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Coronavirus: Measures in the transport sector

In the context of mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, the Minister of Transport approved Executive Decree 129/20 of 1 April 2020, which establishes a set of measures aimed at maintaining and continuing transport activities throughout Angola.

The decree establishes the rules for the permitted transport of persons and goods by air, sea, rail and road.

Air transport

The following are allowed:

- Domestic and international freight and cargo transportation services;
- Passenger and cargo transport services defined in the scope of humanitarian and emergency flights;
- Passenger transport services in support of oil and mining activities.

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Maritime and port transport

The following are allowed:

- Transport services of goods and maritime cargo, and loading and unloading operations;
- Movement of goods and re-packaging of cargo which, for safety reasons, has to be carried out on ships at anchor;
- Interventions of an operational nature, indispensable in the event of fire, collision or stranded ships;
- Maritime transport services for the oil industry;
- All material acts necessary to implement the above operations.

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The following are allowed:

- Urban and intermunicipal passenger transport services limited to a single trip in the morning and a single trip in the evening, with a maximum of twenty-five passengers per coach;
- Freight and cargo transportation services, local and interprovincial loading and unloading movement.

Road transport

Specific rules will be laid down and the limits for the regular carriage of passengers by road and occasional carriage of passengers will be reduced. Motor-taxi services in urban centres are also limited, except in cases of transport of patients.

For the transport of goods by road:

- The transportation of essential goods is allowed throughout Angola (including between provinces), such as basic food basket products and goods, medicines, health utensils and equipment, agricultural products, food and beverages, paper, cardboard, glass, among others, products from industries that work with continuous production cycles (e.g., glass or steel), imported goods, raw materials for domestic industry and other goods that are authorised by the authorities;
- Construction materials, when authorised by ministerial departments or provincial governments;
- All interprovincial transport of essential goods must be accompanied by transport documents;
- Vehicles intended for home delivery of food, medicine, water, post, fuel and other goods essential to the subsistence of people are allowed.

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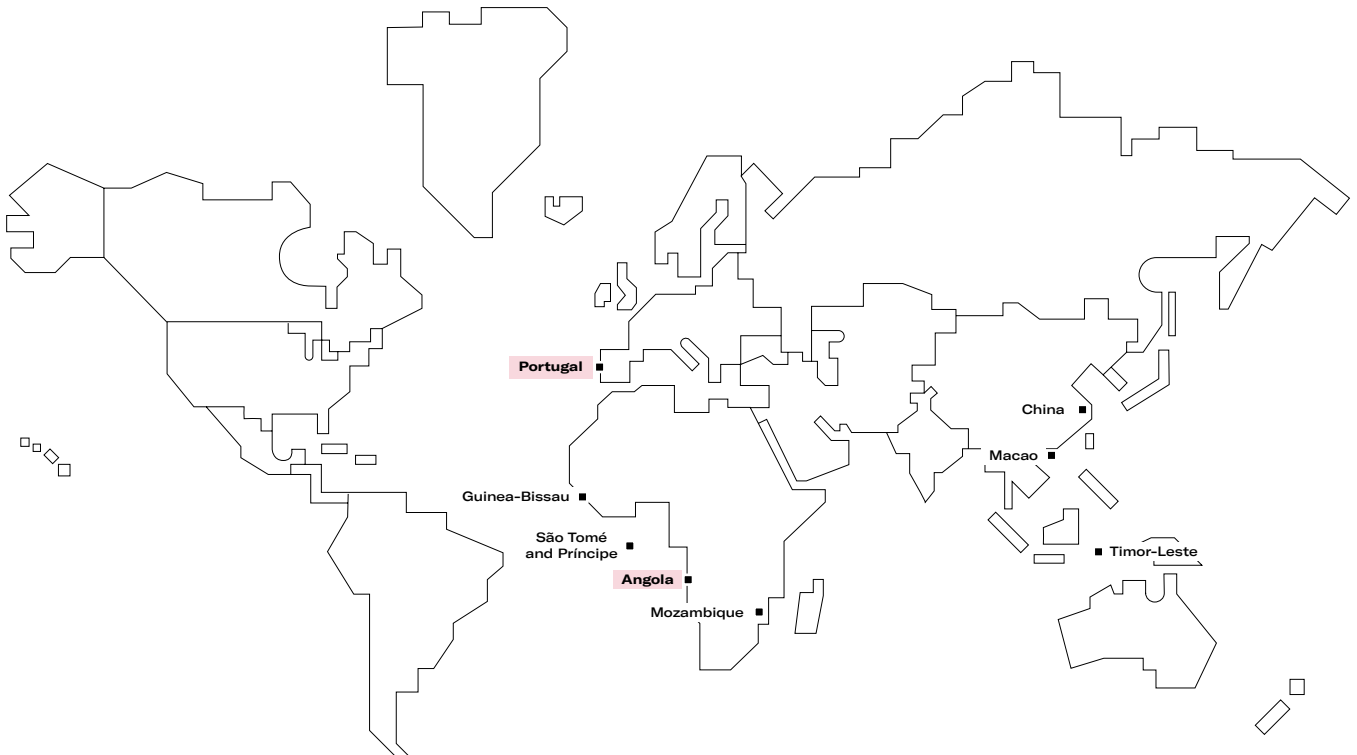
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Operators of authorised transport services are obliged to comply with a biosecurity and hygiene protocol for transport and vehicles, and they must provide appropriate training for their staff. The Executive Decree also stipulates that all goods and passenger vehicles must be equipped with:

- Surgical masks;
- Gloves;
- Alcohol-based antiseptic solution;
- Water solution with bleach;
- Paper tissues;
- Waste bags to dispose of potentially contaminated waste.

All operators should empower their employees to identify suspicious cases and take preventive measures to reduce the risk of contamination. A form provided by the health authority must be completed if there are suspected cases or a high risk of exposure.

Finally, it is advisable that all entities, both public and private, provide a credential to their respective employees in which they identify at least the entity, the employee and the reason for travel. ■



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