

The Ministry of Internal Affairs

Agreed

Prime Minister
Ludovic Orban

**Military Ordinance
on measures to prevent the spread of COVID 19**

Considering the provisions of Article 24 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no.1/1999 regarding the state of siege and the emergency regime, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 22 of January 21, 1999, approved with amendments and additions by Law no. 453/2004, with subsequent amendments and additions, of Article 2 and Article 4, paragraph 2 of Decree no. 195/2020 on declaring the state of emergency at national level, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 212 of March 16, 2020,

Taking into account the assessment made by the National Committee for Special Emergency Situations, approved by Decision no. 15 of 29 March 2020,

Based on Article 4, paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 of Decree no. 195/2020 on declaring the state of emergency at national level, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 212 of 16 March 2020, on points 3-5 of Annex no 2 to the same decree and on Article 20 (n) of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 1/1999, with subsequent amendments and additions,

The Minister of Internal Affairs has issued the following military ordinance:

Art. 1

(1) The movement of persons who are 65 or older, outside their home/household, is permitted also outside the 11.00.-13.00 timeframe, if done in order to solve problems of a medical nature, as well as for planned oncological and dialysis treatments, using personal means of transport or those of family/support persons or, as the case may be, means of sanitary transport specially designated.

(2) To verify the purpose of exits in the situations provided in paragraph 1, a previously filled-in statement on one's own responsibility must be presented, which has to include the name and surname, date of birth, residence address, reason and place of movement, date and signature.

(3) The movement of the persons mentioned in paragraph 1, outside their home/ household, is also permitted between 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m., if done to ensure the needs of the pets/domestic animals and only in the vicinity of the house/household. The statement for this timeframe is not required when exiting for this purpose.

(4) The measures will be applied as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art. 2

(1) The economic operators that sell food and products of strict necessity and carry out their activity under the conditions provided in the military ordinances issued during the state of emergency will organize their work program to facilitate and ensure, with priority, access to persons over 65 years of age between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., whilst limiting the access of persons of other categories of age during this time.

(2) The measure will apply as of March 30, 2020.

Art. 3

(1) Persons who leave the place of quarantine, without the approval of the competent authorities, will be subject to contraventional sanctions, according to the provisions of the Government Emergency Ordinance no.1/1999 regarding the state of siege and the emergency regime, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and will be required to resume the 14-day quarantine cycle, bearing the expenses incurred by their quarantine.

(2) Persons who do not respect the conditions of isolation at home and are found outside the isolation place, will be subject to contraventional sanctions, according to the provisions of the Government Emergency Ordinance no.1/1999 regarding the state of siege and the emergency regime, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and will be placed into a 14-day quarantine, bearing the expenses incurred by their quarantine.

(3) The measures will apply as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art. 4

(1) When entering the country, in order to ensure the protection of their families, the drivers of freight vehicles with the maximum authorized capacity greater than 2.4 tonnes will opt for the purposes of a maximum 14-day quarantine/isolation, in between the trips, for one of the following ways of protecting against the spread of COVID-19:

- a) quarantine in residential areas provided by the employer;
- b) isolation at home together with all the persons with whom they live, or alone, in another available housing space;
- c) quarantine upon request, in the residential areas made available by the public administration authorities, while bearing the expenses related to the quarantine.

(2) The option for one of the modalities provided in paragraph 1 will be expressed through a statement on one's own responsibility filled in by the drivers of the freight vehicles with the maximum authorized capacity greater than 2.4 tonnes, by which they choose one of the 3 quarantine/isolation solutions.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 will also apply to aircraft pilots and seafaring personnel.

(4) The measure will apply as of March 31, 2020.

Art. 5

(1) Preventive isolation measures are established, for the period set out by the employer, in the working place or in specially dedicated areas in which no outside persons have access, for the personnel who perform essential functions to ensure the production, operation, transportation and distribution of electricity and natural gas, maintenance and service activities of specific equipment and installations, as well as of other supply activities, respectively extraction, production and processing of energy resources and raw and semi-processed materials necessary for the proper functioning of the National Energy System in accordance with the provisions of the Continuity Plans for the basic activities in the case of declaring state of emergency on the territory of Romania.

(2) The refusal of preventive isolation by the personnel mentioned in paragraph 1 incurs disciplinary, civil, contraventional and criminal liability, as the case may be.

(3) The measure will apply as of March 31, 2020, 12.00 pm.

Art. 6

(1) The authorities of the local public administration will ensure the installation of devices with disinfectant solutions at all entrances in residence buildings located within the perimeter of the administrative-territorial unit and will periodically disinfect the elevators, stairwell and other common spaces.

(2) The measure will apply as of March 31, 2020.

Art. 7

(1) The ministries that have their own sanitary network and the authorities of the local public administration that have sanitary units under control or under coordination will provide, upon request, hotel rooms for rest between shifts of the staff of the public health system, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among healthcare professionals or to their families.

(2) The measure will apply as of March 31, 2020.

Art. 8

(1) During the state of emergency, the prices for electricity and heat, natural gas, water supply, sanitation and fuels cannot be increased above the level practiced at the date of the issuance of this Military Ordinance, these can only be reduced depending on supply and demand.

(2) The measure will be applied as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art. 9

(1) During the state of emergency, sanitary warnings, communiques, texts, photographic and audio-video materials with messages of public interest supporting the measures for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, governmental and / or sponsored by public or private economic operators, individuals or non-governmental organizations, will be advertised free of charge and will be added as additional time to the space allocated for advertising.

(2) Dissemination of the type of messages mentioned in paragraph 1 will be requested to broadcasters or media institutions by the Strategic Communication Group within the National Committee for Special Emergency Situations and will be highlighted as "Message of public interest."

(3) The measure will apply as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art. 10

(1) During the state of emergency, the Center for Scientific-Military-Healthcare Research, the Center for Scientific Research for Defense CBRN¹ and Ecology, the Research Agency for Military Technic and Technologies and the National Institute of "Military-Healthcare Development Research" Cantacuzino" are authorized to give legal permission/ approve medical materials, components, equipments and devices necessary for the prevention and control of the spread, as well as for the treatment of the infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and the biocides respectively.

(2) The measure will be applied as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

¹ Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear

Art. 11

(1) The maritime and inland waterways transport, the access of the ships to the Romanian ports, as well as the inspection and operation of the vessels will be carried out without restrictions, in compliance with all measures to prevent the infection with COVID-19, imposed by the Ministry of Health.

(2) It is forbidden for pilots to board the maritime and river-maritime ships, arriving from the red or yellow risk areas, unless they have the protective equipment required by the Ministry of Health.

(3) The measure will apply as of the date of publication of this Military Ordinance in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Art.12

After paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Military Ordinance no. 2/ 2020 on measures to prevent the spread of COVID -19, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 232 of March 21, 2020, a new paragraph is inserted, paragraph 3, with the following content:

(3) The prohibition to walk in groups of more than 3 persons will only apply to pedestrian flow.

Art. 13

(1) The following institutions are authorized to ensure the implementation and observance of the provisions of the present Military Ordinance:

- a) The Romanian Police, the Romanian Gendarmerie and the local police, for the measures provided in Art.1;
- b) The Romanian Police, the National Authority for Consumer Protection and the local police, for the measure provided in Art.2;
- c) The Romanian Police, the Romanian Border Police, the Romanian Gendarmerie, the local police, the public health departments and the heads of the local public administration authorities, for the measures provided in Art. 3 and 4;
- d) The Ministry of Economy, Energy and Business Environment, for the measure provided in Art.5;
- e) The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications, for the measures provided for in Art. 11.

(2) Failure to comply with the measures provided in Art.1-5 and Art.11 will incur disciplinary, civil, contraventional or criminal liability, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 27 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no.1 / 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(3) The personnel of the institutions mentioned in paragraph 1 are authorized to establish contraventions and to apply sanctions, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 29 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 1/1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

Art. 14

(1) This Military Ordinance will be published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

(2) The audiovisual media service providers are obliged to inform the public, through regular broadcast messages, for at least two days from the date of publication, about the content of this Military Ordinance.

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