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## **“ECMT PERMIT” DEROGATIONS**

*IRU cooperation with the ITF Group on Road Transport*

### **Temporary changes to the ITF Multilateral Quota system (ECMT permits) due to Covid-19 measures**

Taking into consideration that it is crucial to keep transport links open wherever and for as long as possible in affected areas to enable essential goods to get to where they need to be, and to protect transport workers and companies who are the economic backbone of our societies, IRU is reaching out to various international organisations and its member states to allow for maximum flexibility on the interpretation of existing transport restrictions.

Following concerns by various IRU members regarding the handling of documentation related to the ECMT permit system, IRU has been in close contact with respective member states of the ITF Group on Road Transport and negotiated temporary derogations which are as follow: Governments shall (quote from ITF)

1. **“Mutually recognise and grant extension of validity of ECMT Certificate of Roadworthiness Test for Motor Vehicles and Trailers. This extension should refer to documents which have expired after 12 March 2020.**
2. **Treat with leniency and recognise extension of validity of short-term licences, which have expired en route due to different administrative procedures in force following the Covid-19 measures, until the vehicles are able to complete the journey.”**

These two temporary derogations will apply from **1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020** (included).

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