## Lapsed or Modified Government Border Restrictions

## Border régime, cross-border workers

- (Lapsed, valid March 14 May 4) <u>border controls</u> with Germany and Austria and internal air borders have been reintroduced until further notice. Slovakia and Poland already reintroduced regimes at borders with the Czech Republic;
- the state border with Slovakia was closed by the decision of the Government of the Slovak Republic, Poland closed the border from Sunday 15 March, and the Czech Republic closed borders to Germany and Austria on March 16, including air border, with exceptions for those commuting up to 100km (crow-fly distance) and providing certificate issued by their employer;
- all cross-border workers (commuters, so-called *pendlers*) are obliged to reduce their movement within the territory of the Czech Republic to meeting their necessary needs (exemptions include necessary visits or escorting family and relatives, assisting another person with their basic needs, or urgent official matters);
- (Lapsed, valid March 21 March 26) commuters need the so-called cross-border worker's booklet, which will be stamped by the police on departure and return, and will serve to prove the frequency and regularity of crossing the border
- (Lapsed, valid March 23 March 26) the Government <u>decided</u> that cross-border workers/commuters to Germany and Austria who continue to work in these two countries can do so in a three-week intervals (i.e. find accommodation for 3 weeks in Germany/Austria). They will be placed into quarantine immediately after their arrival back in the Czech Republic. Conditions for commuters to Slovakia and Poland remain unchanged;
- (Lapsed, valid March 26 March 30), cross-border workers are divided into different categories
  according to the border crossing point and the type of work carried out abroad. For example, a
  booklet of a cross-border worker is not required, and no quarantine is required upon return for
  medical personnel;
- (Lapsed, valid March 26 March 30), the Government decided that anyone returning to the Czech Republic from abroad (any country), will be placed into a 14-day long quarantine (with exemptions);
- (Lapsed, valid April 14 April 26), the Government decided that commuters/cross-border workers can stay and work abroad for two weeks only (instead of three weeks), followed by quarantine upon their return. i.e. regime "two weeks at work, two weeks at home" OR for non-resident cross-border workers "two weeks in quarantine, at least two weeks at work", <u>applicable</u> from April 14;
- from April 14, the so-called <u>"24-hours-limit"</u> is introduced for crossing borders and return for citizens who need to do so for business/occupation, medical or family reasons;
- from April 14, <u>A diplomatic note of an embassy for cross-border workers in health and social services</u>, workers of integrated rescue system (IRS) and workers of critical infrastructure subject
- (Lapsed, valid April 14 April 26), commuters/cross-border workers and newly cross-border students are allowed to cross the border on a daily basis (2+2 week rule was terminated), but need to provide a certificate stating they are tested negative for Covid-19 every 14 days. Otherwise they will be obliged to undergo a 14-days-long quarantine.

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