



## Europe to Gradually Reopen for the Summer Season

Dear Valued Customer,

European countries are taking first steps towards easing the current travel restrictions and border closures currently in force since mid-March. Lifting of restrictions will be phased and coordinated: Internal border controls between the European countries will be gradually lifted before the restrictions can be relaxed at the external borders.

Our Trip Support team has compiled an overview of current restrictions and ease of operations. While we always make every effort to provide you the latest information, we strongly recommend in contacting World Fuel Trip Support regarding your specific operation.

The European Union is encouraging "tourist corridors" between neighboring countries or between countries with similar corona infection levels to gradually relax the border closures in a coordinated manner. European countries have started bilateral discussions for the land borders to reopen in view of the approaching summer holiday season and following target dates have been announced in public:

- May 15: **Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania** opened their borders for internal traffic.
- June 01: **Denmark** will further open for business travelers having a worthy purpose (relevant documentation is to be presented to the handler prior arrival). Also citizens from Nordic countries and Germany may enter without restriction for family reasons.
- June 03: **Italy** will open the borders for EU travelers without quarantine requirements.
- June 9: **Cyprus** will start gradual opening allowing visitors from Greece, Israel, Malta.
- June 15: **Germany, Switzerland, Austria and France** will open for internal traffic. **Iceland** will open for visitors from EU and Schengen area and UK.
- July 01: **Spain** will allow visitors from EU/Schengen area to enter without quarantine requirements.  
**Greece** will allow tourists from certain European countries to enter without quarantine requirements (e.g. Balkan countries, Germany, Cyprus, Israel, and others yet to be determined).

Discussions between the countries are still ongoing to define sustainable scenarios for minimizing the risk of the disease spreading while allowing the important summer tourism in the area. EU decision on the external border opening and lifting of all travel restrictions will further depend on the pandemic statistics in the fore coming weeks.

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The travel restriction for all non-essential travel into the EU area from outside EU is currently extended until June 15, 2020.

Travel restriction currently applies to the “EU+ area” including 30 countries:

- Schengen member states (26): Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.
- Schengen associated states (4): Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia.

Exempted from the restriction are:

- EU citizens, citizens of non-EU Schengen countries and their family members, and non-EU nationals who are long-term residents in the EU **for the purpose of returning home**.
- Specific categories of travelers with an essential function or need helping to cope with the coronavirus as well as persons carrying goods, frontier workers and seasonal agricultural workers.

Note: United Kingdom is not part of the EU or the Schengen area. From June 08, all inbound travelers will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days, UK citizens included. Exempted from the restriction are e.g. crew members, passengers arriving from the Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Full list of the exempted categories can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules>.

Sincerely,

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