**On the receipt of a permit for the fulfilment of work duties at Riga Food 2020 fair**

Dear participant!

In the Republic of Latvia, nationals from countries where COVID -19 morbidity rates are high (see the list of countries here) are requested to self-isolate\* for 14 days, however, for those whose arrival in Latvia is necessary for the fulfilment of the commitments of merchants of Latvia, the **14-day self-isolation at the place of residence may not be applied during the performance of work duties** as provided in the paragraph 59 of the Cabinet Regulation No 360 adopted on 9 June 2020.

In accordance with this Cabinet Regulation, the self-isolation rule shall not be applicable to foreigners whose arrival in Latvia is necessary for the fulfilment of the commitments of merchants of Latvia, if the person does not display signs of an acute respiratory disease, and in relation to the implementation of an investment project in Latvia in which the planned amount of investments exceeds at least EUR 1 000 000 or the number of planned and newly created work places exceeds 20, and also to the entering into an export contract of goods manufactured in or services of Latvia, if the potential value of the export transaction is larger than EUR 100 000, for a period of time which is attested by a relevant certification of a merchant established in Latvia.

**In order to request the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia to confirm that you will have no obligation to comply with the 14-day self-isolation requirement while working in the Riga Food 2020 exhibition, we must be convinced that:**

1. you do not display signs of an acute respiratory disease;
2. you do not have a confirmed COVID-19 infection, attested by the results of the COVID-19 test performed in your home country no earlier than 3 days before arrival, as well as the results of the COVID-19 test to be carried out upon arrival in Latvia (you can have the COVID-19 test done in the laboratory alongside the Exhibition Centre, the results can be received within 24 hours. Until then, you must stay in self-isolation. The test price is EUR 59) submitting copies of the documents certifying that you tested negative for COVID-19. If you stay in Latvia for more than 5 days, you will have to perform repeated COVID-19 testing as determined by Latvian legislation.
3. you are aware that exemption from self-isolation rule applies only for the period while you are in the exhibition (including the setting-up and removal of the exhibition);
4. outside opening hours of the exhibition, you will ordinarily observe self-isolation up to 14 days in the designated place of residence (hotel, apartment or other);
5. it is possible to observe self-isolation in your chosen place of residence (please make sure when booking a hotel);
6. you are aware that epidemiological safety measures have been established in Latvia to limit the spread of Covid-19 infection, so when you are in the exhibition, you must comply with the same requirements related to distancing, hygiene and health monitoring as all other residents of our country;
7. you will use our provided visor while in the exhibition and a face mask in a means of transport we will provide;
8. you will pay the costs of our provided transport from the airport, terminal, ferry terminal or railway station to the hotel and exhibition centre, as well as the transfer between these sites, because you are banned from using public transportation. The fee for the provision of transport services will be determined by agreement;
9. you will take care of your travel insurance, which covers the costs related to medical treatment, incl. the COVID-19 infection and, if necessary, medical treatment and accommodation costs until your departure from Latvia shall be borne by you;
10. you are aware that, according to Latvian legislation, in the event of failure to comply with the rules on self-isolation, the penalty for a natural person may be up to EUR 2000, and you will have your visa revoked.

The cost of personal protective equipment, preparation of documents and coordinating your stay is €96 + VAT per person.

You will have to cover the costs of transport and other services according to the pricing of service providers before you leave Latvia.

**Should you wish** **to take the opportunity of the self-isolation exemption, we have to conclude an agreement and apply for such opportunity to enter our country to participate in the exhibition to the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA). LIAA reviews the matter within 3 working days.**

*\** *self-isolation - separation of a person from other persons at the place of residence or place of stay in order to prevent the risk of infection for other persons if there are epidemiologically justified suspicions that this person has been exposed to an increased risk of infection.*

*During self-isolation, the person shall:*

* *stay at the place of residence or another place of stay;*
* *not subject other persons to the risk of infection, not form direct contact with other persons (not welcome guests, not go on private visits, not go to work, not go to social and public spaces and premises where many persons are present, except for a visit to a shop and getting to the place of residence or another place of stay immediately after arrival in Latvia, using mouth and nose cover);*
* *observe his or her health condition for 14 days and measure the body temperature twice a day (in the morning and in the evening) and inform the general practitioner if any signs of an acute respiratory disease (cough, increased body temperature (fever), shortness of breath) appear.*