

Guidelines on transit rules for foreign road carriers as of 01 June 2022

1. Are all Covid vaccines recognised?

Yes, all vaccines are recognised without exception.

2. The following three documents (certificates) are listed in the transit rules: vaccination certificate, document confirming antibodies to Covid-19, and a PCR test. Should all these three documents be presented, or only the first and the last ones? The second document (antibodies) is automatically included in the vaccination certificate.

The main requirements are a vaccination certificate (issued not earlier than 42 days from the date of the latest vaccination procedure) and a negative PCR test (issued no later than 72 hours before crossing the border).

3. How long does it take to receive a result of an express PCR test at the border?

15-20 minutes

4. What is the cost of express PCR testing at the border? What is the payment method?

USD 30, cash payment only.

5. What is the cost of sanitary disinfection of vehicles? What is the payment method?

Free of charge or USD 2 (*still subject for final clarification*), cash payment only

6. The Turkmen Embassy in the Russian Federation has previously suspended visa issuance. When will the Turkmen Embassies abroad start accepting visa applications for drivers?

The Migration Service of Turkmenistan sent a notification to all Turkmen embassies abroad confirming to start accepting visa applications for drivers. A visa application must indicate that a driver will use a Farap-Sarakhs-Farap transit route. A copy of vaccination certificate for each driver should be attached to the application form as well.

7. Where can I apply for a visa/receive a visa? Is it possible, for example, to obtain a transit visa for a driver at the border upon arrival? What is the cost of the visa application?

One must apply for a visa invitation in advance, at the Turkmen embassy or consulate in the country of carrier's origin. A visa sticker will be attached to the passport either at the embassy/consulate or at the border crossing point upon arrival of a driver provided that a visa application was already submitted to the embassy/consulate before. Visa applications are usually processed within 10 (ten) working days for non-urgent visas, and 3 (three) working days for urgent visas (which would also imply twice as higher costs). It is strongly recommended to enter Turkmenistan with a visa obtained in advance.

8. Will drivers be allowed to enter the territory of Turkmenistan without visas?

No. Visa is mandatory.

9. What is the number of convoys that will be provided per day? How many vehicles allowed in each convoy?

It will depend on the number of trucks arriving at the border, but up to 10 convoys per day maximum. There can be maximum 20 vehicles in each convoy.

10. How long will it take to get from Farap to Sarakhs?

On average 9-10 hours, including stops for rest.