

Government Decree 251/2020 (29 May)
on crossing the border from the Republic of Bulgaria

The Government,
acting within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (2) of the Fundamental Law, having regard to the provisions of Act XII of 2020 on the containment of coronavirus,
acting, with respect to section 6, within its original legislative power laid down in Article 53 (3) of the Fundamental Law, on the basis of authorisation by the National Assembly under section 3 (1) of Act XII of 2020 on the containment of coronavirus,
acting within its function laid down in Article 15 (1) of the Fundamental Law,
decrees as follows:

1. Scope of the Decree

Section 1 Border-crossing freight traffic shall not fall within the scope of this Decree.

2. Rules governing entry into Hungary

Section 2 By way of derogation from the rules laid down in Government Decree 81/2020 (1 April) on extraordinary measures relating to the state of danger declared for the protection of health and lives and for the restoration of national economy (hereinafter “Government Decree”), a Bulgarian citizen may enter the territory of Hungary, provided that he substantiates in a credible way, especially by presenting a letter of invitation, an official passport or an employment contract, at the time of crossing the border that the purpose of his stay in the territory of Hungary is

- a) performing an official duty,
- b) participating in the activity of an international organisation,
- c) traveling for business,
- d) performing a humanitarian activity,
- e) visiting a relative.

Section 3 (1) By way of derogation from the rules laid down in the Government Decree, a Hungarian citizen arriving from the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may enter the territory of Hungary, provided that his travel was for a purpose specified in section 2 a) to e).

(2) By way of derogation from the rules laid down in the Government Decree, a Hungarian citizen arriving from the territory of Romania may enter the territory of Hungary, provided that he substantiates that the destination of his travel for a reason specified in section 2 a) to e) was the Republic of Bulgaria.

Section 4 EEA citizens entitled to permanent residence and proving this right with a permanent residence card shall receive the same treatment as Hungarian citizens.

3. Final provisions

Section 5 (1) With the exception specified in paragraph (2), this Decree shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation.

(2) Section 6 shall enter into force on the fifteenth day following the promulgation of this Decree.

Section 6 The Government extends the temporal scope of this Decree until the end of the period of state of danger under Government Decree 40/2020 (11 March) on the declaration of state of danger.