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Subject: Request to consider the exception to the date of validity of official documents in road and railway sectors in the Republic of Slovenia, in view of fast and more efficient dealing with COVID-19 epidemic

The Republic of Slovenia presented a number of measures to the Member States and the European Commission at the informal meeting of the TTE Council, 18 March 2020, via video conference. These measures are explained in more detail below. In accordance with the conclusions of the TTE Council on ensuring the smooth traffic, the procedures for checking the validity of driving licenses, traffic licenses, ADR certificates for the transport of dangerous goods, motor vehicle insurance, certificates for persons performing safety-critical tasks in rail transport, CPC Certification (initial qualification/accelerated initial qualification/periodic training) and other official driving documents issued by the Republic of Slovenia, take into account the fact that in order to control the COVID-19 epidemic as quickly as possible, the Republic of Slovenia suspended these services. Therefore, we extended the validity of these documents for periods, stated in this letter. We kindly ask that your enforcement authorities take into account the exceptional circumstances that temporarily make it impossible to extend the expired documents.

In accordance with the instructions of the Crisis Management Unit the Government of the Republic of Slovenia has in recent days introduced a number of measures in order to limit freight and passenger road and rail traffic, as well as those which prevent citizens and business entities to extent the validity of certain documents, namely:

1. Government Decision no. 18100-/2020/4 of 10 March 2020 (pursuant to which the Order under item 2 was adopted);
2. Government Order determining the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 18/20);
3. Government Order amending the Order determining the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 20/20);

4. Decree on temporary prohibition and restrictions on public transportation of passengers in the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 24/20);
5. Decree on the temporary ban on performing periodical technical inspections and other procedures related to the registration of motor vehicles and work in tachograph workshops in the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 26/20);
6. Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorized organizations in the field of drivers and vehicles in the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 27/20);
7. Decree on extension of validity of certificates for persons performing safety critical tasks in railway transport (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 29/20);
8. Decree laying down conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic for control of infectious disease (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 29/20);
9. Revision of Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in driving schools and authorized organizations in the field of drivers and vehicles in the Republic of Slovenia (not adopted yet).

With Government Order determining the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease and with the Decree laying down the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic for the control of infectious disease, we established four entry control points. Traffic is allowed at the Vrtojba, Fernetiči, Škofije and Krvavi Potok border crossings, all other border crossings are physically closed. Entry into the territory of the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic is allowed to citizens of the Republic of Slovenia, individuals who are not Slovenian citizens or who do not have a registered permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia, if they submit a proof in Slovenian, English or Italian language, which is not older than three days, of the completion of a molecular laboratory test confirming absence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). If an individual does not have such a proof, he / she is allowed to enter the Republic of Slovenia only if:

- o his / her body temperature is less than 37,5 ° C, and
- o shows no clear signs of upper respiratory tract infection (cough, sneezing, shortness of breath).

Road freight transport from the Italian Republic to the Republic of Slovenia is also suspended, except for the transport of postal items, medicines, protective equipment and medical devices, as well as humanitarian aid. Freight vehicles (freight transport) whose final destination is the Republic of Slovenia are exempted. Based on agreements with different neighbouring countries, road freight transit transport is currently operated in organized convoys, in cooperation with the police and assistance of DARS Toll Inspection service.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia prohibited by Decree transport of persons with cableways, funiculars and circular cable cars.

In the field of rail transport, all international and cross-border passenger rail transport with the Republic of Italy was suspended. In addition, all domestic passenger rail transport was suspended since 16 March.

By the Decree on extension of validity of certificates for persons performing safety critical tasks in railway transport, despite the holder's failure to meet the requirements for periodic qualifications, upgrades or regular medical examinations during the epidemic, the validity of the certificates was extended by up to 3 months after the end of the epidemics.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia also adopted a Decree on the temporary ban on performing periodical technical inspections and other procedures related to the registration of motor vehicles and work in tachograph workshops in the Republic of Slovenia, which temporarily prohibited, until 16 April 2020, carrying out of technical inspections and other procedures. Therefore, validity of traffic licenses including motor vehicle insurance and ADR certificates for transport of dangerous goods will be extended until 16 May 2020.

The Decree on temporarily prohibiting the offering and sale of goods and services directly to consumers in safety driving schools and authorized organizations in the field of drivers and vehicles in the Republic of Slovenia prohibits training of beginner drivers, additional training for beginner drivers, training for safe driving and training for beginner driver providers and safe driving training. As a result, the validity of driving licenses is extended until 16 May 2020.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary
Head of Roads Unit



Andreja Knez
Director-General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andreja Knez", written over the printed name and title.

