



JUSTITIS MINISTERIET

Ministry of Justice

Commissioner Johansson

Date: 8 April 2020

Dear Commissioner Johansson,

Please be informed that the Danish Government, in accordance with the provisions in Article 25 and 27 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of 9 March 2016 (Schengen Borders Code), has decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls at the internal borders. The reintroduction of border control at the Danish internal borders will be carried out for 6 months as from 12 May 2020.

The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land-, sea- and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Danish National Police.

The persistent and significant threat to our public order and internal security caused by militant Islamists and organized criminals who are able to exploit the free mobility within the Schengen area continues to be of grave concern for the Danish Government. Furthermore, the COVID-19 outbreak remains a serious and unprecedented threat to us all and the Danish Government is handling the current situation with the utmost caution.

Against this backdrop and after careful consideration, the Danish Government considers the temporary internal border controls as a necessary and effective measure to address these threats to public order and internal security.

In light of the current situation and to limit the spread of COVID-19, please be informed that the temporary border controls will continue to be carried out at all internal borders, including land-, sea- and air borders for as long as it is necessary to address the threat from the spread of the COVID-19.

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Please also rest assured that the scope of the internal border checks will continue to be limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to our public order and internal security.

Accordingly, Denmark expects to lift the COVID-19 related travel restrictions at all internal and external borders as soon as the situation allows it and then focus the internal border controls on the Danish-German land border, the Danish-Swedish land border (Øresundsforbindelsen) and the Danish ports with ferry connection to Germany or Sweden.

The Danish Government will notify the other Member States about this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Hækkerup