

Latvijas Republikas vēstniecība Grieķijas Republikā Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in the Hellenic Republic

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VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in Athens presents its compliments to the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and has the honour to send herewith the **Amendments** to the Rules of the Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia No. 360 of June 9, 2020, Riga (Prot. No. 40 32.§) "Measures of Epidemiological Safety to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection" **on the entry of professional truck drivers into Latvia** in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19 virus, especially the newer coronavirus form. The new rules come into force on 12 July 2021.

In accordance with the amendments:

If a person, including the driver of a cargo or passenger vehicle, before crossing the land border at the checkpoints "Grebneva", "Terekhova", "Paternieki" or "Silene" cannot present a valid European Union Covid-19 certificate form of vaccination, testing or past illness, the person is obliged to:

- Immediately conduct a test for Covid-19 at this checkpoint at their own expense (paragraph 38.61.);
- The State Border Guard gives permission to the person referred to in clause 38.61 of these rules to leave the territory of the checkpoint, if the result of the test for Covid-19 is negative (paragraph 38.62);
- If the person specified in clause 38.61 of these rules does not test for Covid-19 or if the test result for Covid-19 is positive, the Emergency Medical Service immediately delivers the driver of a cargo or passenger vehicle to one of the tourist accommodation facilities indicated in the list of tourist accommodation (paragraph 38.64);

Protocol Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic Athens • If the driver of a cargo or passenger vehicle is obliged to maintain isolation at the tourist accommodation facility, the carrier is responsible for resolving issues arising from the isolation of its employee (paragraph 38.65).

The esteemed Protocol Department is kindly requested to forward the aforementioned amendments to the competent authorities.

The Embassy of the Republic of Latvia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic

Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Athens, July 9, 2021