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Temporary restriction on crossing the state border due to the spread of the coronavirus causing the COVID-19 disease

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Under § 17 (1) 1) of the State Borders Act:

1. Inconnection with the worldwide pandemic spread of the coronavirus causing the COVID-19 disease, identification of the spread of the virus within Estonia and the great probability of its escalation and the subsequent threat of massinfections, the crossing of the external border for the purpose of entering Estonia and, if the border control is temporarily reintroduced on the internal border, the crossing of the internal border are temporarily restricted.

2. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for persons who have Estonian citizenship, Estonian residence permit or right of residence or whose permanent place of residence according to the population register is in Estonia.

3. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and who are employees of diplomatic missions or consular posts of foreign states in Estonia or their family members or foreigners arriving in Estonia in the framework of international military cooperation.

4. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and who are directly involved in transporting goods and raw products, including loading of goods or raw products.

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5. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and who are providing health services or other services necessary for responding to an emergency.

5¹. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and who are directly involved in international carriage of goods and passengers, including a crew member and a ship's crew member servicing an international means of transport and a person performing repairs or warranty or maintenance work on such a means of transport.

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5². Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and who are servicing travel groups and who are directly involved in the provision of passenger transport services.

[RT III, 26.03.2020, 3 – entry into force 26.03.2020]

5³. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and whose purpose for arriving in Estonia is related to ensuring the continuity of a vital service.
[RT III, 26.03.2020, 3 – entry into force 26.03.2020]

5⁴. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and whose arrival in Estonia is related to the maintenance or repair of or warranty or information and communication technology work on equipment of a company operating in Estonia if this is necessary for ensuring the operation of the company.
[RT III, 26.03.2020, 3 – entry into force 26.03.2020]

5⁵. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners who are asymptomatic and whose border crossing serves the purpose of going to work or from work to their place of residence, moving between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia.
[RT III, 26.03.2020, 3 – entry into force 26.03.2020]

5⁶. In addition to the provisions of clauses 2 through 5⁴ of this Order, crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering the Republic of Estonia from the Republic of Finland is allowed by a person who holds a citizenship, residence permit or right of residence of the Republic of Finland or whose permanent place of residence according to the population register is in the Republic of Finland and who is asymptomatic if:

- 1) the person's purpose for arriving in Estonia is work or performance of other contractual obligations;
- 2) the person is studying in an educational institution registered in Estonia;
- 3) the person arrives in Estonia for urgent family reasons, above all to meet a close relative, a funeral, a wedding or cases of illness.

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6. By way of an exception, the Police and Border Guard Board may allow the state border to be crossed for the purpose of entering Estonia by a foreigner:

- 1) who is asymptomatic and whose direct blood relative in the ascending or descending line or spouse is an Estonian citizen or a person holding an Estonian residence permit or right of residence;
- 2) who is asymptomatic and whose entry in the country is justified under a special request.

7. Crossing of the state border for the purpose of entering Estonia is allowed for foreigners for immediate transit through the territory of Estonia for reaching their country of residence, provided they are asymptomatic.

8. Said measures shall apply until this Order is changed and the need for these measures shall be assessed no later than after every two weeks.

9. This Order takes effect on 17 March 2020.