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DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

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NOTE VERBALE

The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and has the honour to request the authorities to urgently address the issue of trade in goods delivered by road transport.

The Border Guard Service of Kazakhstan has circulated a statement on new entry/exit restrictions. EU carriers are subject to the following limitation.

The cargo, upon its arrival at the checkpoint, is allowed to entry the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan (including transit route), if the drivers from countries of categories 1a) and 1b), as well as drivers from other states who have been during last 30 days in the countries of categories 1a) and 1b) are replaced at the car border-crossing point in compliance with quarantine and sanitary-epidemiological standards or if the truck is replaced by Kazakhstan one.

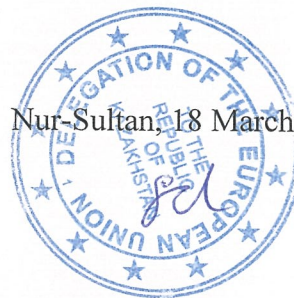
The ordinance by the Chief State Sanitary Officer of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which entered into force on March 17, 2020, and is aimed at increasing control at the external border of Kazakhstan, includes category 1a) France, Italy, Spain, and Germany and under category 1b) includes all Schengen countries.

The above requirement to change driver in the area of the car checkpoint in accordance with quarantine and sanitary-epidemiological standards or to change the truck to Kazakh one is impossible to implement in practice for the following reasons:

- Such a procedure is incompatible with the cargo insurance conditions and in case of accident, loss or damage of the cargo, the insurance company will not compensate the loss.
- It is physically impossible to find such numbers of drivers, citizens of Kazakhstan, or trucks registered in Kazakhstan.

The present restriction will primarily affect the Kazakhstan market, as it paralyzes the transportation of vital cargo such as medicines and medical equipment into the local market

The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan avails itself of this opportunity to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan the assurances of its highest consideration.



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