

Temporary exceptions submitted by EU and non-EU Member States under Article 14 (2) of Reg. 561/2006

No	MS	Start date - End date (both included)	Urgent circumstances	Categories of transport/drivers	Provisions from Regulation 561/2006 derogated from Under Article 14
1.	AT	04/01/2021- 20/01/2021	Weather conditions (heavy snowfall)	Vehicles used in disaster relief	<p>-Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period</p>
2.	UK	23/12/2020 - 22/01/2021	New strain of Covid-19 and the end of the EU transition period	All transport of goods in Great Britain	<p>- Art 6(3): increasing the fortnightly driving limit from 90 hours to 99 hours;</p> <p>Art 8(6): replacement of the requirement to take a full weekly rest period of 45 hours in a 2-week period with an alternative pattern of weekly rest periods specified below. This enables 2 consecutive reduced weekly rest periods to be taken;</p> <p>In a 4-week period beginning on 23 December 2020, a driver can take 2 consecutive reduced weekly rest periods of at least 24 hours (allowing them to work two 6-day weeks);</p> <p>→ Any reduction in weekly rest shall be compensated for in the normal way by an equivalent period of rest taken before the end of the third week following the week in question</p> <p>→ In addition, any rest taken as compensation for a reduced weekly rest period shall be attached to a regular weekly rest period of at least 45 hours (which can be split over 2 regular weekly rest periods).</p>
3.	UK	23/12/2020 - 22/01/2021	New strain of Covid-19 and the	All types of international carriage of goods by road or the carriage of	<p>- Art 6: Lifting the weekly (56 hours) and fortnightly driving limits (90 hours) to 60 and 96 hours respectively; -</p>

			end of the EU transition period	goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland	<p>- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.</p> <p>- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours; together with a relaxation on the use of the ferry/train derogation to allow its use when on a reduced daily rest of 9 hours (instead of when on a regular rest period of 11 hours)</p> <p>- Art 8(6): Postponement of the requirement to start a weekly rest period after six-24 hours periods, for after seven 24 hours period; although two regular weekly rest periods or a regular and a reduced weekly rest period will still be required within a fortnight; Drivers' must not use relaxation 'a' and 'd' at the same time. This is to ensure drivers can get adequate rest.</p> <p>→ In addition, drivers of lorries within the "Operation Brock" queue or other queues in the Kent Traffic Management system can relax the break requirements to take two or three breaks of at least 15 minutes, which together are at least 45 minutes (within a 4.5 hours period).</p>
4.	IE	01/01/2021 - 30/01/2021	Brexit	<p>Drivers subject to Customs and Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) checks and delays at the ports.</p> <p>It will also apply to drivers who may be delayed due to traffic congestion in the port area or on any of the adjacent routes or alternatively have their daily working period impacted elsewhere by these delays.</p>	<p>- Art. 9: The one-hour maximum duration of the two interruptions to a regular daily rest period or a reduced weekly rest period is being extended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drivers who are subjected to Customs or Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) checks: The number of interruptions is being increased from two to three and the total accumulated duration of the interruptions is being increased from one hour to three hours. The obligation to take a daily rest period within the 24hr period will be increased to 26 hours. - Drivers who are not subjected to Customs or Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) checks: The number of interruptions remains unchanged, but the duration of those interruptions will be increased from one hour to two hours. <p>The obligation to take a daily rest period within the 24hr period will</p>

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5.	BE	28/12/2020 - 26/01/2021	Brexit	<p>Transport towards ports in Belgium and France experiencing traffic problems because of Brexit.</p> <p>It mainly concerns the border crossings on the E40 to and from France, the E17 at Rekkem, transport to seaports in Belgium and France with the aim of shipping goods to the UK.</p>	<p>-Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;</p> <p>-Art 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period.</p>
6.	PT	23/12/2020 - 13/01/2021	New strain of Covid-19 in the UK	All drivers coming from the United Kingdom	<p>-Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum accumulated driving time during any two consecutive weeks from 90h to 96h;</p> <p>-Art. 8(1): reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period.</p> <p>-Art. 8(8): possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver</p>

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7.	ES	15/12/2020 - 13/01/2021	Closure of borders between the UK and FR, causing blockage of numerous of freight vehicles	Drivers affected by traffic jams at ports/border crossings involved in the delivery of goods between UK and Spain	<p>-Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours;</p> <p>-Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period</p> <p>-Art. 8(8): possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary</p>
8.	BE	24/12/2020 - 03/01/2021	New strain of Covid-19 in the UK	Drivers engaged in international road freight transport returning from the United Kingdom	<p>-Art. 8(1): reduction of daily rest from 11 to 9 h;</p> <p>-Art. 8(6): postponement of the weekly rest beyond 6 x 24 h period;</p> <p>-Art 8(8): possibility for driver to spend regular weekly rest longer than 45h in cabin;</p>
9.	CZ	24/12/2020 - 03/01/2021	New strain of Covid-19 in the UK	All drivers coming from the United Kingdom	<p>-Art. 8(1): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours</p> <p>- Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six 24-hour period;</p> <p>- Art. 8(8): possibility for the driver to take weekly rest longer than 45 hours in the vehicle</p>
10.	NO	11/12/2020-01/02/2021	Covid-19	All transport of goods	Art. 8(8) : A driver may take the regular weekly rest in a vehicle while undergoing travel quarantine, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

PAST TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF DRIVERS' HOURS RULES – ARTICLE 14(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 561/2006 FROM JANUARY 2019 TO NOVEMBER 2020

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11.	DK	Circumstances linked with the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 in mink farms and the necessity to transport the equipment for culling the minks urgently.	07/11/2020-20/11/2020	This temporary exception only applies to the transport of equipment to mink herds in Denmark, where this equipment must be used for culling the minks.	07/11/2020	The Danish Road Traffic Authority
12.	FR	Weather conditions (snowfalls) in the French Alps, which required urgent transportation of the live animals from the pastures covered with snow to the winter animal shelters.	06/10/2020-09/10/2020	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in transport operations of live animals in the French Alps.	07/10/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
13.	UK	Shortage of LPG at strategically important refineries in England and Wales.	08/03/2020-29/03/2020	This temporary exception applies to drivers of vehicles transporting liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), undertaking 'trunk' deliveries in England, Scotland and Wales,	05/03/2020	UK Ministry of Transport
14.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied natural gas and economic activity	22/01/2020-27/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	22/01/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
15.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of	16/01/2020-20/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	15/01/2020	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne

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16.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied petroleum gas	20/12/2019-24/12/2019	The temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).	24/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
17.	FR	Strikes affecting the conditions of transport in France	18/12/2019-24/12/2019	The temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of passengers, excluding school transport, urban transport and sanitary transport operations.	20/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
18.	UK	Expected increase in the demand for LPG following supply issues at two main refineries	20/12/2019-6/01/2020	This temporary exception applies only to drivers involved in the delivery of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) within England and Wales.	19/12/2019	DfT
19.	FR	Social movement causing severe disturbances to the national supply of liquefied natural gas	10/12/2019-16/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers involved in the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG).	13/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
20.	ES	Events in Catalonia disrupting national supply and economic activity	11/12/2019-13/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in freight or passenger transport operations conducted fully or partially in the provinces of Barcelona and Girona.	4/12/2019	Representación permanente de España ante la Unión Europea

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21.	FR	Social movement disturbing the national supply of hydrocarbons	29/11/2019-09/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of hydrocarbons on the French territory.	05/12/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
22.	AT	Urgent damage repair operations following exceptional weather events	13/11/2019-12/12/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers of vehicles involved in disaster response operations in the province of Salzburg (Counties of Pongau, Pinzgau and Lungau).	4/12/2019	Permanent representation of Austria to the EU
23.	FR	Exceptional weather events disturbing the electricity supply network	22/11/2019-27/11/2019	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in the transportation of hydrocarbons to the Ardèche and Drôme departments.	25/11/2019	Représentation permanente de la France auprès de l'Union européenne
24.	ES	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	11/10/2019-13/10/2019 (a); and 12/11/2019, 18:00 to 23:00 (b)	This temporary exception applies to all drivers involved in road transport operations totally or partially carried out in (a) the provinces of Barcelona and Girona and (b) the province of Guipúzca, on the road sections of AP-8, N-121 and Gi-636, direction France.	21/11/2019	Dirección General de Transporte Terrestre Ministerio de Fomento
25.	NO	Building of an alternative road after a landslide led to a road closure	04/09/2019-12/09/2019	This exception applies to drivers involved in the transport operations necessary for the building of an alternative road and working under the authority of project Fosnvegene (part of the Norwegian Public Roads Administration).	05/11/2019	EFTA Surveillance Authority
26.	ES	National protests disrupting traffic conditions and national supply	14/10/2019-20/10/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers driving vehicles used for freight or passenger transport in the autonomous region of <i>Catalonia</i> .	30/10/2019	Dirección General de Transporte Terrestre Ministerio de Fomento

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27.	AT	Heavy snowfall in Tyrol	03/01/2019- 01/02/2019	This temporary exception applies to drivers driving vehicles used for disaster relief operations following heavy snowfall in Tyrol (<i>districts of Kitzbühel, Reutte, Imst, Innsbruck-Land, Innsbruck Stadt, Schwaz, Kufstein</i>).	16/01/2019	Transport Attaché