

1. Einreisebeschränkungen für Saisonarbeitskräfte und Erntehelfer

Es sind weitere Regelungen erforderlich, um die Infektionsgefahren im grenzüberschreitenden Verkehr zu minimieren. Saisonarbeitskräften und Erntehelfern wird die Einreise nach Deutschland im Rahmen der bestehenden Grenzkontrollen ab 25. März 2020, 17 Uhr, nicht mehr gestattet. Dies hat Bundesinnenminister Seehofer nach Abstimmung im Bundeskabinett zur weiteren Eindämmung der Infektionsgefahren durch das Corona-Virus angeordnet.

Die Regelung gilt für Einreisen aus Drittstaaten, Großbritannien sowie EU-Staaten, die den Schengen-Besitzstand nicht voll anwenden (unter anderem Bulgarien und Rumänien) und für Staaten, zu denen Binnengrenzkontrollen vorübergehend wiedereingeführt wurden. Diese zusätzlichen Einreisebeschränkungen sind erforderlich, um die Infektionsgefahren im grenzüberschreitenden Verkehr zu minimieren. Die Regelung gilt bis auf Weiteres.

Info: Bundespolizei:

https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/04Aktuelles/01Meldungen/2020/03/200325_einreisebeschaerung_erntehelfer.html

2. Situation der Binnenschiffer in den deutschen Seehäfen und den ZARA-Häfen

Das Bundesamt für Güterverkehr (BAG) hat im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Verkehr und digitale Infrastruktur (BMVI) die Situation der Binnenschiffer in den deutschen Seehäfen und den ZARA-Häfen näher untersucht. Im Fokus des Berichts stehen vor allem Wartezeiten an Seehafenterminals und deren Ursachen sowie ausgewählte Maßnahmen zur verbesserten Koordinierung der Abläufe in den Häfen.

Bericht 'Marktbeobachtung Güterverkehr':

https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Marktbeobachtung/Sonderberichte/Situation_Binnenschiffer_Seehaefen.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

Info: Bundesamt für Güterverkehr:

https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2020/2020_02_25_Spitzenbelastungen_in_Containerterminals_fuehren_zu_Wartezeiten_in_der_Binnenschifffahrt.html

3. The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has issued Guidance on accounting implications of COVID-19

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's securities markets regulator, has issued a Statement on some accounting implications of the economic support and relief measures adopted by EU Member States in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The measures include moratoria on repayment of loans and have an impact on the calculation of expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS 9.

Public Statement text: https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma32-63-951_statement_on_ifrs_9_implications_of_covid-19_related_support_measures.pdf

Info: ESMA: <https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-issues-guidance-accounting-implications-covid-19>

4. The European Banking Authority (EBA) has issued Statement regarding the prudential framework and accounting implications of COVID-19.

The EBA supports the measures taken and proposed by national governments and EU bodies to address the adverse systemic economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the form of general moratorium, payment holidays stemming from public measures or industry-wide payment relief initiatives taken by credit institutions (referred to as public and private moratoria in this statement). In its Statement, the EBA decided to clarify a number of aspects on the functioning of the prudential framework, with the aim to provide clarity to the EU banking sector on how to handle in a consistent manner, aspects related to the classification of loans in default, the identification of forborne exposures and the accounting treatment.

Statement:

https://eba.europa.eu/sites/default/documents/files/document_library/News%20and%20Press/Press%20Room/Press%20Releases/2020/EBA%20provides%20clarity%20to%20banks%20and%20consumers%20on%20the%20application%20of%20the%20prudential%20framework%20in%20light%20of%20COVID-19%20measures/Statement%20on%20the%20application%20of%20the%20prudential%20framework%20regarding%20Default%2C%20Forbearance%20and%20IFRS9%20in%20light%20of%20COVID-19%20measures.pdf

5. European Securities and Markets Authority clarifies position on Securities Finance Transactions Regulation (SFTR)

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has issued a revised version of its 19 March Public Statement on coordinated supervisory actions on the application of Securities Finance Transactions Regulation (SFTR).

The revised statement clarifies that SFTs concluded between 13 April 2020 and 13 July 2020 and SFTs subject to backloading under SFTR also fall within those issues in respect of which competent authorities are not expected to prioritise in their supervisory actions towards counterparties, entities responsible for reporting and investment firms in respect of their reporting obligations under SFTR or MiFIR and to generally apply their risk-based approach in the exercise of supervisory powers in their day-to-day enforcement of applicable legislation in this area in a proportionate manner.

Statement: https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma80-191995_public_statement.pdf

Info: ESMA: <https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-clarifies-position-sftr-backloading>

6. Handelsverband Deutschland (HDE) hat ein Acht-Punkte-Programm für den Einzelhandel dargestellt

Die Corona-Epidemie stellt den Einzelhandel vor sehr große Herausforderungen. Viele Handelsunternehmen müssen schließen – die verlorenen Umsätze liegen pro Tag bei rund 1,15 Milliarden Euro. Gleichzeitig sehen sich die Lebensmittelhändler mit ungewöhnlich großem Kundenaufkommen und logistischen Herausforderungen konfrontiert. Was braucht der Handel von der Politik, um die Coronavirus-Krise meistern zu können?

Acht-Punkte-Programm: <https://einzelhandel.de/rettungsprogramm>

Info: HDE: <https://einzelhandel.de/rettungsprogramm>

7. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) issued a call to governments on COVID-19 response effectiveness primarily to the movement and screening of passengers and goods.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) issued a call to national governments on COVID-19 response effectiveness, urging all of its 193 member States to establish or adhere to several key international requirements contained in Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and relating primarily to the movement and health related screening of passengers and goods.

States were strongly urged in the ICAO State Letter to coordinate between aviation and health authorities and to establish National Facilitation Committees that comprise all relevant groups, taking into account that cross-sector collaboration at the national level is essential.

They were also encouraged to adhere to ICAO Annex 9 standards relevant to sustainable air freight operations and the global air cargo supply chain, and to refer to specific Annex 9 guidance and other ICAO guidance manuals concerning additional measures to be applied in a health emergency, including screening.

The ICAO Annex 9 standards to expedite the release and clearance of goods carried by air include a focus on the use of modern screening techniques for examination of goods, and others which importantly apply to the entry, departure, and transit of aircraft engaged in relief flights. States in this context were reminded by ICAO to implement measures to facilitate the receipt of aid, including through the provision of overflight and landing rights and the necessary privileges and immunities for relief units, in an effort to avoid disruption.

Info: ICAO: <https://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-urges-national-governments-to-implement-international-standards-supporting.aspx>