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From: Swiss delegation

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

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Subject: Reintroduction of border controls at the Swiss internal borders in accordance with Article 25a (4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 06 May 2026 regarding the reintroduction of border controls by Switzerland at its land borders (including the lake border on lake Geneva) with France, with a focus on lake Geneva basin, from 10 June 2026 to 19 June 2026 for the G7 - Summit in Evian (France).



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Bern, 6. Mai 2026

### **Wiedereinführung von Binnengrenzkontrollen im Zuge des G7-Gipfels in Evian**

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

Vom 15. bis 17. Juni 2026 wird in Evian-les-Bains (Frankreich) der G7-Gipfel durchgeführt.

Auch wenn das zentrale Ereignis in Evian stattfindet, sind die Städte Genf und Lausanne sowie die gesamte Genferseeregion exponiert. Es ist sehr wahrscheinlich, dass rund um den Genfersee mit dem Anlass zusammenhängende internationale Treffen stattfinden und einige ausländische Delegationen auf Schweizer Gebiet untergebracht werden. Zudem wird der internationale Flughafen Genf-Cointrin für die An- und Abreise der Delegationen stark genutzt. Andere Infrastrukturen wie Hotels, die Sitze multinationaler Konzerne und internationaler Organisationen in Genf, die Verkehrsnetze, die Stromversorgung sowie Kommunikationssysteme werden für den Gipfel ebenfalls genutzt und könnten, wie bei früheren Gipfeln, potenzielle Ziele darstellen. Des Weiteren birgt die Konzentration zahlreicher völkerrechtlich geschützter Personen in der Genferseeregion grosse Herausforderungen.

Gemäss den Analysen der Sicherheitsbehörden muss im Zuge des Gipfels in der gesamten Region mit dem gewaltsamen Verlauf von Veranstaltungen, mit Störaktionen sowie mit Sabotageaktionen gerechnet werden.

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Zum Schutz von Personen und Infrastrukturen ist ein verstärktes Kontrolldispositiv erforderlich, das aufgrund der Grenznähe der Veranstaltung zwingend auch im Grenzraum und an der Grenze umgesetzt werden muss.

Vor diesem Hintergrund hat der Schweizerische Bundesrat am 6. Mai 2026 beschlossen, für den Zeitraum vom 10. bis 19. Juni 2026 die Binnengrenzkontrollen an den terrestrischen Grenzen zu Frankreich (inkl. lakustrischen des Genfer Seebeckens) mit Schwerpunkt in der Metropolitanregion Genf und Genfersee wieder einzuführen. Sollte die Bedrohungslage dies erfordern, bleibt die temporäre Schliessung einzelner, in erster Linie kleinerer, regionaler Grenzübergänge vorbehalten, um den Verkehr im Hinblick auf eine effektivere Kontrolle auf grössere, kontrollierte Übergänge zu kanalisieren. Die grossen Grenzübergänge, insbesondere die Autobahnübergänge, bleiben davon jedoch unberührt und jederzeit geöffnet.

Im Weiteren verweise ich auf die Ausführungen im anliegenden Notifikationsformular der Europäischen Kommission.

Freundliche Grüsse

Beat Jans  
Bundesrat

# Notification of a temporary reintroduction or prolongation of border control at internal borders

**1 Notification submitted by:**

Switzerland

**2 Date of the notification:**

7 May 2026

*Please specify the date of submission of the notification.*

**3 Date and duration of the planned reintroduction or prolongation of border control at internal borders (Article 27(1), point (d), of Regulation (EU) 2016/399):**

10 June 2026 (00:00) - 19 June 2026 (24:00)

*Please specify date and duration. In the absence of a time indication the reintroduction or prolongation is presumed to enter into effect at midnight (00:00) on the first date of the reintroduction or prolongation of border control at internal borders.*

**4 Scope of the proposed reintroduction or prolongation of border control at internal borders, specifying at which part or parts of the internal borders border control will be reintroduced or prolonged (Article 27(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2016/399)**

Land borders (including the lake border on Lake Geneva) with France, with a focus on the Lake Geneva basin.

*Please specify the internal borders at internal borders as well as the type of border (land, sea, air) at which border control will be reintroduced or prolonged.*

**5 Notification for a:**

first reintroduction of border control at internal borders (unforeseeable event): Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

prolongation of border control at internal borders (unforeseeable event): Article 25a(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Period(s) of previous reintroduction(s) of border control at internal borders:

*Please indicate the dates of previous reintroductions of border control at internal borders.*

first reintroduction of border control at internal borders (foreseeable event): Article 25a(4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

prolongation of border control at internal borders (foreseeable event): Article 25a(4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Period(s) of previous reintroduction(s) of border control at internal borders:

*Please indicate the dates of previous reintroductions of border control at internal borders.*

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- prolongation of border control at internal borders after 2 years, for major exceptional situation: Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Period(s) of previous reintroduction(s) of border control at internal borders:

Please indicate the dates of previous reintroductions of border control at internal borders.

- prolongation of border control at internal borders after 2 years and 6 months, for major exceptional situation: Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Period(s) of previous reintroduction(s) of border control at internal borders:

Please indicate the dates of previous reintroductions of border control at internal borders.

- reintroduction of border control at internal borders in accordance with a Council Implementing Decision: Article 28(1) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

*NB: A continuation of a reintroduction of border control at the internal borders does not have to be considered a prolongation if the serious threat to public policy or internal security upon which it is based is different from the serious threat that motivated the preceding reintroduction of border control at the internal border. If this is the case, please notify for a first reintroduction and specify the new and distinct nature of the serious threat to public policy or internal security under 7.*

- 6 If the notification for a foreseeable event is made less than four weeks before the planned reintroduction or prolongation of border control at internal borders (Article 25a(4), (5) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399):**

Please indicate when the serious threat giving rise to the need to reintroduce or prolong border control at internal borders became known.

- 7 Serious threat to public policy or internal security, consisting of:**

- terrorist incidents or threats, and threats posed by serious organised crime

Please specify and include all relevant data detailing the events that constitute a serious threat.

- large-scale public health emergencies

Please specify and include all relevant data detailing the events that constitute a serious threat.

- an exceptional situation characterised by sudden large-scale unauthorised movements of third country nationals, within the meaning of Article 25(1), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Please specify and include all relevant data detailing the events that constitute a serious threat.

Please include information as to the sudden nature of the large-scale unauthorised movement, the strain put on the resources and capacities of the competent authorities, the level of preparedness of the competent authorities, the likelihood to be overwhelmed to cope with the need without internal border controls, and the available means of communication in detail, all relevant data including from relevant Union agencies.

- Large scale or high-profile international event

G7-summit, 15-17 June 2026 in Evian (France)

Please specify and include all relevant data detailing the event that constitute a serious threat.

- Other

Please specify and include all relevant data detailing the event that constitute a serious threat.

- 8 Names of authorised border crossing points**

In principle, all border crossings will remain open even during the reintroduction of internal border controls.

Should it become necessary to temporarily close individual border crossings in order to channel traffic for more effective control, this would affect only smaller, regional border crossing points, which, given the dense road network, could be easily bypassed. In such cases, diversions would be signposted.

The major border crossings and in particular the motorway crossings, will remain open.

*Please fill in or attach a separate file to the notification. If no list is provided, please explain.*

## 9 Measures taken by other Member States (if applicable)

France has already reintroduced internal border controls with Switzerland. It has announced that it will step these up in the run-up to the G7 summit.

*Please specify the measures adopted by other Member States in response to the reintroduction of border control at internal borders.*

## 10 Assessment of necessity and proportionality under Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

### 10.1 Appropriateness: explanation how the reintroduction of border control at internal borders is likely to adequately remedy the threat

Experience has shown that summits of the major industrialised nations invariably attract violent demonstrations by anti-globalisation groups. In the run-up to the G7 summit in Evian, several counter-demonstrations (including some on Swiss territory, particularly in Geneva) have already been announced. Past experience and indications suggest that these events are being planned and/or infiltrated by the violent far-left extremist scene in order to attract media attention through violent actions such as damage to property, traffic blockades or other disruptive activities, as well as attacks on security forces.

The event in Evian is taking place in a densely populated region in the immediate vicinity of the border. The necessary measures, including intensive targeted checks to protect the event and its participants, as well as to protect the public from violent counter-protesters, must therefore be carried out directly at and along the internal border.

Furthermore, many of the participants, some of whom are high-ranking officials protected under international law, will be arriving via Geneva Airport and, in some cases, will also be accommodated on Swiss territory; they must therefore cross the internal border under special protective measures.

### 10.2 Explanation why the objectives pursued by the reintroduction cannot be obtained by:

As the event is taking place in the immediate vicinity of the internal border, the most stringent control measures must necessarily relate to border security.

It is to be expected that, in addition to the participants, numerous counter-demonstrators will attempt to travel to Evian via Switzerland – or from France into Switzerland. Given the location's proximity to the border, there is insufficient depth of territory to justify stepping up controls within the country.

The checks will be carried out in coordination with the French security authorities and will not go beyond what is strictly necessary.

- the use of alternative measures, such as proportionate checks carried out in the context of checks within the territory as referred to in Article 23, point (c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399;
- the use of the procedure laid down in Article 23a of Regulation (EU) 2016/399;
- other forms of police cooperation provided for under Union law;
- common measures regarding temporary restrictions on travel to the Member States as referred to in Article 21a(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399.



which sections of the internal borders may be affected;  
 of a situation regarding border control measures with other Member States impacted or likely to be impacted by the border control at internal borders.

## 12 If the notification concerns a prolongation of border control at internal borders after 2 years, for a major exceptional situation (Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399)

### 12.1 Assessment of the necessity and proportionality based on the criteria laid down in Article 26(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399

Please fill in point 11

### 12.2 Action taken in response to an opinion of the Commission issued in accordance with Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (if applicable)

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### 12.3 Action taken in response to a consultation process initiated in accordance with Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (if applicable)

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### 12.4 Substantiation of the continued threat to public policy or internal security

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### 12.5 Explanation why alternative measures are ineffective

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### 12.6 Presentation of mitigating measures

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### 12.7 Where appropriate: presentation of the means, actions, conditions and timeline with a view to lifting border control at internal borders

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## 13 Any further information (optional)

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For example:

details of strategic and operational cooperation with Member States  
 in response to the notification of the measures (Article 25a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399)  
 whether the proportionality criteria in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 is applied at the time  
 of introduction of border control at internal borders  
 bilateral or regional cooperation initiatives, including with third countries

## 14 Withholding of information on grounds of public security (Article 27(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399)

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Please indicate to the extent that the grounds of public security allow to withhold information has been withheld based on public security grounds taking into account the confidentiality of ongoing investigations.

Please indicate whether any of the notified information, if which all or in part has been classified under national law.

**15 Confidentiality of information (Article 35 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399)**

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Please indicate and specify that notified information is to remain confidential.