

BRIEF ON EUR/NAT STATES RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

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Country	Status / Restriction
Albania	LAAA airport closed to all intl. flights to/from Italy, Greece, UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary and Belgium, with exemptions granted for emergency, cargo, technical, repatriation, UN flights, HUM/MEDEVAC
Algeria	All international flights to/from Algeria prohibited. Exemptions: State ACFT, Cargo, Medivac, Technical landing, private purposes.
Andorra	NIL
Armenia	Passenger procedures regarding declaration filing Passengers from the following countries indicated at https://www.gov.am/en/covid-travel-restrictions/ forbidden to enter Armenia; All passengers returning from the above countries must undergo 14 days quarantine; some exemptions granted;
Austria	Passenger procedures regarding declaration filing Flights between Austria and China/Iran/Italy/South Korea/France/Switzerland/Spain/United Kingdom/The Netherlands/Ukraine/Russia are prohibited; exemptions granted for cargo, emergency, ambulance, ferry, repatriation flights LOGO/LOKL/LOAU/LOGG/LOAS/LOLO/LOLC/LOAB/LOLS/LOLK/ LOLU/LOAN/ LOIJ/LOLW/ LOAG closed with some exemptions granted; LOWI Ops hours suspended-full airport operations on request only; LOWS, LOWG, LOWZ, LOIH availability; Non-EU pax except from UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland not allowed to enter Austria from outside Schengen area, with exemptions granted; 14 days quarantine for all arriving Austrian citizens or pax holding a valid residence permit in Austria;
Azerbaijan	All flights from Azerbaijan to and from Iran are prohibited until further notification The issuance of e-visas and visas on arrival at International Airports suspended. Arriving pax requirements and quarantine possibility International flights to/from Azerbaijan restricted except cargo flights
Belarus	NIL
Belgium	RPAS, training, examination and VFR flights prohibited, with exemptions granted; EBBR - Pax flights only allowed to operated btm 0500UTC and 1900UTC; exemptions given for ACFT in emerg, cargo flights, technical, HUM/MED/REP flights after coordination with airport authorities, UN flights, MIL flt; general aviation flights, PPR handling company required; EBCI – operational hours, with exemptions granted for emerg, cargo, Mil, state, Medical, ferry and main flt; EBTX closed
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Foreign Pax prohibited to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina with exemptions granted; All arriving nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be put in 14 days quarantine;

	International borders closed for all pax at international airports (LQSA, LQMO, LQBK, LQTZ) in Bosnia and Herzegovina; transport of goods exempted;
	Requirements based on EASA SIB 2020-02
	LQSA operational hours
Bulgaria	Pax prohibited from France, Germany, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom and North Ireland, Netherlands, Switzerland; exemptions granted;
	Pax from Non-EU countries prohibited to enter Bulgaria; exemptions granted
	LBGO opening hours
Croatia	Actions when arriving in Croatia
	Filling public health passenger locator form
	TCO must follow EASA safety directive (SD Nr. 2020-002)
	Foreign pax not allowed to enter Croatia for 30 days, except citizens of Croatia and long term residents; return to their domicile states allowed for EU, Schengen and Schengen associated States citizens and their long term residents; other exemptions granted
	LDVA closed to traffic; All flights (schedule, charter, ad-hoc, general and business aviation, alternate and etc); LDPL, LDSP, LDZD flights obliged to obtain approval and agree schedule with the airports
Cyprus	Actions at airports in Cyprus
	All local flights prohibited with exemptions granted;
	All flights between Cyprus and EU including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and between the airports of the republic of Cyprus and airports of third countries are prohibited; exceptions granted for cargo, emergency, ferry; humanitarian, ambulance, repatriation flights or other urgent flights only with prior permission
Czechia	Pax flights between Czechia and China are prohibited with no exemptions
	International pax flights to/from Czechia allowed only to Prague (LKPR) airport
	International flights to/from Czechia allowed only to Prague (LKPR) airport, including Schengen, border control applied; exemption for cargo, ferry flights, SAR, firefighting, medical, repatriation, positioning, technical
Denmark	Non-Danish citizens will not be allowed to enter the country unless they have clear reason; observe new entry requirements with exemptions granted;
	EKEB, EKHG, EKSB, EKVD, EKVJ, EKKA, airport availability under certain conditions with exemptions granted; EKAH-PPR 24 for all flights, commercial scheduled expected to be approved; EKHG, EKSN closed for public; EKEL restricted access; EKOD hours of operation;
Estonia	Foreign pax not allowed to enter Estonia with some exemptions; transit allowed provided no COVID-19 symptoms
Finland	All international flights prohibited, exemptions granted for cargo flights (at some airports), returning flights for Finnish citizens (at some airports), state, SAR, firefighting, medical, overflights; provisions for pax returning from Finland; additional flight approval procedures
	Passport controls are into force for all international flights
France	Repatriation of carnivore animals
	Met services may not be provided in normal conditions
	Foreign pax not allowed to enter France except citizens and their spouses or children from EU and UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Andorra, Monaco, Switzerland, Vatican and San Marino; exemptions also for citizens who have long term resident permits/visas in France and EU and who return home; other exemptions granted
	LFSL CTR temporary deactivated, possible activation on PPR 24HR the last working day before 1600 by mail sna-s-agents-brive(a)aviation-civile.gouv.fr; LFOB can't be chosen as alternative AD; LGOB limited availability; LFCR airport closed, exemptions granted for rescue, sanitary, public safety, missions, state, other authorised aircraft; LFMP airport only available for rescue, sanitary, public safety, missions, state, other authorised aircraft, availability for technical, school and based aircraft, others PPR; LFMT – all flights closed with exemption granted for emergency aircrafts, technical

	landing, HUM/MED/SAR flights, state pax flights need authorization, crew can land but must respect quarantine requirements; LFNE closed; LFBT, LFML, LFLC operational hours; LFOP availability; LFAV, LFRH closed with exemptions provided; LFPO closed to commercial TFC, with exemptions granted to state ACFT, MEDEVAC, technical, ferry flights, HUM/REP/Cargo and etc; LFBT- ATS not provided within CTR Lourdes; LFBA, LFBI flights restrictions; LFBZ handling hours; LFRG hours of operation;
Georgia	Restrictions for all foreign pax, exemptions granted for nationals of Georgia and other categories; any person entering the country will go in 14 days quarantine, airlines are obliged to return home people with denied entry; crew requirements;
	International scheduled flights to/from Georgia prohibited; exemptions granted
Germany	Random checks at EDDK airport for pax and crew
	All Non-EU nationals are prohibited to enter Germany for non-essential travel; return to their domicile states allowed for EU, Schengen and Schengen associated States citizens and their long term residents; other exemptions granted
	EDRA closed for not home based aircraft; EDMY closed, exemptions granted for business and maintenance flights; EDDC airport with daily exemption of operational duty H24 with exceptions granted; EDJA opening hours; EDDL – ground handling availability needs to be checked; EDDR closed to intl flights with exemptions granted for ACFT in state emergency, cargo, technical, HUM/MEDEVAC/REP, UN flights; EDLW CTR and ATS only available during amended AD OPS HR; EDDP flight restrictions flw PPR regulation applied; EDLP – flights restrictions, with exemptions granted for ACFT in state emergency, cargo, technical, HUM/MEDEVAC/REP, UN flights; EDDE – closed; EDNG – closed, with exemptions granted for police, rescue helicopters and armed forces; EDHK operational hours;
	VFR restriction will take place for: EDDW, EDDH, EDDV, EDDB, EDDT, EDDE, EDDC, EDDP, EDDG, EDDL, EDDK, EDDR, EDDE, EDSS, EDDM and EDDN.
	Flights from Iran prohibited to land at Germany; Transports from Iran are prohibited for companies that transport pax to Germany by rail, bus, ship or air
Greece	Flights to/from Spain/Italy/UK/Turkey and Greece are prohibited with exemptions granted for: repatriation, cargo, ferry, humanitarian, sanitary, emergency, FRONTEX, technical without pax disembarking
	Flights to/from The Netherlands and Greece are prohibited with exemptions granted for: flights supporting Hellenic national healthcare, repatriation, cargo, ferry, humanitarian, sanitary, emergency, FRONTEX, technical without pax disembarking
	Flights to/from Germany and Greece are allowed only to LGAV airport; flights to/from Germany to/from any other airports in Greece are suspended; exemptions granted for: flights supporting Hellenic national healthcare, repatriation, cargo, ferry, humanitarian, sanitary, emergency, FRONTEX, technical without pax disembarking
	All pax arriving from Non-EU countries are prohibited to enter Greece; some exemptions granted
	All pax arriving from all countries quarantined for 14 days; exemptions granted
Hungary	Pax flights between Hungary and China/Iran/Italy/South Korea/Israel are prohibited; no exemptions granted
	Reduced staff is on duty at FIS
	LHDK closed except for emergency, cargo, technical, repatriation, UN flights, government, local, HUM/MDEVAC flights; LHSM closed except cargo flights with PPR; LHPP restricted to all inbound flights, with exemptions granted;
Iceland	All pax prohibited to enter Iceland except nationals from EU/EEA, EFTA, UK; other exemptions granted
	BIAR airport with limited working hours, priority given to emergency flights; BIIS, BIRK, BITN hours of operation;
Ireland	EISG available for general aviation only PPR

	Everybody flying into ireland from overseas should self-quarantine for 14 days
Israel	Pax from any other countries except Israel are prohibited to enter the country; exemptions granted; crew members restrictions;
	For additional information visit the ministry of health website
Italy	Actions if the sick passenger has sojourned in China in the last 14 days
	Landing to LIRF and LIMC only
	NOTAM distribution may be provided with delays due to staffing shortage, Meteorological Forecast Unit operations could not be timely assured
	Flights between China, Hong Kong, Macao, Spain and Italy and are prohibited with some exemptions for state, STATE/MEDEVAC/ HOSP/HUM, medical equipment cargo flights. Cargo flights require special approval
	All pax prohibited to enter Schengen area TILL 28/04/2020; return to their domicile states allowed for EU, Schengen and Schengen associated States citizens and their long term residents; other exemptions granted
	LICC, LIPB, LIPH, LIMW, LILI, LIMA, LILM, LIDE, LIPR, LIMB, LIAP, LILQ , LIQS, LIQB, LIQL, LIRL, LIQN, LIRU, LIRA, LIML, LIPQ, LIEA, LIPV, LIPD, LIRQ, LIDA, LIPU, LIDB, LIPG, LICJ, LIDH, LIDT, LIRZ, LIRS, LIBC, LICR, LIEO, LIDU, LIDP, LICB, LIBR, LIBG, LIEO, LIMZ, LIMG, LIBF, LIME, LIMP, LIPX, LIRI, LICT(closed to all traffic, with exemptions granted); LIPO (availability hours for traffic except cargo and mail flights), LIDV, LIDR, LIPM, LICD, LIPK, LILE closed to all traffic;
	Exemptions can be granted for many airports – check detailed NOTAMs
Kazakhstan	UATG airport is closed for domestic regular and pax charter flights
	UATE airport closed for domestic and international regular flights
	UAAO airport closed for regular domestic and international pax charter flights
Kyrgyzstan	UASK airport closed to intl inbound flights with
	UASS airport is closed to inbound dom and intl flights
	Exemptions granted for all airports
Latvia	Crew is obliged to report for any suspicion of COVID-19 on board
	NIL
Latvia	International pax flights to/from Latvia prohibited with exemptions requiring pre-approval
	International pax flights to/from Riga prohibited with minor exemptions requiring pre-approval
	Mandatory isolation for arriving pax
Lithuania	Foreign pax not allowed to enter Lithuania with some exemptions; rules for nationals of Lithuania; updated rules for transit
	Mandatory isolation for arriving pax with exemptions
	EYPA airport – closed; All flights to EYKS airport prohibited; EYVI closed from Mar 29 till Apr 13 0100-0700 to all scheduled and non-scheduled pax flights operations; exemptions granted for emergency, HUM, medical and relief, cargo, military flights, technical landing where transit passengers do not disembark, safety-related operations, overflights are not affected; EYKA closed from Mar 29 till Apr 13 2300-0700 to all scheduled and non-scheduled pax flights operations, exemptions granted for emergency, HUM, medical and relief, cargo, military flights, technical landing where transit passengers do not disembark, safety-related operations, overflights are not affected; EYKA - from mar 29 til apr 13 daily 2000-0400 Kaunas Eyka airport is closed to all scheduled and non-scheduled passenger flights operations, exemptions for aircraft in a state of emergency, operations related to humanitarian aid, medical and repatriation flights, military flights, technical landings where transit passengers do not disembark, cargo flights, other safety-related operations. rnk: overflights are not affected
Luxembourg	All VFR, IFR leisure and training flights prohibited exemptions granted;
Malta	All Pax arriving from abroad should quarantine 14 days, some exemptions granted

	All passenger flights inbound to Malta suspended; flights departing before 2359UTC on 20th March 2020 exempted; exemptions granted to cargo, humanitarian and repatriation flights;
Moldova	All scheduled and regular charter flights to/from Moldova prohibited; no exemptions granted;
	Foreign pax not allowed, except for Moldavian citizens; other exemptions granted
	Flights to LUKK that are not restricted by NOTAM A0080/20 shall be notified 12H in advance to LUKK OPS division; exemptions granted
Monaco	NIL
Montenegro	Restrictions for all foreign pax, exemptions granted for nationals of Montenegro and other categories
	All international flights with the purpose of public transport of passengers prohibited; exemptions granted
	Foreign pax not allowed to enter the country, except for permanent or temporary residence; 14 days mandatory isolation for all pax arriving from abroad;
	LYTV closed for all flights with exemptions granted
Morocco	All international flights to/from Morocco suspended; with exceptions granted for over flights and cargo.
	GEML hours of operation
	All private flights to/from Morocco prohibited; VIP flights required authorization
Netherlands	Physical distancing measures, exemption for police, HEMS and SAR flights
	All pax flights to/from Italy, China, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Austria; exemptions granted for cargo, repositioning, medical, repatriation flights
	EHAL limited availability, EHDR, EHTW closure, EHGG, EHBD opening hours/ operating requirements and exemptions, EHTE opening hours, EHHO opening hours; EHST PPR availability only; EHRD operational hours; EHEH – restricted to all civil non-scheduled flights, gen aviation and business flights, 24H prior notice required; EHLE operational hours changed;
	All Non-Schengen nationals are prohibited to enter Netherlands; exemptions granted
North Macedonia	LWSK closed for all flights with exemptions granted
	APP/TWR service hours modified, outside new hours PPR required
	Foreign pax not allowed to enter North Macedonia with some exemptions;
	Pax declarations, crew declarations
Norway	Foreign pax not allowed to enter the country, except for residents of Norway, EEA citizens, family members who reside in Norway; airports open for international flights enabling people leaving Norway
	Pax travelling from abroad quarantined with exemptions
	General use of AVINOR operated aerodromes suspended outside opening hours; ENTO airport availability; ENTO opening hours, AD/ATS closed;
Poland	Pax prohibited with exemptions
	Flight ban for all international pax flights with exemptions granted for cargo, empty flights, HOSP, HUM, HEAD and other urgent medical flights, protect public order
Portugal	Flights between Portugal and Italy/Spain are prohibited with exemptions for State, emergency cargo, ferry, etc.,
	Flights from/to Non-EU. Exempted are Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Canada, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA, Venezuela, Brazil; other exemptions granted for repatriation, Head of State, cargo, mail, HOSP, HUM, MEDEVA, tech stopovers non-commercial purposes
	All pax obliged to isolate at the military airbase
	All pax landing at Madeira airports will be subject to 14 days quarantine

	LPCS, LPBG, LPVL, LPIN closed, LPVR, LPSO, LPVZ, LPCB, LPPM, LPCO, LPSC closed with exemptions granted; LPMA – emergency services not available;
	LPEV opening hours changed(exemptions granted);
	LPLA closed for international commercial flights; exemptions granted for emergency, cargo, technical, repatriation, HUM, MEDEVAC, UN flights; crew and pax disembarking follow mandatory quarantine
Romania	Flights between Romania and Italy are prohibited; exemptions granted
	Foreign Pax travelling from Italy, Iran, China, Korea to Romania, including layover/ stopover flights not allowed on any airline; Romanian pax travelling from those countries obliged to quarantine
	All asymptomatic people coming from countries with over 500 confirmed COVID-19 cases will be quarantined
	All foreign pax not allowed to enter Romania, exemptions granted as follows: family members of Romanian citizens and of EU citizens, EEA citizen and Switzerland residing in Romania, long term Romanian residents; other exemptions granted
	Flights between Spain, France and Germany and Romania are prohibited; exemptions granted for State, cargo, HUM, medical, non-commercial tech flights
	All pax entering Romania will be isolated into quarantine
Russian Federation	All foreign pax prohibited to enter Russian Federation till 0000 01MAY2020 (local time); exemptions granted
	All permissions for non-scheduled pax flights to Russian Federation with arrival to the aforementioned locations after 0000 lt 31.03.2020 are revoked, with exemptions granted;
	UMKK operational hours;
San Marino	NIL
Serbia	Sanitary measures
	All international pax flights prohibited with exemptions granted;
	All foreign pax prohibited to enter Serbia, exemptions granted for nationals of Serbia and other categories
	LYKV and LYNI airports are open for domestic traffic only on request 24H before; LYUZ and LYVR airports are closed for international traffic
Slovakia	Crew is obliged to report for any suspicion of COVID-19 on board
	All international flights to/from Slovakia are prohibited; exemptions granted
	LZTT operation hours changes; LZSL services not provided; LZIB operational hours changed, exemptions granted for cargo, postal, SAR, fire-fighting, rescue, humanitarian, medical, tech flights
Slovenia	All flights from EU and Non-EU countries prohibited; exemptions granted for mail, cargo, emergency, ambulance, HUM, ferry, State flights
Spain	All flights prohibited to land in The Balearic and Canary islands; exemptions granted for State, cargo, ferry, HUM, medical emergency flights
	Pax internal public air transport and public air transport subject to Public Service Obligations shall be reduced by at least 70%
	Pax from third countries not allowed to enter Spain with following exemptions: residents of EU or Schengen associated states going directly to their place of residence; long term visa holders; cross-border workers and some others;
	All flights between Spain and Melilla are banned. The ban does not extend to the state flights, only cargo, ferry, humanitarian, medical and emergency flights
	LELC, LEBZ, LEVD, LESA, LELN, LEPP, LESB, LERS, LEIB, LEMH, LECH and GEML airports operation hours are changed opening hours,
	LEBZ opening hours LEVD opening hours LESA opening hours LELN opening hours LEMG MIL opening hours

	LECH opening hours LERI closed with exemptions granted via officer on duty
	All direct flights from Italy to Spain prohibited, exemptions granted for State, stopovers for non-commercial purposes, ferry, cargo, HUM, medical emergency flights
Sweden	All pax prohibited to enter Sweden, except pax from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, UK; exemptions granted
Switzerland	Foreign Pax not allowed to enter Switzerland; exemptions granted
	All international flights prohibited to from LSZC, LSZN
	All flights prohibited to/from LSZK, exemptions granted
	LSZA closed for aircrafts up to 3 tons MTOM, exemptions granted
	LSZL, LSZW, LSTZ, LSZI - AD closed, exemptions granted
	LSZG operating hours, LSZB, LSZA, LSZK availability, LSZQ closed except rescue and acft based; LSGB PPR mandatory; LSGE opening hours and restrictions; LSZF all flights prohibited, minor exemptions PPR; LSZT all flights prohibited, minor exemptions PPR; LSGY all flights prohibited, minor exemptions PPR; LSZX closed, exemptions granted for technical flt with prior permission
Tajikistan	All International departure/arrival from/to aerodromes of Tajikistan are suspended
Tunisia	All pax flights to/from Tunisia prohibited; exemptions granted
	Foreign pax not allowed to enter the country, except for citizens and permanent residents of Tunisia that will be put in quarantine;
Turkey	All flights regardless seat configuration, including business jets, prohibited; authorisation required for repatriation of Turkish citizens; exemptions granted for repatriation flights, ferry flights, cargo, governmental, emergency medical and emergency for tech reasons
	All Turkish citizens arriving into Turkey quarantined for 14 days
	LTFG and LTAS ADs closed to traffic .Contacting ATS unit and directorate office at least 3 hours prior the flight, State ACFT, military, ambulance, fire fighting, VIP, organ transplantation, martyr carrying, ministry of health acft flights will take place
	All flights/pax from Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ireland, UAE, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Cameron, Canada, Chad, Colombia, Czech, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Mauritania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Niger, North Macedonia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Oman, Taiwan, TRNC, Ukraine, Tunisia, Uzbekistan not allowed to land/enter at LTAG airport; exemptions granted
	LTAI airport – all flight requests shall not be accepted without the airport authority permission and slot approval; exemptions granted for state aircraft, ambulance, diplomatic flight, HUM, SAR, emergency, flight check;
Turkmenistan	NIL
Ukraine	Foreign pax not allowed to enter the country, except for residents of Ukraine and other categories; exemptions granted; checkpoints for international pax are closed, with exemptions granted;
	Prohibited are: arriving and departing flights transporting tourists; pax flights except the ones arriving at Boryspil int airport or via Lviv int airport, some exceptions granted;
	3 arrivals/hour at UKBB airport
United Kingdom	Various requirements for ops into UK and at individual airports
	Bailiwick of Guernsey : 14 days quarantine for all pax arriving at EGJB, EGJA airports
	Bailiwick of Guernsey ; Jersey : EGJJ; EGJB, EGJA hours of operation;
	Jersey: 14 days quarantine for all arriving pax and other requirements;

	<p>Isle of Man: Various requirements for all arriving pax;</p> <p>EGBN, EGSX, EGTR, EGHL, EGBO, EGPA, EGTK, EGGD, EGBG, closed with exemptions granted; EGBP, EGHH, EGSH, EGPR, EGHQ, EGHI, EGBE, EGUB, EGPM, EGPE, EGTT, EGNV, EGWU, EGTT, EGNM, EGNS, EGHH opening hours; EGSV, EGFH, EGNE, EGOW, EGGP, EGNO, EGNT, EGMC closed; EGBK, EGET, EGNW, EGBK, EGMD, EGPN, EGBP with restricted availability; EGNC, EGKA closed; EGPB, EGPI, EGPL, EGEC only PPR and limited to emergency and essential flights related to COVID-19; EGCM and EGCN minor flight restrictions; EGFF availability; EGOS no visiting aircraft permitted; EGKK operational hours and exemptions granted, EGKK not avbl except for emergency, for transit need authorization; EGCC hours of operation, with exemptions granted; EG D207 Holbeach awr; Open for booked traffic only; EGMD overfly restrictions; EGHC no general aviation flights accepted;</p> <p>All arriving flights will be subject to 20 nm spacing on approach from other traffic as directed by ATC. This is to support passenger social distancing measures within the arrival terminal. arriving crews may be subject to on stand delay in passenger disembarkation in support of social distancing measures in force in the UK; EGNX – requirements for pax flights;</p>
Uzbekistan	All international flights to/from Uzbekistan are prohibited; exemptions granted