

The European Commission



**Ministry of Immigration,  
Integration and Housing**

Dear Commissioner Avramopoulos,

14 September 2016

By letter of 7 September 2016, the Danish Government informed the Commission that the current border control against Germany is deemed to be proportionate with regards to scope, frequency, location and time, and is limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the serious threat and to safeguard public policy and internal security in Denmark. The Danish Government moreover informed the Commission that the Danish Government considers at this stage that there are no grounds for phasing out or scaling down the border controls against Germany.

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By e-mail of 12 September 2016, the Commission has asked the Danish Government to provide the Commission with precise and monthly information and figures on the controls performed by Denmark following the Council Implementing Decision of 12 May 2016 setting out a Recommendation for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk and their outcome as regards

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- the total number of persons checked since the beginning of the application of the Council Recommendation by Denmark (12 May 2016),
- the number per month of third-country nationals not meeting the entry conditions referred to in Article 6 of the Schengen Borders Code and who tried to enter Denmark,
- the number of refusals of entry that took place following the controls, and
- the total number of asylum applications received by the Danish authorities, specifying the numbers of those lodged at the internal borders where controls are carried out.

The Danish Government can inform the Commission that the total number of persons checked following the Council Implementing Decision of 12 May 2016 setting out a Recommendation for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk is 1,074,406 persons.

The numbers per month of third-country nationals not meeting the entry conditions referred to in Article 6 of the Schengen Borders Code and who tried to enter Denmark are as follows:

May (from 12 May)	June	July	August	September (until 11 September)
20	30	48	26	10

The number of refusals of entry that took place following the controls is 1,008 persons.

As regards the total number of asylum applications received by the Danish authorities, the following numbers apply. In total, 1.489 applications have been received by the Danish authorities.

May (from 12 May)	June	July	August	September (until 11 September)
247	464	404	290	84

The number of asylum applications lodged at the internal borders (total number of applications within the police districts performing border control) is 747.

Yours sincerely



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