



Council of the
European Union

Brussels, 15 June 2020
(OR. en, pl)

8822/20

FRONT 164
COMIX 256

NOTE

From: Polish delegation

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

No. prev. doc.: 7963/20

Subject: Lifting of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Polish internal borders in accordance with 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 12 June 2020 regarding the lifting of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Poland.

IM 005619 2020
12.06.2020



Permanent Representation
of the Republic of Poland
to the European Union

Brussels, 12th June 2020

SP.UE.BRUK.WWSISW.9419.28.2020.KSz/929

Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary General
Council of the European Union

Dear Mr Secretary General

Due to the stabilization of the epidemic situation in Poland and neighbouring countries, as well as taking into account the recommendations provided by the European Commission, please be informed that the Polish Government made a decision to lift temporary border controls at Poland's internal borders introduced according to Article 25(1) and Article 28(1) 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)*. The process will take place on 12th June 2020 (9 a.m) at the internal border with the Republic of Lithuania and on 13th June 2020 at sections of the Polish border with the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as at sea and air border crossing points.

Please find attached the letter of Mr Bartosz Grodecki, the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Interior and Administration of the Republic of Poland.

With my best regards


Andrzej Sados
Permanent Representative
of Poland to the EU

Attachments:

1. The letter of Mr Bartosz Grodecki, the Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Interior and Administration, on the abovementioned issue.

Warszawa, dnia 12 czerwca 2020 r.

w związku z ustabilizowaniem się sytuacji epidemicznej na terytorium Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej oraz w państwach sąsiadujących, a także uwzględniając zalecenia Komisji Europejskiej w zakresie przywracania swobody przemieszczania się w ramach Unii Europejskiej uprzejmie informuję, że kontrole graniczne, które były prowadzone zgodnie z art. 25 ust. 1 i 28 ust. 1 rozporządzenia Parlamentu Europejskiego i Rady (UE) 2016/399 z dnia 9 marca 2016 r. w sprawie unijnego kodeksu zasad regulujących przepływ osób przez granicę (kodeks graniczny Schengen) (Dz. Urz. UE. L 77 z 23.3.2016, s. 1 z późn. zm.), na odcinkach granicy państwowej Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z:

- Republiką Litewską zostały zakończone z dniem 12 czerwca 2020 r. (godz. 9:00);
- Republiką Czeską, Republiką Słowacką, Republiką Federalną Niemiec oraz w morskich i lotniczych przejściach granicznych zostaną zakończone z dniem 13 czerwca 2020 r.

Powyższa decyzja umożliwi osobom swobodne przekraczanie granicy wewnętrznych bez konieczności poddawania się kontroli granicznej oraz zainicjuje proces etapowego przywracania swobodnego przemieszczania się w ramach Unii Europejskiej.


MINISTER SPRAW WĘWNETRZNYCH
I ADMINISTRACJI
z up. Hartosz Głodecki
Podsekretarz Stanu

Otrzymują:

1. Pani YLVA JOHANSSON, Komisarz ds. Migracji i Spraw Wewnętrznych w Komisji Europejskiej
2. Pan Klaus WELLE, Sekretarz Generalny Parlamentu Europejskiego
3. Pan Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Sekretarz Generalny Rady UE

-Courtesy translation -

Minister of the Interior and Administration
Mariusz Kamiński

Warsaw, 12 June 2020

Due to the stabilisation of the epidemiological situation on the territory of the Republic of Poland and in the neighbouring states, as well as taking account of the European Commission's recommendations regarding the reintroduction of the freedom of movement within the European Union, I kindly inform you that border controls that were introduced according to the art. 25.1 and 28.1 of the regulation (EU) 2016/399 of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (Official Journal of the European Union, L 77, 23 March 2016), at the national border of the Republic of Poland, section of border with:

- The Republic of Lithuania were ceased on 12 June 2020 (9:00 am);
- The Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Federal Republic of Germany as well as sea and air borders will cease on 13 June 2020.

The above decision will allow for crossing the border freely, without the need to undergo border control and will initiate the staged process of reintroducing free movement within the European Union.

/Minister of the Interior and
Administration/
/on the authorisation Bartosz Grodecki
Undersecretary of State/

Recipients:

1. Ms YLVA JOHANSSON, Commissioner for Home Affairs in European Commission
2. Mr Klaus WELLE, Secretary-General of the European Parliament
3. Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council