

**FEATURES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SANITARY-
QUARANTINE CONTROL AT CHECKPOINTS ACROSS THE STATE
BORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
ОСОБЕННОСТИ ОСУЩЕСТВЛЕНИЯ САНИТАРНО-
КАРАНТИННОГО КОНТРОЛЯ В ПУНКТАХ ПРОПУСКА ЧЕРЕЗ
ГОСУДАРСТВЕННУЮ ГРАНИЦУ РЕСПУБЛИКИ БЕЛАРУСЬ**

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The most important sanitary and anti-epidemic measure aimed at preventing the import and spread of infections and diseases (poisoning), potentially dangerous to human health goods (products, cargo), is sanitary and quarantine control, which is organized in the Republic of Belarus at 36 checkpoints across the State border: 20 road, 14 rail, 2 air.

It should be noted that various types of control are carried out at checkpoints across the State border of the Republic of Belarus: border, customs, sanitary-quarantine, veterinary and phyto-sanitary. The implementation of sanitary and quarantine control at the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) at checkpoints is carried out by officials of sanitary and quarantine points in three areas: supervision of individuals, vehicles and controlled goods (cargo). In their work, the specialists are guided by the documents that form the legal framework of the EAEU in the field of sanitary measures and epidemiological legislation of the Republic of Belarus.

Since January 1, 2014, customs officers of checkpoints have been assigned the functions of carrying out documentary sanitary and quarantine control over goods (cargo), and border service officers have been assigned the functions of sanitary and quarantine control over individuals (visual inspection). As a result of this coordination, the total time spent by vehicles at checkpoints was reduced by an average of more than 15%.

In order to prevent the importation and spread of dangerous infections and diseases (poisoning), a set of measures is carried out in respect of individuals and vehicles:

a survey (questionnaire) of crew members, train and locomotive crew members, motor vehicle drivers and passengers who have arrived at checkpoints about their health status;

according to epidemiological indications, thermometry of crew members, locomotive crew members, motor vehicle drivers and passengers;

if there are complaints about health-organization of a medical examination;

sanitary inspection of the vehicle (food supply, water supply systems, systems for collecting and disposing of all types of waste), as well as inspection for the presence of carriers and vectors of infection (insects, rodents or traces of their presence).

In terms of the implementation of sanitary and quarantine control of controlled goods (cargo), there is a clear system of control over the availability of documents confirming the safety of products (goods) and preventing the entry into the territory of the EAEU of products that are unsafe for the life and health of the population.

In case of complication of the sanitary-epidemiological situation, according to the resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Belarus, any vehicles and goods may be subject to sanitary-quarantine control, as well as temporary restrictive measures may be applied. When one of the EAEU member States introduces such measures, sanitary and anti-epidemic measures are carried out to ensure an appropriate level of protection for the state that has decided to introduce such measures.

Receiving official information from the authorized bodies on the introduction of temporary restrictive measures in respect of goods that do not meet the mandatory requirements of sanitary and epidemiological legislation, this product is prohibited from importation into the territory of the party/parties that applied the temporary restrictive measure by affixing the stamp "Import prohibited" in the relevant documents.

Today the customs officials protect the economic interests of the state, increase transit attractiveness and improve the investment climate, simultaneously carrying out sanitary and anti-epidemic measures for the sanitary protection of the territory of the Republic of Belarus

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