

**Order No. 76**

**Declaration of an emergency situation on the administrative territory of the Republic of Estonia**

Pursuant to clause 87 8) of the Constitution of the Republic of Estonia and section 13, subsection 19 (1), subsection 21 (1), and section 23 of the Emergency Act:

1. The Government of the Republic:

- 1) Declares an emergency situation due to the worldwide pandemic spread of the COVID-19-causing coronavirus, the detection of the spread of the virus within Estonia and the likelihood of its spread and the consequent risk of mass infection; and the need to implement the command organisation provided for in Chapter 4, Section 2 of the Emergency Act, and to enable the measures set out in that Chapter to be applied where necessary. The emergency caused by the spread of the virus can no longer be resolved without the implementation of the command organisation provided in the Emergency Act;
  - 2) designates the administrative territory of the Republic of Estonia as the area of the emergency situation;
  - 3) appoints the Prime Minister as the Head of the emergency situation.
2. Unless decreed otherwise by the Government of the Republic, the emergency situation remains in force until 1 May 2020.
3. Possessors of the media and electronic communications operators must publish the Order promptly, in an unaltered form, and free of charge.
4. The Order shall enter into force upon signature.

Jüri Ratas  
Prime Minister

Taimar Peterkop  
Secretary of State

## Order No. 77

### Implementation of emergency situation measures

Due to the emergency situation declared with Order No. 76 of the Government of the Republic of 12 March 2020, 'Declaration of an emergency situation on the territory of the Republic of Estonia', the Government of the Republic resolves:

1. Pursuant to subsections 31 (1) and (3) of the Emergency Act, to impose a restriction on freedom of movement in educational establishments to suspend regular teaching and to transfer teaching to remote learning from 16 March 2020, including:
  - 1) to organise in-house information days in all basic, upper secondary, vocational, and higher education institutions without delay and provide all students with the necessary remote learning materials;
  - 2) the Government of the Republic or the Head of the emergency situation decides separately the measures to be applied to the teaching of students with special needs;
  - 3) the opening and organisation of work of kindergartens and childcare facilities are decided by the operator;
  - 4) to stop recreational activities and hobby education, except where remote learning is possible, and to suspend the activities of open youth centres and youth camps;
  - 5) the measures referred to in subclauses 1 to 4 will remain in force until such time as this Order is amended and their necessity is evaluated every two weeks at the latest.
2. The restriction of clause 1 does not apply to research and development in universities and research institutes.
3. Under subsection 32 (1) of the Emergency Act, to prohibit from 13 March to 1 May 2020 all public gatherings, cinema screenings, nightclubs, performances, concerts and conferences, and sports and exercise events, and under subsection 31 (1) of the Emergency Act, prohibit visiting museums and other exhibition facilities.
4. Pursuant to subsection 31 (3) of the Emergency Act, to impose a restriction on the freedom of movement on cruise passengers on the Tallinn–Stockholm–Tallinn route.
5. To establish the following restrictions on freedom of movement under subsection 31 (1) of the Emergency Act:
  - 1) a ban on visiting social welfare institutions and hospitals;
  - 2) a ban on visits to detention facilities.
6. Possessors of the media and electronic communications operators must publish the Order promptly, in an unaltered form, and free of charge.
7. The Order shall enter into force upon signature.

The current Order introduces more specific measures to protect the life and health of people and the overriding public interest which are essential to prevent the spread of the virus. The reasons and considerations are set out in the explanatory memorandum to the Order. The

explanatory memorandum to the Order will be published on the website of the Government of the Republic.

Failure to properly comply with an emergency situation measure shall be subject to the administrative coercive measures specified in subsection 28 (2) or (3) of the Law Enforcement Act.

The Order may be challenged pursuant to the procedure provided for in the Code of Administrative Court Procedure.

Jüri Ratas  
Prime Minister

Taimar Peterkop  
Secretary of State

## Order No. 78

### Temporary restriction of crossing State borders due to the spread of coronary virus causing COVID-19

Pursuant to Article 17, paragraph 1, point 1 of the State Borders Act:

1. In view of the pandemic spread of COVID-19 coronary virus across the world, the presence of the virus in Estonia and the high probability of the further spread of the virus in Estonia, and the risk of mass-infection as a result, temporarily restrictions have been reintroduced to establish the border controls at the internal border to limit the crossing of the border for the purpose of entry into Estonia.
2. For the purpose of entry into Estonia, border crossing is allowed for Estonian citizens, people with a residence permit or right of residence in Estonia, or for people who have permanent residence in Estonia according to the Population Register.
3. For the purpose of entry into Estonia, border crossing is allowed for foreign citizens who do not have any symptoms of the disease and who are members of the staff of a foreign diplomatic mission or a consular office located in Estonia, or a family member of the staff, or a foreign citizen entering Estonia in the framework of international military cooperation.
4. For the purpose of entry into Estonia, border crossing is allowed for a foreign citizen who does not have any symptoms of the disease and is directly involved in the transport of goods and raw materials.
5. For the purpose of entry into Estonia, border crossing is allowed for a foreign citizen who does not have any symptoms of the disease and who provides health care services or other services necessary for the management of the emergency situation.
6. As an exception, the Police and Border Guard Board may allow a foreign citizen to cross the State border for entry into Estonia, if:
  - 1) they do not show any symptoms of the disease, and have a direct ascending or descending relative or a spouse who is an Estonian citizen, has the residence permit or right of residence in Estonia;
  - 2) they do not show any symptoms of the disease and their admission is justified on the basis of a special application.
7. For the purpose of entry into Estonia, border crossing is allowed if the foreign national needs to cross the territory of Estonia in order to reach their country of residence without delay in transit, provided that person does not show any symptoms of the disease.
8. These measures are valid until the Order is amended and the necessity shall be assessed at every two weeks the latest.
9. The Order shall enter into force on 17 March 2020.

Jüri Ratas  
Prime Minister

Taimar Peterkop  
Secretary of State

**Temporary reintroduction of border control  
and border surveillance at the internal border**

The Regulation is established on the basis of subsection 113 (4) of the State Borders Act.

**§ 1.** Temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border: The regulation temporarily reintroduces border control of persons and means of transport at the internal border of the Republic of Estonia and border surveillance from 17 March 2020 in order to ensure public order and protection of public health.

**§ 2.** Requirements for border control and border surveillance

(1) The temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance means that the requirements for the surveillance of external borders and border control, taking into account the specifications set out in this Regulation, are applied to the control of persons and means of transport crossing the internal border.

(2) The temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border:

- 1) border controls are carried out;
- 2) the team and passengers of the means of transport are questioned;
- 3) sanitary controls are carried out.

(3) The temporary reintroduction of border control and the border surveillance at the internal border shall not be subject to customs clearance or to veterinary or phytosanitary control requirements.

(4) During the temporary reintroduction of border control at the internal border, it is not allowed to cross the border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the area between the border crossing points.

**§ 3.** Differences between border control and border surveillance requirements for the temporary reintroduction of border control

The requirements referred to in section 2 (1) and (2) shall apply with the following exceptions:

- 1) the stamp imprint allowing the crossing of the border is not made to the travel document;
- 2) the operations accompanying the temporary reintroduction of border control are not generally applied to a local coastal fishing vessel;
- 3) the passengers of passenger trains crossing the State border of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia are checked in the wagons and on the platform;
- 4) the airport dispatcher notifies the representative of the airport border crossing point of the aircraft arriving in Estonia at least one hour before the landing. In case of unscheduled landing, the airport dispatcher immediately informs the representative of the airport border crossing point;
- 5) the operations accompanying the temporary reintroduction of border control are not generally applied to personnel and vehicles providing rescue and ambulance services;
- 6) in exceptional circumstances, a border control police officer may authorise a person to cross the internal border outside a border crossing point if they have a legal basis for entry and stay in Estonia, a valid identity document, and their identity has been established or verified.

**§ 4.** Specifications for the application of the requirements of the Border Regime Rules for the temporary reintroduction of border control

Clauses 4, 13, 25, 26–31, and 41 of the Border Regime Rules approved by Regulation No. 176 of the Government of the Republic of 17 September 1997, 'Approval of the Border Regime Rules' (hereinafter border regime rules), do not apply to persons and means of

transport crossing the internal border at the border crossing points specified in sections 6 and 7 of this Regulation.

**§ 5.** Specifications of border crossing points infrastructure for the temporary reintroduction of border control

The requirements for the establishment of infrastructure arising from the State Borders Act and the Border Regime Rules do not apply to the road border crossing points and railway border crossing points specified in section 6.

**§ 6.** Temporary border crossing points on the State border of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia

Border control at the following border crossing points open to international traffic at road sections and railway stations shall be temporarily reintroduced at the State border of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia:

Name of the border crossing point	Place of border control	Possibilities and limitations of border crossing
Ikla border crossing point	Tallinn–Pärnu–Ikla highway	24 hours
Lilli border crossing point	Karksi-Nuia–Lilli highway	24 hours
Murati border crossing point	Riga–Pskov highway	24 hours
Valga-1 border crossing point	Valga–Uulu highway	24 hours
Valga-3 border crossing point	Valga, Sepa Street	24 hours
Valga railway border crossing point	Valga railway station	Open at the designated time, on call

**§ 7.** Temporary reintroduction of border control at ports and airports

Border checks at ports and airports shall be temporarily reintroduced for persons crossing the internal border at the following border crossing points:

- 1) border crossing points open to international traffic at sea and transboundary water body ports:

Name of the border crossing point	Place of border control	Possibilities and limitations of border crossing
Dirham border crossing point	Port of Dirham	On call, open only to cargo ships
Heltermaa border crossing point	Port of Heltermaa	On call, open only to cargo ships
Kunda border crossing point	Port of Kunda	On call, open only to cargo ships
Kuivastu border crossing point	Port of Kuivastu	On call, open only to cargo ships
Lehtma border crossing point	Port of Lehtma	On call, open only to cargo ships
Loksa border crossing point	Port of Loksa	On call, open only to cargo ships
Miiduranna border crossing point	Port of Miiduranna	On call, open only to cargo ships
Muuga border crossing point	Port of Muuga	Open at the designated time, except for recreational crafts

Name of the border crossing point	Place of border control	Possibilities and limitations of border crossing
Mõntu border crossing point	Port of Mõntu	On call, open only to cargo ships
Narva-Jõesuu border crossing point	Port of Narva-Jõesuu	On call, open only to cargo ships
Paldiski-1 border crossing point	Paldiski North Port	Open at the designated time
Paldiski-2 border crossing point	Paldiski South Port	Open at the designated time
Pärnu-2 border crossing point	Port of Pärnu	On call, open only to cargo ships
Rohuküla border crossing point	Port of Rohuküla	On call, open only to cargo ships
Roomassaare border crossing point	Port of Roomassaare	On call, open only to cargo ships
Port of Saaremaa border crossing point	Port of Saaremaa	On call, open only to cargo ships
Port of Sillamäe border crossing point	Port of Sillamäe	Open at the designated time
Tallinn-2 border crossing point	Port of Meeruse	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-3 border crossing point	Port of Bekker	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-4 border crossing point	Russian-Baltic port	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-5 border crossing point	Port of Paljassaare	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-6 border crossing point	Port of Lahesuu	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-8 border crossing point	Port of Noblessner	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-10 border crossing point	Port of Patarei	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-11 border crossing point	Old City Marina	Open at the designated time
Tallinn-12 border crossing point	Port of Pirita	On call, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-14 border crossing point	Port of Kakumäe	On call, open only to cargo ships
Veere border crossing point	Port of Veere	On call, open only to cargo ships
Vergi border crossing point	Port of Vergi	On call, open only to cargo ships
Virtsu border crossing point	Port of Virtsu	On call, open only to cargo ships

2) Border crossing points open to international traffic at airports:

Name of the border crossing point	Place of border control	Possibilities and limitations of border crossing
Kuressaare-2 border crossing point	Kuressaare Airport	On call
Kärdla border crossing point	Kärdla Airport	On call
Pärnu-1 border crossing point	Pärnu Airport	On call
Tallinn-1 border crossing point	Tallinn Airport	Open at the designated time
Tallinn-13 border crossing point	City Hall Helicopter Terminal	On call
Tartu-1 border crossing point	Tartu Airport	Open at the designated time
Ämari border crossing point	Ämari Airport	On call by special arrangement only

**§ 8. Obligations of the Tax and Customs Board**

During the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border, the Tax and Customs Board will perform enhanced State supervision of compliance with prohibitions and restrictions at the internal border, based on risk analysis.

**§ 9. Obligations of the Road Administration**

In accordance with the instructions of the Police and Border Guard Board, the Estonian Road Administration is required to organise the installation of signs, waymarks, bollards, and barriers for the restriction and direction of traffic for the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border.

**§ 10. Preparation and completion of the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border**

(1) The Police and Border Guard Board, the Tax and Customs Board, the Road Administration, and any other relevant administrative body may start preparations for the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border, including the installation of equipment, signs, waymarks, bollards, barriers, and facilities from the entry into force of this Regulation.

(2) The administrative authority referred to in section 1 shall remove any equipment, signs, waymarks, bollards, barriers, and facilities installed for the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border within one month of the end of the border control and border surveillance at the internal border if their installation or use is contrary to the State Borders Act.

**§ 11. Informing the public and the relevant authorities**

The Ministry of the Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organises the informing of the public, the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the Member States of the temporary reintroduction of border control and border surveillance at the internal border pursuant to the procedure established by law.

**§ 12. Entry into force of the Regulation**

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 March 2020.

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Prime Minister

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Taimar Peterkop  
Secretary of State