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## PROTOCOL

### **on the transport of essential goods through checkpoints upon entering the Republic of Slovenia**

On the basis of the Ordinance on the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Republic of Austria to contain and manage communicable diseases (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 34/20 of 24 March 2020), Ordinance on the conditions of entry into the Republic of Slovenia from the Italian Republic (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 29/20 of 18 March 2020), 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) and European Commission Guidelines for border management in order to keep freight moving across the EU during the current pandemic by designating 'green lane' border crossings, this Protocol defines the term 'transport of essential goods' and provides for the unified work of police officers when dealing with the transport of essential goods in road traffic at checkpoints and border crossings with the Republic of Slovenia.

- 1. Transport of essential goods in road traffic is the transport of medications (including medications used in veterinary medicine), medical equipment, perishable goods, live animals and personal protection equipment, and humanitarian transport.***
- 2. Priority passage of transports of essential goods is possible through checkpoints at Fernetiči, Vrtojba, Karavanke and Šentilj, and through border crossings at Starod, Obrežje and Gruškovje.***
- 3. Activities:***

Activity description	Implementing entity	Point of contact for notifications
<p data-bbox="232 258 885 384"><b>Arrival of a transport of essential goods at a checkpoint (entry point) in the Republic of Slovenia or at a border crossing with the Republic of Croatia</b></p> <p data-bbox="232 426 885 520">A freight vehicle arrives at a checkpoint or border crossing carrying goods which may qualify as essential.</p> <p data-bbox="232 562 885 646">The transport company notifies the Police at the checkpoint or border crossing that it is carrying out a 'transport of essential goods'.</p>	<p data-bbox="906 258 1024 321">Transport company</p>	<p data-bbox="1128 258 1404 342">Police at entry checkpoint or at border crossing</p>

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<p><b>Identification of a transport of essential goods</b></p> <p>A transport of essential goods is identified by a police patrol at a checkpoint or border crossing; if necessary, the patrol notifies the Operation and Communication Centre of the General Police Directorate thereof.</p> <p>Identification is carried out on the basis of documents presented by the transport company (e.g. packing list, dispatch note, consignment note)</p>	<p>Police at entry checkpoint or at border crossing</p>	<p>General Police Directorate, Operational Headquarters</p> <p>+386 1 428 53 70</p>
<p><b>Passing through checkpoint or border crossing</b></p> <p>When the transport has been identified and approved as a transport of essential goods, the police patrol ensures priority passage where such priority treatment is possible.</p> <p>When necessary, the police coordinates passing through checkpoints and border crossings to ensure fast movement.</p> <p>In cases where transport of essential goods is carried out through other checkpoints and border crossings, the usual border-crossing regime applies.</p>	<p>Police at entry checkpoint or at border crossing</p>	<p>General Police Directorate, Operational Headquarters</p> <p>+386 1 428 53 70</p>

**4. Recommendations contained in the Communication from the Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services**

During controls and waiting lines at checkpoints and border crossings, drivers are requested not to leave the vehicle.

During checks of documents, paper documents should be exchanged respecting a minimum safe distance. When drivers are required to fill-in documents, national control officers should let drivers fill them in the cabin of the truck.

If physical documents are exchanged at un/loading points, it is recommended that the drivers and staff use gloves, anti-bacterial hand gel or wash hands with soap and water immediately after.

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