

Government of Georgia

Ordinance

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Tbilisi

On the amendments to the Ordinance No164 of 28 January 2020 on “Approval of Measures for Infection Prevention and Control for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Plan of Rapid Response to disease incidence”

- a) Pursuant to Article 63 of General Administrative Code of Georgia, the Ordinance No164 of 28 January 2020 of the Government of Georgia on “Approval of Measures for Infection Prevention and Control for novel corona virus (COVID-19) and the Plan of Rapid Response to disease incidence caused by COVID-19” shall be amended and paragraph 4 of article 4 of Plan of Rapid Response to disease incidence caused by COVID-19” shall have the following wording:

“4. LEPL Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia shall ensure the following:

- a) within its competence, provide distribution of information cards (memos) among passengers upon their arrival from COVID-19 affected areas;
- b) Ensure management of passengers returning from COVID-19 affected zones (high-risk countries considered by WHO) through international airports and other Customs Checkpoints (including transit passengers):
- b.a) collect detailed travel history per each such case based on the information obtained;
- b.b) conduct screening in accordance with international health regulations;
- b.c) timely submit information to the NCDC;
- b.d) for the passengers who during the last 14 days travelled to and/or are returning from COVID-19 affected zones specified by WHO (China, South Korea, Italy, Iran) set the following requirements:
- b.d.a) they should present a complete medical examination PCR certificate issued by laboratory of transit country (except for COVID-19 risk countries specified by WHO);
- b.d.b) in case of non-submission of medical examination PCR certificate referred to in ‘b.d.a’ above, persons should be tested and isolated for 14 days in accordance with the procedure

established by the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia;

c) ensure entry of freight vehicles from COVID-19 affected areas (COVID-19 high-risk areas specified by WHO) if driver is replaced by any other person who does not belong to risk group (including the returnees from COVID-19 containment zones) according to the following requirements:

c.a) disinfection of freight vehicles under the supervision of authorized person from customs office;

c.b) driver (person, who was driving the freight vehicle while entering Georgian customs border) shall be deported (if non-resident), or placed in quarantine /appropriate health institution;

c.c) trailer of freight vehicle shall be replaced by the one, that is not considered at risk of COVID-19; disinfection of freight vehicle and returning of initial trailer (which was used for transportation to customs territory of Georgia) shall be provided under the supervision of authorized persons from customs office;

d) issuing recommendation that freight be transported into the country by rail transport (if possible) in order to minimize the risks related to importer notification and road transportation;

e) screening for drivers of means of transport moving from COVID-19 affected areas (COVID-19 high-risk areas specified by WHO) in accordance with International Health Regulations, and recording any suspected case, and:

e.a) ensure on-site temporary isolation of person and take measures specified in 'c' sub-paragraph of this paragraph;

e.b) if on-site temporary isolation of person is impossible, ensure transfer of person by escort to the nearest customs checkpoint and take measures specified in 'e.a' sub-paragraph of this paragraph;

Note: within the 'e' sub-paragraph of this paragraph, the requirements of c.a and c.b sub-paragraphs shall apply to the light motor vehicles and buses entering the country”.

2. the Ordinance shall enter into force upon signature and shall apply to the relations that started on 6 March 2020.

Prime Minister (signed)

Giorgi Gakharia