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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 18 May 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Estonia at the internal borders between 18 May and 16 June 2020.

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**Notice on the temporary restriction on
non-essential travel to the EU and the
notice of the temporary reintroduction of
border control at the internal borders of
Estonia**

Dear colleagues,

Pursuant to the Regulation no 78 of the Government of Estonia as of 15 March 2020, the crossing of the external border for the purpose of entering Estonia has been temporarily restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The measures took effect on 17 March 2020 and shall apply until the Regulation is changed.

In addition, following the Regulation no 15 of the Government of Estonia as of 15 March 2020 on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders, Estonia reintroduced border control at land, sea and air borders of the Republic of Estonia as of 17 March 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). Controls were prolonged several times, most recently until 17 May 2020.

As the current epidemiological situation in Europe and worldwide remains fragile, Estonia considers the temporary reintroduction of border control as essential, proportionate and adequate measure for the protection of public health.

Hereby I am informing you that Estonia reintroduces border control at internal air and sea borders based on Articles 25 (1) and 27 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (Schengen Borders Code). The reintroduction commencing on 18 May 2020 at 00:00 will be in place for 30 days and last until 23:59 on 16 June 2020. The list of border crossing points, through which it is permitted to enter or leave Estonia, is added.

The movement of persons wishing to return to their countries of residence, for the purpose of frontier work and transport of goods is not hindered and is facilitated, when possible. The temporary border control is carried out to the extent strictly necessary to prevent the further spread of Covid-19 and to ensure public order on the territory of the Republic.

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We assure that all the measures taken to limit the spread of the pandemic are carefully considered. Decisions to lift the measures are based on thorough analysis of the overall situation as well as the epidemiological circumstances in Europe and worldwide and with close cooperation with neighbouring countries.

Sincerely,



Mart Helme
Minister of the Interior

Annex:
List of border crossing points

Annex

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

1) 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
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

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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

2) airports:

Name of border crossing point	Place of border control	Border crossing possibilities and restrictions
Kuressaare-2 border crossing point	Kuressaare Airport	On call-out
Kärdla border crossing point	Kärdla Airport	On call-out
Pärnu-1 border crossing point	Pärnu Airport	On call-out
Tallinna-1 border crossing point	Tallinn Airport	During fixed opening hours
Tallinna-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