



New regulatory provisions adopted by the General State Administration in application of *Real Decreto 463/2020*, of 14th March, declaring the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation resulting from COVID-19.

17th March 2020

The control of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 has not only led to the declaration of the state of alarm by means of the approval of *Real Decreto 463/2020*, of 14th March, but it also involves the daily approval of a series of legal regulations aimed at its development and implementation.

At state level, the following new aspects should be highlighted:

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

- Order, dated 16th March 2020, of the Ministry of Defense, establishing measures for the management of COVID-19 health crisis situation within the Ministry of Defense.

This order is intended to protect the most disadvantaged sectors of the population, especially the homeless. To that end, the Ministry of Defense will support the Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030, within the framework of the powers of *Real Decreto 463/2020*, with regard to:

- The necessary orders and instructions for the protection of the homeless and displaced population issued by the Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030.
- The immediate actions that this Ministry proposes to the Social Services throughout the national territory for the protection of the homeless and displaced population.

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MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

- Order *INT/239/2020*, of 16th March, reintroducing border controls at internal land borders in view of the health crisis caused by COVID-19.

This Order temporarily reintroduces border controls at internal borders from **00:00 on 17th March 2020 until 24:00 on 26th March 2020** and concerns internal land borders.

Only the following persons will be allowed to **enter national territory by land**:

- a) Spanish citizens.



- b) Residents in Spain.
- c) Cross-border workers.
- d) Those that prove force majeure or situation of need with documents.

The following are **exempted** from these restrictions:

- **Foreign staff authorized as members of diplomatic missions**, consular offices and international organizations located in Spain in the exercise of their duties.
- **The transport of goods.**

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, MOBILITY AND URBAN AGENDA.

- Order *TMA/240/2020*, of 16th March, establishing rules for the opening of certain restaurants and other shops on public airfields for the provision of support services for essential services.

In order to meet the essential needs of workers, suppliers and passengers, it will be possible to open those restaurants and press points, convenience stores, food and beverages that, in the air zone of all public use aerodromes in Spain, are essential to meet these needs.

The airport manager shall determine the number and distribution of these establishments which shall remain open for the necessary time, avoid crowding and maintain a safe separation between people of 1 meter.

- Order *TMA/241/2020*, of 16th March, establishing the transport measures to be applied to connections between the peninsula and the city of Ceuta and Order *TMA/242/2020*, of 16th March, establishing the transport measures to be applied to connections between the peninsula and the city of Melilla.

Given the geographical characteristics of the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda has issued orders to govern air and sea connections with these cities and to guarantee their supply in all cases.

Therefore, from 00:00 hours on 17th March 2020, it is forbidden to carry out helicopter flights between any airport or heliport located in national territory and Ceuta and/or Melilla, as well as to land in the harbors of Ceuta and Melilla for passengers on board of passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular service between the peninsula and Ceuta and/or Melilla.

The following are exempted from this measure:

- The drivers of the wheeled goods tractors.
- State aircraft, exclusively cargo flights, positional, humanitarian, medical or emergency flights and State vessels, vessels carrying cargo exclusively and vessels operating for humanitarian, medical or emergency purposes.

The entrance into the harbors of Ceuta and Melilla of vessels other than passenger, cargo or fishing vessels

coming from any port which, because of the number of people on board, including the crew, represent a risk to the health and safety of citizens, may be prohibited by the holder of the Government Office in Ceuta or Melilla, as appropriate.

The prohibitions on flights or on the landing at the harbors of Ceuta or Melilla of passengers travelling by ship between the Spanish peninsula and these autonomous cities may be lifted by means of a specific authorization from the holder of the Government Office in Ceuta or Melilla, as appropriate, based on a need that cannot be postponed.



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