



## Finančná správa

Press release

### On the eastern border we do our best

**BRATISLAVA - 03.03.2022:** The Financial Administration has been making every effort since the outbreak of the military conflict in Ukraine, to ensure a smooth crossing of the state border for both passengers and humanitarian goods. Thanks to the coordinated work of all units, from 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2022 to 11 a.m. today, the Vyšné Nemecké border crossing managed to release 282 vehicles with humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian side. The Financial Administration also helps the public through an information campaign on social networks, but also on the Financial Administration portal, where a special subpage on the situation in Ukraine is available and where people can find all the important information in one place.

The road border crossings in Vyšné Nemecké, Ubl'a and Veľké Slemence are open 24 hours a day and are fully occupied. Regular international passenger rail and bus public transport between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic has been suspended. At the Vyšné Nemecké border crossing, we have also started to carry out the customs clearance for pedestrian passengers, while buses are also processed at the freight transport workplace. Pedestrian passengers are processed not only at the workplace for passenger transport entrance, but also at the workplace for exit, so the Customs Authorities can process them as soon and as many as possible and allow them to enter the Slovak Republic.

Officers of the Financial Administration currently carry out standard customs control of luggage and means of transport, depending on the type and nature of the transported goods, of course with maximum regard to the current situation in Ukraine. However, it is still necessary to comply with the measures and possible prohibitions and restrictions that apply to certain types of goods when they are imported in personal luggage from third countries.

All units are coordinated and cooperate with each other, and all officers of the Financial Administration at the eastern border make great effort and try to ensure a smooth crossing of the state border for passengers and goods. The service has been strengthened by officers of other organizational units of the customs offices. They are working hard, helping military refugees with luggage and children, advice and instructions where to go, informing about the possibilities of transport or accommodation. From 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 to 11 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022, 282 vehicles with humanitarian aid were released to the Ukrainian side via the Vyšné Nemecké border crossing, which, according to the accompanying documents, transported 676,892 kg of humanitarian aid.

In order to better inform the public, the Financial Administration has also prepared an information campaign not only on social networks, but also on the Financial Administration portal. A specialised sub-site has been set up for the situation in Ukraine, where people as well as humanitarian organizations will

find all the important information that will be regularly updated. **In addition, the Financial Administration call centre is available to the public at: +421 48/43 17 222, while customs consultants are available non-stop.**

The Financial Administration is a State Administration body in the area of taxes, fees and customs. The role of the Financial Administration is to collect taxes and duties in order to secure revenues to the state budget of the Slovak Republic and the EU. Financial Administration is a modern client-oriented institution with the aim of intensifying electronic communication. You can find more information at [www.financnasprava.sk](http://www.financnasprava.sk) .