

Federal Government Model Quarantine Regulations of 14 October 2020
(recommendation for implementation in each federal state)

- Overview of the envisaged exemptions for the transport and forwarding sector -

On 14 October 2020, the Federal Government presented new Model Quarantine Regulations (Model QR) in order to coordinate and harmonize the legally binding quarantine rules applicable in the federal states. The new Model QR had previously been intensively coordinated with the federal states. The federal states now have until 8 November 2020 to correspondingly update their federal state quarantine regulations.

The Model QR state that persons entering Germany from areas of high risk must normally self-isolate for a period of ten days; this period can be reduced if a negative test result is presented five days after entry at the earliest.

The Model QR make provisions for exemptions from this principle. One of the main groups to which these exemptions apply is persons employed in the transport of passengers and goods.

1. There is a total exemption from the requirement to self-isolate (section 2(2)(2)(c) of the Model QR) for persons employed in the cross-border transport of goods and passengers provided that
 - their stay in the area of high risk or in Germany lasted less than 72 hours; and
 - appropriate health and safety protocols are complied with.

This rule applies across all modes of transport. A negative corona test is not required.

2. Persons who visited an area of high risk for up to five days for compelling professional reasons and whose visit could not be postponed plus persons returning to the Federal Republic of Germany from an area of high risk (section 2(3)(4) of the Model QR) are exempted from the requirement to self-isolate provided that:
 - they present a negative corona test result. The required negative test result must not be more than 48 hours old at the time of entry. The test may also be carried out at the time of entry at the place where the person crosses the border or at a test centre immediately after entry or at the person's place of accommodation;

- the person's employer or client has certified that it was imperative that the person visit the area of high risk.

The explanatory memorandum explicitly states that this exemption also applies to persons employed in the transport of goods and passengers irrespective of the mode of transport.

3. In addition, the following groups of persons are exempt from self-isolation requirements without having to present a negative test result. If the necessary conditions are met, these exceptions can also be applied to persons employed in the transport sector:

- persons in transit who leave Germany by the quickest route. Short stopovers or overnight stays are not permissible (section 2(1) of the Model QR).
- persons engaged in cross-border traffic with neighbouring states and who have spent less than 24 hours in an area of high risk or in Germany (section 2(2)(1) of the Model QR)
- cross-border commuters and frontier workers whose place of residence or work is situated in Germany or in an area of high risk and for whom it is imperative, for professional reasons, to commute across a border between their place of residence and work (section 2(2)(3)(a) and (b) of the Model QR). The condition is that they regularly – at least once a week – return to their place of residence. Their employer must furnish proof that appropriate health and safety protocols are complied with and certify the compelling professional reason for the journey. Both documents must be in the German language.
- Section 2(5) of the Model QR states that it is possible for individuals to apply to the competent authority for an exemption from the requirement to self-isolate based on their professional activity and for reasons not covered by (1) and (2). In this case, too, a health and safety protocol must be presented.

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