

Government decision SM 2020/20

Subject matter

Finland would reintroduce internal border control from 19 March 2020 to 13 April 2020 based on the actions required due to the serious threat to Finland's internal security caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. Internal border control would be reintroduced in its entirety on the border between Finland and Sweden and the border between Finland and Norway.

The authorised border crossing points for air traffic would be: - Helsinki, Mariehamn and Turku airports: only goods traffic, return traffic of Finnish citizens and people residing in Finland or in another Member State of the European Union, necessary travel for work and other essential transport – Enontekiö, Helsinki-Malmi, Ivalo, Joensuu, Jyväskylä, Kajaani, Kemi-Tornio, Kittilä, Kokkola-Pietarsaari, Kuopio, Kuusamo, Lappeenranta, Mikkeli, Oulu, Pori, Rovaniemi, Savonlinna, Seinäjoki, Tampere-Pirkkala and Vaasa airports: only goods traffic: - Port of Helsinki, Port of Mariehamn, and Turku and Vaasa Harbours: only goods traffic, return traffic of Finnish citizens and people residing in Finland or in another Member State of the European Union, necessary travel for work and other essential transport - Eckerö, Eurajoki, Färjsundet, Förby, Hamina, Hanko, Haukipudas, Ingå, Kalajoki, Kaskinen, Kemi, Kemiö, Kirkkonummi, Kokkola, Kotka, Kristinestad, Lappeenranta, Loviisa, Långnäs, Merikarvia, Naantali, Nuijamaa, Oulu, Pargas, Pernaja, Jacobstad, Pohja, Pori, Porvoo, Raahe, Rauma, Salo, Sipoo, Taalintehdas, Tammisaari, Tornio and ja Uusikaupunki ports: only goods traffic - Åland, Haapasaari, Hanko and Helsinki coastguard stations and Nuijamaa harbour and Santio: only return traffic of Finnish citizens and people residing in Finland or in another Member State of the European Union and other essential transport by road: - On the border between Finland and Sweden, Karesuvanto, Kolari, Muonio, Pello, Tornio and Ylitornio: only goods traffic, return traffic of Finnish citizens and people residing in Finland or in another Member State of the European Union, necessary travel for work and other essential transport - On the border between Finland and Norway, Karigasniemi, Kilpisjärvi, Kivilompolo, Nuorgam, Näämämö and Utsjoki: only goods traffic, return traffic of Finnish citizens and people residing in Finland or in another Member State of the European Union, necessary travel for work and other essential transport. Border checks on selected individuals at internal borders would be mainly performed based on joint threat and risk assessments made by internal security authorities and healthcare authorities. Border control measures would not therefore be applied to all those entering or leaving the country via the internal border.

Proposal

The Government decides to reintroduce border control at internal borders on a temporary basis from 19 March 2020 to 13 April 2020.

Decision

The Government approves the proposal.