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

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Estonian internal borders 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 16 March 2020 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Estonia at the internal borders from 17 March 2020.



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**European Commission
Council of the European Union
Ministers of the Interior
EU Member States and Schengen countries**

Dear colleagues,

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I inform you that on 12 March 2020 the Government of Estonia declared emergency situation on the whole territory of Estonia with the aim to protect the health and lives of the Estonian citizens and to prevent and control the consequences of the mass epidemic caused by the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 to the lives, health and property of the Estonian citizens. Since the spread of COVID-19 poses a significant threat to the health of the Estonian people, in addition to the measures implemented already by the declaration of the emergency situation,

Estonia reintroduces border control at internal borders on the basis of Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399, on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

The reintroduction of border control at Estonian land, air and sea borders is effective from 00:00, 17 March 2020.

Starting from the above mentioned date temporary border crossing points through which it is possible to cross internal borders are listed in an annex to this letter. It is allowed to cross the internal border only at border crossing points listed in the annex.

The aim of the implemented measures is to control and prevent the more extensive spread of Coronavirus which poses threat to public health and to ensure public order on the territory of the state. We confirm that the scope and intensity of the intended border control measures do not exceed those which the present security needs require for the protection of public health and public order.

Yours truly,

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Minister of the Interior

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Annex

Border control is reintroduced on the state borders of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia at the following temporary border crossing points:

1) road sections and railway stations:

Name of border crossing point	Place of border control	Border crossing possibilities and restrictions
Ikla border crossing point	Tallinn–Pärnu–Ikla road	24 h
Lilli border crossing point	Karksi-Nuia–Lilli road	24 h
Murati border crossing point	Riia–Pihkva road	24 h
Valga-1 border crossing point	Valga–Uulu road	24 h
Valga-3 border crossing point	Valga, Sepa Street	24 h
Valga railway border crossing point	Valga railway station	During fixed opening hours; on call-out

2) ports:

Name of border crossing point	Place of border control	Border crossing possibilities and restrictions
Dirham border crossing point	Port of Dirham	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Heltermaa border crossing point	Port of Heltermaa	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Kunda border crossing point	Port of Kunda	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Kuivastu border crossing point	Port of Kuivastu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Lehtma border crossing point	Port of Lehtma	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Loksa border crossing point	Port of Loksa	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Miiduranna border crossing point	Port of Miiduranna	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Muuga border crossing point	Port of Muuga	During fixed opening hours; except small crafts
Mõntu border crossing point	Port of Mõntu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Narva-Jõesuu border crossing point	Port of Narva-Jõesuu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Paldiski-1 border crossing point	Paldiski North Port	During fixed opening hours
Paldiski-2 border crossing point	Paldiski South Port	During fixed opening hours
Pärnu-2 border crossing point	Port of Pärnu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships

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Rohuküla border crossing point	Port of Rohuküla	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Roomassaare border crossing point	Port of Roomassaare	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Port of Saaremaa border crossing point	Port of Saaremaa	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Port of Sillamäe border crossing point	Port of Sillamäe	During fixed opening hours
Tallinn-2 border crossing point	Port of Meeruse	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-3 border crossing point	Bekker Port	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-4 border crossing point	Russian-Baltic Port	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-5 border crossing point	Port of Paljassaare	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-6 border crossing point	Port of Lahesuu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-8 border crossing point	Port Noblessner	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-10 border crossing point	Battery Port	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-11 border crossing point	Old City Harbour	During fixed opening hours
Tallinn-12 border crossing point	Port of Pirita	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Tallinn-14 border crossing point	Port of Kakumäe	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Veere border crossing point	Port of Veere	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Vergi border crossing point	Port of Vergi	On call-out, open only to cargo ships
Virtsu border crossing point	Port of Virtsu	On call-out, open only to cargo ships

3) airports:

Name of border crossing point	Place of border control	Border crossing possibilities and restrictions
Kuessaare-2 border crossing point	Kuessaare Airport	On call-out
Kärdla border crossing point	Kärdla Airport	On call-out
Pärnu-1 border crossing point	Pärnu Airport	On call-out
Tallinn-1 border crossing point	Tallinn Airport	During fixed opening hours
Tallinn-13 border crossing point	Tallinn City Hall Heliport	On call-out
Tartu-1 border crossing point	Tartu Airport	During fixed opening hours
Ämari border crossing point	Ämari Airport	On call-out, only on special orders

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