



Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Measures to Minimize Risk of Community Spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Georgia

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Transport Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis

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Freight Transportation

Road	Rail
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ On 28 January 2020 first restrictive measures entered in force:✓ Drivers of freight vehicles are subject to mandatory screening upon entering Georgia. At first this requirement covered only drivers from states with high risk of COVID infection, later it was extended to all.✓ If a suspected COVID-19 case is discovered foreign driver is not allowed to the country and must be isolated at the spot. In case the driver is a Georgian citizen it is subjected to 14-days quarantine restriction.✓ Freight vehicle is eligible to enter Georgian territory if substituted with driver from lower risk group▪ From 21 March till 23 May 2020 the state of emergency was declared on the territory of Georgia, however it did not affect freight transportation and it had limited restriction on logistics companies.▪ Since 24:00 of 22 March, 2020 the Government of Georgia has enacted new regulations. In particular for border-crossing by passengers reduced number of border points were open from 10:00 till 18:00. However, for transport and transit of goods all border check-points are open for 24/7.▪ On 5 April 2020 the rules of entering foreign vehicles and drivers changed:▪ Freight vehicles registered in foreign countries need to move non-stop to their destinations after the customs procedure (stopping is only allowed at designated places).▪ Freight vehicles registered in foreign countries need to leave Georgia within the defined period of time. The time varies based on type of operation, mode of entering and destination. The maximum period of stay is allowed for transit movement using ferry crossing and cases when after unloading of the imported goods the freight vehicle is loaded for further purposes of export from Georgia – at first it was defined as 48 hours but due to requirements of market was extended up to 7 days.▪ On 14 April 2020 as a part of state of emergency restrictions 4 major municipalities were closed from entering and leaving, however this had limited restriction on logistics companies as the special systems of passes were introduced. The ban was lifted completely on 11 May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No restrictions on freight transportation by railway

Freight Transportation

Sea

- Since **2 March, 2020** the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia has implemented different measures in order to avoid the risk of community spread of the CORONAVIRUS Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Georgia.
- All ships calling the Georgian ports need to submit a maritime health declaration at least 24 hours before calling the port.
- A ship's Master is also responsible for observing further health of the ship's crew and passengers.
- If submitted documents show the existence of COVID-19 case or after screening the existence of COVID-19 is proved on board of the ship, all possible contacts will be restricted with the subject vessel.
- Pilots acting in Georgian ports must use personal safety equipment while going on-board of all ships, including: mask, single use gloves and safety glasses, etc.

Aviation

- No restrictions on cargo transportation by air

Passenger Transportation

- All foreign passengers are banned from crossing the state border. Some exemptions apply
- International and domestic **road/rail** transportation of passengers has been suspended since **18 March 2020**
- Public transport (buses, metro) was also stopped on 30 March 2020
- International passenger transportation by **sea** is suspended since **18 March 2020**
- All international and domestic regular **flights** are suspended since **23 March 2020**, except repatriation, humanitarian, etc.

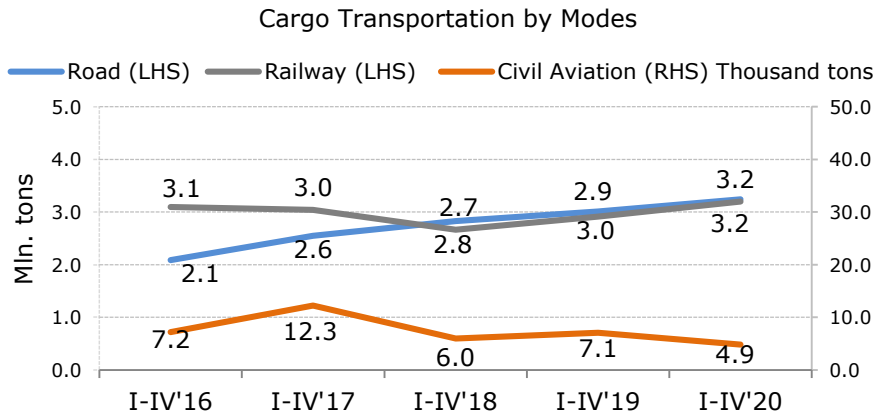
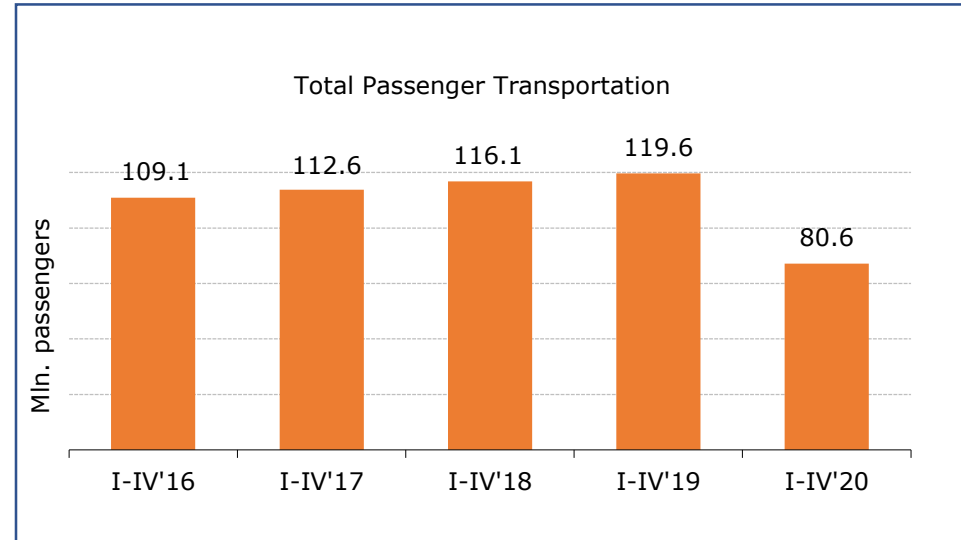
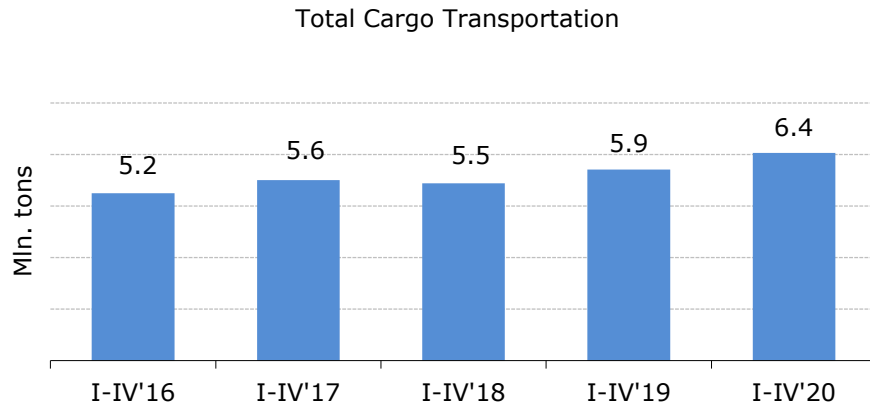
Provision of Updated Information

- Government of Georgia has created a special web page (available in the English language as well) <https://stopcov.gov.ge/> where it is possible to find all relevant updates and contact information
- Georgian government also set up a hotline dedicated to COVID-19
- Hotline set up dedicated to road, rail and maritime transport separately
- Updated information on transport policy measures of Georgia is regularly provided to international partners (EC, TRACECA, etc)

Way Forward

- Georgia intends to open up for domestic tourism from June 15 and receive foreign tourists from July 1, 2020
- New guidelines introduced for passenger transportation for:
 - Airports and air transport
 - Municipal and intercity (bus, minibus) transport
 - Rail Transport

Freight and passenger transportation trends



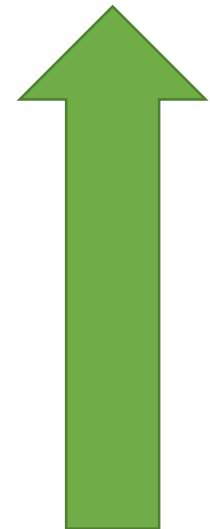
International freight growth for the 4 months, 2020

Road: **7.7%**

Railway: **9.8%**

Seaports total: **8.4%**

Seaports TEU: **1.8%**



*Road and Railway includes only International cargo flow data

Thank you for attention