

COVID-19

Border Control: temporary reintroduction

Council of Ministers Resolution no. 10-B/2020, of 16 March
Dispatch no. 3659-A/2020, of 24 March

The exceptional situation caused by the outbreak of the disease COVID-19 imposed extraordinary measures in order to provide an effective and urgent response to this pandemic, the most significant being the limitation of circulation and the general duty to home confinement of all citizens.

In this sense, and in view of the need to restrict non-essential travel, **the Government adopted temporary border control procedures for all those wishing to enter Portuguese territory.**

1 - Who can enter in Portugal?

Only citizens who fall under one of the following situations and subject to Passport/ID control by the Portuguese Immigration Authorities will be allowed to enter national territory:

- Portuguese citizens;
- Nationals of a Member State of the European Union, of the Schengen associated countries authorized under the terms of no. 1 of Dispatch no. 3427-A / 2020, of 18 March, and members of their families under the terms of Directive 2004 / 38 / EC of the Parliament and the Council;
- Passengers on flights from Portuguese-speaking countries, South Africa, Canada, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, authorized under the terms of no. 1 of Dispatch no. 3427-A / 2020, of 18 March, provided that the reciprocity of treatment in the countries referred to Portuguese citizens is ensured;
- Foreign citizens holding a valid residence permit in Portugal;
- Health professionals and health researchers and humanitarian aid workers, as long as they are carrying out their duties;
- Persons qualified with an identification document issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the terms of article 87 of Law no. 23/07, of 4 July, in its current wording;
- Citizens repatriated through the consular assistance mechanism;
- Applicants for international protection;
- Citizens traveling for urgent professional reasons, duly proven;
- Nationals from Portuguese-speaking countries within the scope of health protocols signed for urgent and urgent medical acts;
- Citizens whose entry is justified by humanitarian reasons.

2 - What are the entry restrictions by air?

All flights of all airlines, commercial or private, with origin or destination to Italy or Spain are suspended. The remaining flights may operate, with the respective passengers subject to the aforementioned entry restrictions.

3 - What are the entry restrictions by sea?

River transport between Portugal and Spain is suspended, as well as the docking of leisure yachts and cruise vessels and the disembarkation of people with the exception of national citizens and foreign residents in Portugal.

4 - What are the land circulation restrictions?

Until April 15, 2020, in addition to the aforementioned citizens who may enter national territory, only transport of goods, cross-border workers and members of the diplomatic and health corps on the land border between Portugal and Spain will be allowed. Authorized crossing points at the land border are:

- Valença-Viana do Castelo, exit of Ponte Tuy-Valença-connection with IP1-A 3, in Valença;
- Vila Verde da Raia-Chaves, exit of A52, connection with A24, km 0, next to the roundabout;
- Quintanilha-Bragança, exit from Ponte Internacional IP 4/E 82, exit node for Quintanilha or next to the CCPA installations on N218-1 Quintanilha;
- Vilar Formoso-Guarda next to the border, Largo da Fronteira, next to CCPA, N16/E80, connection 620 Fuentes de Ònoro, Spain, including the access by Parque TIR, via trucks, N16, Vilar Formoso;
- Termas de Monfortinho-Castelo Branco, junction of N239 with N240 in Termas de Monfortinho;
- Marvão-Portalegre, next to the border, Marvão, N 521 connection from Valência de Alcântara to IC13 Marvão;
- Caia-Elvas, exit A6, km 158, connection Caia-Elvas, next to Posto de Turismo, Elvas;
- Vila Verde de Ficalho-Beja, next to the border, connection A 495 Rosal de la Frontera to IP8, Serpa;
- Castro Marim-Praça da Fronteira, km 131 of A22, Ponte Internacional do Guadiana-Castro Marim.

At the railway level, the international trains Sud Expresso, Lusitânia Comboio Hotel and Celta are also suspended, as well as the regional trains between Elvas and Badajoz.

For further clarification or in case you have **any specific legal concern related to the impact of COVID-19 on your travel plans to Portugal, please contact any lawyer from our Private Clients Department.**

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