



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR FACILITATION OF DOMESTIC TRANSPORT OF GOODS FROM AND TO SAMTSE_24.09.2020

Objective: To facilitate domestic transport (Inter-Dzongkhag) transport of goods from and to Samtse Dzongkhag

Scope: The SOP is applicable only when the restriction of movement from High to Low and Low to High Risk Areas and mandatory requirement of 7 days quarantine is in place till the zone/risk level is downgraded by the Government.

1. For all goods coming to and going out of the Dzongkhag (Domestic Import and Export) except Phuntsholing, it must be transported either through switching of vehicle (transshipment) or swapping of drivers at Rinchending till the switching station at Sorchen is instituted.
2. For all goods destined to/originating from Phuntsholing and Pasakha, it can be transported directly with proper online registration at www.cmpps.gov.bt.
3. In case of swapping of drivers, the concerned transporters/firms/agencies must ensure that the vehicle is thoroughly disinfected including the drivers' cabin.
4. In case of switching of the vehicles, the concerned transporters/firms/agencies must arrange loader/unloaders.
5. All transporter/firms/agencies must properly plan and manage the switching of vehicles and swapping of drivers to ensure smooth transition and to avoid any unnecessary crowding.
6. For goods destined to and coming from other Dzongkhags except Phuntsholing and Pasakha, no drivers/owners transporting goods shall be allowed to travel beyond Rinchending Check Post, unless they have undergone 7 days mandatory quarantine.
7. All transporters/firms/agencies/individuals transporting goods to and from Samtse must register online at www.cmpps.rbp.gov.bt prior to the date of travel/transportation.
8. Drivers must mandatorily wear facemask and maintain physical distance at all times during the travel and unloading process.
9. Drivers shall not carry any passenger without proper documentation of quarantine certificate and therefore a driver found to be clandestinely transporting passenger without proper clearance or documents, he or she shall be charged for breach of border sealing.
10. All transporter/firms/agencies must ensure that necessary health safety advisory on COVID-19 and other Government protocols are strictly followed.
11. Drivers shall not bring and take any unauthorized goods during the travel.
12. Breach of any of the above procedure shall be penalized as per the existing laws of the land.

