

TURKMENISTAN REOPENS ITS BORDERS FOR BILATERAL AND TRANSIT FREIGHT ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

Turkmen borders are fully open for bilateral and transit movements as of 7 November 2022.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

As a result of the pandemic and stringent health measures including for cross-border movements, freight transportation with Turkmenistan was only possible under a trailer swap procedure. At the same time, transport operators could benefit from TIR subcontracting in Turkmenistan.

Starting from 1 June 2022 Turkmenistan has been gradually relaxing access to its territory for transit, reopening border crossings for international transport, while maintaining certain COVID requirements and applying convoys. Loading and unloading on the territory of Turkmenistan was not allowed.

II. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

The Road Transport Agency of Turkmenistan has officially informed IRU that as of **7 November 2022** borders are open for transit and bilateral transport, allowing for loading and unloading of goods at inland customs. Foreign and Turkmen transport operators and drivers are allowed to enter, exit and transit via the territory of Turkmenistan through the following border crossings:

- International seaport of Turkmenbashi,
- Artyk (border crossing with Iran),
- Sarakhs (border crossing with Iran),
- Garabogaz (border crossing with Kazakhstan),
- Altyn Asyr (border crossing with Iran),
- Dashoguz (border crossing with Uzbekistan),
- Koneurgench (border crossing with Uzbekistan),
- Farap (border crossing with Uzbekistan),
- Ymamnazar (border crossing with Afghanistan),
- Serhetabat (border crossing with Afghanistan).

As before, the foreign drivers are requested to present a negative PCR test and a vaccination certificate or an antibody certificate. At border crossing points, drivers will also have to take an express test for COVID, and vehicles will be disinfected.

Transport operations under trailer swap procedure will also be possible.

With its CAD document [CAD/GE8472/TRB](#), IRU already informed members that TIR-EPD has been operational in Turkmenistan since 15 September 2022.

III. ACTIONS BY MEMBERS

Member associations are kindly requested to inform their TIR carnet holders of the new opportunities for bilateral transport and transit via Turkmenistan, as well as remind them of the activation of TIR-EPD in this country, encourage them to use TIR and send advance cargo information through TIR-EPD both for import and transit before entering Turkmenistan, and thus benefit from the streamlined border crossing and simplified formalities.

Also, member associations are kindly requested to draw special attention of its members to the quality of the provided advance cargo information and ensure its submission in a complete, true and accurate manner.

Members and their transport operators are invited to contact the IRU secretariat at tir@iru.org for any questions.

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В компетентный орган по транспорту

Настоящим сообщаем, что с 7 ноября 2022 года иностранным автотранспортным средствам, выполняющим международные автомобильные грузоперевозки, разрешается въезд, выезд и транзитный проезд по территории Туркменистана с водителями по контрольно-пропускным пунктам: «Туркменбашинский международный морской порт», «Артык», «Сарахс», «Гарабогаз», «Алтын асыр», «Дашогуз», «Куняургенч», «Фарап», «Имамназар», «Серхетабат».

Для осуществления въезда, выезда и транзитного проезда иностранные водители должны иметь при себе подтверждающие документы об отсутствии заболевания COVID-19 и проведенной вакцинации против COVID-19. После прибытия на КПП у иностранных водителей будут проводиться проверка (экспресс тест) на наличие заболевания COVID-19. По результатам проверки, только в случае отсутствия наличия заболевания COVID-19, иностранные водители будут допущены на территорию Туркменистана для осуществления перевозок. Одновременно иностранные автотранспортные средства будут проходить санитарно-дезинфекционную обработку.

Также с 7 ноября 2022 года туркменским автотранспортным средствам с водителями, выполняющим международные автомобильные грузоперевозки, разрешается въезд Туркменистан и выезд за границу из Туркменистана через контрольно-пропускные пункты: «Туркменбашинский международный морской порт», «Артык», «Сарахс», «Гарабогаз», «Алтын асыр», «Дашогуз», «Куняургенч», «Фарап», «Имамназар», «Серхетабат».

Дополнительно сообщаем, что помимо вышеуказанного, в Туркменистане также продолжается осуществление перевозки грузов без водителей на бесконтактной основе (перцепка) с помощью прицепов и полуприцепов.

Учитывая вышеизложенное, просим проинформировать заинтересованных национальных грузоперевозчиков о возобновлении двухсторонних и транзитных грузоперевозок по территории Туркменистана по вышеуказанным контрольно-пропускным пунктам.

Пользуясь случаем, подтверждаем Вам свои намерения в продолжение конструктивных взаимоотношений в области международных автомобильных перевозок.

Председатель



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We hereby inform you that from November 7, 2022, foreign vehicles performing road cargo transportation are allowed to enter, exit and transit through the territory of Turkmenistan with drivers at the checkpoints: "Turkmenbashi International Sea Port", "Artyk", "Sarakhs", Garabogaz, Altyn Asyr, Dashoguz, Kunyaurgench, Farap, Imamnazar, Serhetabat.

For entry, exit and transit travel, foreign drivers must have with them supporting documents confirming the absence of COVID-19 disease and vaccination against COVID-19. After arriving at the checkpoint, foreign drivers will be tested (express test) for COVID-19. According to the results of the check, only in the absence of COVID-19 disease, foreign drivers will be allowed to enter the territory of Turkmenistan for transportation. At the same time, foreign vehicles will undergo sanitary and disinfection treatment.

Moreover, from November 7, 2022, Turkmen vehicles with drivers performing international road transport are allowed to enter Turkmenistan and exit abroad from Turkmenistan through the following checkpoints: "Turkmenbashi International Sea Port", "Artyk", "Sarakhs", "Garabogaz", Altyn Asyr, Dashoguz, Kunyaurgench, Farap, Imamnazar, Serhetabat.

At the same time, we inform you that in addition to the above, Turkmenistan extends possibility of transporting goods without drivers on a contactless basis, by transfer of trailers and semi-trailers.

Taking into account the above, we ask you to inform the interested national road transport carriers about the resumption of bilateral and transit road transport through the territory of Turkmenistan at the above-mentioned checkpoints.