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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.**In connection 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 mass infections, 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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