

## **Template for Member States to notify their derogation from driving and rest times pursuant to Art. 14(2) of Regulation 561/2006**

In response to the extraordinary crisis situation due to the pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), **ROMANIA** has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting **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 **18.03.2020** and will run until **16.04.2020**. It will apply to those drivers involved in **DOMESTICALLY/INTERNATIONALLY** transports.

ROMANIA 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 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;
- **Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006:** postponement of a weekly rest period beyond six-24 hours period.

The temporary relaxation of the rules described above reflects the exceptional circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak. **ROMANIA** wishes to emphasise that, as a general rule, we expect business to plan for and manage the risks of disruption to supply chains.