



JUSTITSMINISTERIET

Commissioner Johansson

Ministry of Justice

Date: 4. august 2023

Dear Commissioner Johansson,

1. As stated in our notification of 14 April 2023 regarding temporary re-introduction of border control at the Danish internal borders the border control may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Danish National Police. As also stated in the notification the border controls will focus on the Danish-German land border, and the Danish ports with ferry connection to Germany and border control has thus not in the time period covered by the notification so far been carried out at other border crossings including the Danish-Swedish border crossings.

With reference hereto please be informed that as of 3 august 2023 and for the time being until 10 august 2023 the border control may be extended to all internal borders. Hence, the border controls will in this period not be limited to focus on the Danish-German land border and the Danish ports with ferry connection to Germany.

2. The decision to increase control at the internal borders is based on recommendations from the Danish Security and Intelligence Service. Thus, the assessment indicates that recent events in Denmark, where individuals have burned the Quran, have attracted substantial negative attention from various sources, including Islamic militant groups, environments and individuals in foreign countries. The assessment indicates that this heightened attention presents a real uncertainty in the threat landscape, with an increased risk that individuals posing a security threat to national security, may be among travelers entering Denmark. Consequently, the Danish National Police finds it

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necessary to intensify the border control of internal borders as temporarily reintroduced as from 12 May 2023.

3. The Danish Government remains committed to the principle of free movement of persons. Please rest assured that the scope of the internal border checks on the Danish Swedish borders will be limited to what is deemed strictly necessary to respond to the specific and current threat to our public policy and internal security. It thus remains a matter of priority for the Danish Government that the practical execution of the temporary border controls is carried out in a manner with the least negative impact on persons crossing the border for legitimate reasons and with careful considerations taken to the free movement of persons within the EU.

The border controls will be carried out as spot-checks and may as mentioned above for the time being until 10 august 2023 extend to all internal land, sea and air borders. The border control will in terms of location and intensity be adapted to the expected number of travelers as well as the current intelligence picture, the local conditions and the traffic patterns at the individual border crossing points. The internal border controls are thus substantially different from the systematic control of Denmark's external borders.

The Danish Government will inform the other Member States that the Danish internal border controls will no longer solely focus on the Danish-German borders but may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air border, for the time being until 10 August 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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