

**Temporary exception from driving and rest times pursuant to  
Art. 14(2) of Regulation 561/2006 granted by SLOVAKIA**

In response to the extraordinary crisis situation due to the pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), **SLOVAKIA** has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the purpose of this document is to notify the Commission accordingly.

This temporary relaxation applies from **11 NOVEMBER 2020** and will run until **10 DECEMBER 2020**.

**SLOVAKIA** has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- **Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006:** replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- **Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006:** replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- **Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006:** replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours;
- **Derogation to Article 7 of Regulation 561/2006:** replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- **Derogation to Article 8(1) of Regulation 561/2006:** Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;

The temporary relaxation of the rules described above reflects the exceptional circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak.