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From: Czech delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Czech internal borders with Austria and Germany in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 13 March 2020 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Czechia at the internal borders with Austria and Germany between 14 and 18 March 2020.

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Evropská komise

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Vážení kolegové,

v souvislosti s rozšířením onemocnění COVID-19 způsobeným novým koronavirem SARS-CoV-2 vyhodnotily příslušné vnitrostátní orgány nutnost znovu zavést ochranu vnitřních hranic. Vláda České republiky proto rozhodla o dočasném znovuzavedení ochrany vnitřních hranic v souladu s čl. 28 nařízení Evropského parlamentu a Rady (EU) 2016/399, kterým se stanoví kodex Unie o pravidlech upravujících přeshraniční pohyb osob (Schengenský hraniční kodex), a to od 14. března 2020 0:00 do 18. března 2020 23:59.

Kontroly budou prováděny po celé délce vyjmenovaných úseků vnitřních hranic, a to flexibilním způsobem přiměřeným aktuální hrozbě v závislosti na vývoji situace. Bližší informace, včetně míst, kde je možné překračovat vnitřní hranice, jsou v příloze tohoto dopisu. Rozsah a intenzita kontrol budou omezeny na míru nezbytnou k zajištění veřejného pořádku a vnitřní bezpečnosti s cílem minimalizovat negativní dopady na veřejnost.

Další informace můžete nalézt na stránkách Ministerstva vnitra ČR, www.mvcr.cz.

S úctou

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General Secretariat of the Council of European Union
European Commission

Prague 12th March 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Respective Czech authorities have concluded that it is necessary to reintroduce internal border control in reaction to spread of COVID-19 disease caused by a novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. Therefore, the Government of the Czech Republic have decided to temporarily reintroduce border control at the internal borders in accordance with Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), from 14th March 2020 0:00 until 18th March 2020 23:59.

The checks will be carried out along all selected sections of the internal borders, in a flexible manner, proportionate to the current threat and situation development. Further information, including with regard to authorised crossing points at internal borders are specified in the annex to this letter. The scope and intensity of border control will be limited to necessary steps to ensure public policy and internal security and to minimize any inconvenience to the public.

For further information I would like to refer to the website of the Czech Ministry of the Interior, www.mvcr.cz.

Yours sincerely,

Annex

On 12 March, the Czech government decided to reintroduce the internal borders of the Czech Republic

On 12 March 2020, the Czech government decided to reintroduce controls at the internal borders of the Czech Republic in response to an imminent threat to public order and internal security caused by the spread of COVID-19.

- The measure concerns the land borders with the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Austria and the air borders, and takes place from 14 March 2020 0:00 to 18 March 2020 23:59 with the possibility of extension.
- The internal borders with Austria and Germany can only be crossed at designated crossing points without any time limit. Persons, who demonstrably cross internal borders on a regular basis, in particular cross-border / commuting workers, may also cross at other crossing points listed below from 5:00 to 23:00.
- The above-mentioned obligation does not apply to selected categories of persons for whom the restriction on the crossing of internal borders would be disproportionate and in some cases would be contrary to the public interest. These include, for example, an integrated rescue system, people in the event of an unforeseen emergency, freight transport, etc.

The intensity and targeting of controls have been selected to minimize the flow of cross-border traffic.

The Ministry of the Interior asks travellers for understanding and helpfulness during an eventual inspection.

1) Places to cross EU internal borders

AUSTRIA

Road borders:

- Dolní Dvořiště – Wulowitz
- České Velenice – Gmünd
- Hatě – Kleinhaugsdorf
- Mikulov – Drasenhofen

GERMANY

Road borders:

- Strážný - Philippsreut
- Pomezí nad Ohří - Schirnding
- Rozvadov-dálnice - Waidhaus
- Folmava – Furth im Wald/Schafberg
- Železná Ruda – Bayerisch Eisenstein
- Krásný Les - Breitenau
- H. Sv. Šebestiána - Reitzenhain

Airports:

- Praha/Ruzyně (Vaclav Havel Airport Prague)
- Praha/Kbely

2) Other places to cross internal borders

Only for persons who demonstrably regularly crossing internal borders, in particular cross-border / commuting workers and other persons, from 5:00 to 23:00.

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Road borders:

- Vratěín – Oberurnau
- Valtice – Schrattenberg
- Nová Bystřice – Grametten
- Hevlín – Laa an der Thaya

GERMANY

Road borders:

- Všeruby – Eschlam
- Jiříkov – Neugersdorf
- Vojtanov – Schönberg
- Cínovec - Altenberg