **Interval of re-approval of an EDD team**, set out in Point 12.9.4.5 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2015/1998.

To ensure that national authorities are informed of exceptional measures taken by other Member States, DG MOVE will publish them on its [COVID-19 transport platform](#).

Moreover, we would like to share with you a presentation that has been communicated to us by Dr Lauri Ojala, Professor of Logistics Operations & Supply Chain Management at Turku School of Economics. The presentation, which can be found in attachment to this Circular, contains an initial assessment of the COVID-19 impact on global supply chains and the transport sector, with some conceptual tools and indicative policy recommendations.

We remain at your disposal for any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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Attachments

- [Ci082Aga_Issue Of Expiry Of Licences And Certificates Annex.pdf](#)
- [Ci082Bga_Covid-19 Transport & Supply Chain Impacts Lauri Ojala_200327.pdf](#)

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