

By e-mail from 18 May 2020, the Permanent Representative of Spain sent the following reply:

Due to the pandemic caused by COVID 19, on 14th March, Royal Decree 463/2020 was approved in Spain, declaring the state of alarm foreseen in its Constitution for the management of the health crisis situation. The evolution and management of the health emergency has required successive extensions of the state of alarm by the Council of Ministers with the previous conformity of the Congress of Deputies. Among the measures adopted by Spain during the state of alarm is the reestablishment of controls at the internal land borders through Order INT / 239/2020, of March 16 as a complementary measure to the restrictions on mobility within Spanish territory imposed by Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14. These controls at the internal land borders have been successively extended on the occasion of the successive extensions of the state of alarm.

In this context, exceptions are very rare, as in the case of transborder workers. Naturally, journalists accredited in Spain have been able and can carry out their work without hindrance, provided they follow the recommendations of the health authorities. If it is the case, any event or fact is subject to their coverage. Any other request for an exception to the rule must be authorized by the competent administrative organs. Officials at authorized border posts comply with and enforce the legal order, which in this case intends to protect life and health.