

## Frequently Asked Questions on relocation from the Territory of Ukraine via Poland

### **COVID-19 MEASURES**

*The Q&A reflects general, currently applicable epidemic and entry regulations (as of **24th February 2022**). The exemptions to general rules may apply but require high-level decisions and may result in extended waiting time at the border crossing points. The Q&A will be updated on a regular basis.*

#### **1. COVID-19 measures**

**From 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, under a special regulation, COVID-19 entry restrictions on Polish-Ukrainian border will be temporarily suspended due to military conflict in Ukraine. Tests and proofs of vaccination / convalescence will not be required and there will be no obligation to undergo quarantine.**

### **CITIZENSHIP/DOCUMENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS**

#### **2. Entering Poland – important notice**

As of 19 February 2022 the *Regulation of the Ministry of Interior and Administration on the temporary suspension or restriction of border traffic at certain border crossing points* is **no longer applicable to travellers arriving in Poland via land border crossing points with Ukraine or by air regardless of their citizenship.**

Please note that the rules still apply to border traffic at land border crossing points with Belarus and Russia, airport crossing points in terms of flight connections with Belarus and Russia as well as sea border crossing points.

Read more:

#### **3. What if a person has no valid travel documents?**

According to the Article 6 paragraph 5 point c of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code *on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)* third-country nationals not fulfilling one or more conditions indicated in the paragraph 1, can obtain permission to enter Member State because of the humanitarian reasons, national interest or international obligations.

On the basis of Article 32 paragraph 1 of the *Act on Aliens of 12 December 2013* in case mentioned in Article 6 paragraph 5 point c of the Schengen Borders Code, commander of the Border Guard post after receiving consent of the **Commander-in-Chief of the Border Guard can allow entrance into the Republic of Poland to a foreigner for the period of time no longer than 15 days.**

Entry into the territory of the Republic of Poland for those without valid travel documents is possible only by using the above-mentioned special procedure.

It is worth underlining that Border Guard will not require embassies to provide them with all data of third-country nationals in order to alleviate their entrance into the territory of the Republic of Poland, **nevertheless receiving such information would facilitate** the border checks upon entry into Poland and speed up procedures.

**4. Is there a requirement for Ukrainian citizens entering Poland (by land or air) to have a biometric passport? Can Ukrainian citizens enter Poland with a non-passport document, e.g. a Ukrainian identity card or a non-biometric passport?**

Ukrainian nationals are on the list of third countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement to be in the possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period in accordance with the provisions of the *REGULATION (EU) 2018/1806 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 14 November 2018 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement*: [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/document/download/94208ed9-9724-4777-a365-f19a48047953\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/document/download/94208ed9-9724-4777-a365-f19a48047953_en).

**The exemption from the visa requirement is limited to the holders of biometric passports issued by Ukraine** in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). If Ukrainian nationals do not have biometric passports, they are required to obtain a visa-

Entry into Poland with a non-biometric passport or a non-passport document is possible only with a consent from the Border Guard (see point 10).

## **TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLES**

**5. How will the Government of Poland handle embassy vehicles with Ukrainian diplomatic license plates crossing into Poland?**

There are no special requirements for embassy vehicles with Ukrainian diplomatic license plates when crossing into Poland.

**6. Will there be any special requirements for third-country nationals entering in their personal vehicles? Will they need the vehicle title or proof of ownership?**

According to the Article 38 paragraph 2 of the *Traffic Code of 20 June 1997* a person driving a vehicle registered abroad participating in the traffic in the territory of the Republic of Poland is obliged to possess documents:

- relevant for the given vehicle or driver confirming the right to drive a vehicle (driving license);
- confirming vehicle approval for traffic – a document which confirms admission of the vehicle to the traffic is a registration or a temporary permission;
- confirming the conclusion of a compulsory third party civil liability insurance contract or proof of premium payment for this insurance.

According to the Article 71 paragraph 5a of the Traffic Code in case when a vehicle is registered abroad and it is not clearly stated in the document that the driver has a right to use the vehicle, the driver is **obliged to have a document certifying that right**. It is recommended to present a document in the

form of a notarial act or other officially certified document. It is advisable to present a certified translation of this document.

## **DIPLOMATS ENTERING POLAND**

### **7. Are diplomats subject to any exemptions while entering Poland?**

In general, all travellers – including diplomats and their family members – can enter Poland via any land border crossing point with Ukraine if they fulfil regular entry conditions. More in section “CITIZENSHIP/DOCUMENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS” and below.

The rule stipulated in the *Regulation of the Ministry of Interior and Administration on the temporary suspension or restriction of border traffic at certain border crossing points concerning members of diplomatic missions, consular offices and representatives of international organizations and their family members, as well as other persons crossing the border of the Republic of Poland with a diplomatic passport* still applies to border traffic at land border crossing points with Belarus and Russia, airport crossing points in terms of flight connections with Russia and Belarus as well as sea border crossing points.

To check if you are exempt from visa requirements when entering Poland/Schengen Area, please visit the website of the European Commission (DG HOME) at [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/visa-policy/who-must-apply-schengen-visa\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/visa-policy/who-must-apply-schengen-visa_en).

### **8. Are there any special requirements considering notification of diplomats entering Poland in order to come back to their countries of origin to the Diplomatic Protocol?**

No, there are not. Regular rules apply.