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Overview on Member State’s follow-up on [COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION](#) on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction (Detailed information in Annex)

Disclaimer: To be noted that the information is based on notifications received from the Member States authorities following DG HOME’s request of 2 September

Country	AT	BE	BG	HR	CY	CZ	DK	EE	FI	FR	DE	EL	HU	IS	IE	IT	LV	LI	LT	LU	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	SK	SI	ES	SE	CH
Australia					+									+		x															
Canada														+		x	x								*						
Georgia														+		x															
Japan					+						*			+		x															
New Zealand														+		x															
Rwanda														+		x															
South Korea											*			+		x									*						
Thailand														+		x															
Tunisia														+		x	x								*						
Uruguay					+									+		x															
China			*		+			*	*		*	*					*	*							*			*	*	*	*
Other (notified)																DZA										FRO	DJI				
																											GIB				
																											SYC				
																											GNQ				
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Green: Temporary restriction on non-essential travel lifted (Annex I of Council Recommendation)

Red: Temporary restriction on non-essential travel not yet lifted

Light green: Temporary restriction on non- essential travel lifted for ‘other’ countries than on Annex I of Council Recommendation

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- X= Need to self-isolate for 2 weeks on arrival
- + = Need to have negative PCR test prior departure
- * = Subject to reciprocity

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Annex: Detailed Information

Member State	Follow-up on 9208/20	Start date	Comments- Lifting of travel restrictions for third countries	For the proof of residence, do you request the documents set out in the Frontex guidance? Or any other documents (which)?	Have you informed the other MS of the measures you have taken at the moment when the measures were put in place?
AUSTRIA			Decision pending		
BELGIUM			BE did not open its external borders: BE has decided to maintain temporary border restrictions for non-essential travellers from the countries listed in Annex I of the recommendation. BE has extended the categories of essential travellers for all third countries, in accordance with Council recommendation.	Non-essential travels from third-countries are prohibited. Once applicable, only accepting residence permit as a proof of residence.	
BULGARIA	X	16 July	BG opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions to non-essential travel lifted for all countries on the list, except for China		
CROATIA			HR did not open its external borders, while exemptions from restrictions are applied in line with the Council Recommendation. Under	HR did not open its external borders, while exemptions from restrictions are applied in line with the Council	Yes, via various channels, and this compilation is part of it.

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			<p>certain conditions, temporary restriction on entry is also lifted for additional specific categories of travellers with the application of prescribed epidemiological measures.</p>	<p>Recommendation. As well, under certain conditions, temporary restriction on entry is also lifted for additional specific categories of travellers with the application of prescribed epidemiological measures. In all such cases, valid documents proving a justified reason (e.g. family reunification, funeral of a family member, business meetings or other economic reasons) for crossing HR external border need to be presented at the border crossing point.</p>	
CYPRUS	X	5 September	<p>CY opened to some countries on the list: Restrictions to non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia*, Canada, China*, Georgia, Japan*, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand, Uruguay* [* Need to have negative PCR test at least 72 hours prior to departure]</p>		

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CZECHIA	X	13 July	Open to some countries: Restrictions to non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Japan, Canada, South Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, Tunisia	Yes, Documents set out in the Frontex guidance are checked as well as other documents proving the purpose of travel in case of exempted categories (i.e. in case of family members, documents such as birth certificate, marriage or registered partnership certificate, etc.).	Yes, via various channels, including this compilation.
DENMARK	X	16 July	N/A, nevertheless restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay.	The guidelines given by Frontex are implemented in the border control on the external borders in Denmark. All travellers shall upon entry answer questions about the country of residence. Only residence permits issued by the country of residence is recognized as documentation for entry into Denmark.	Information regarding measures is continuously updated on the central homepage: https://politi.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark
ESTONIA	X	6 July	EE opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions of non-essential travel have been lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay. China is subject to confirmation of reciprocity.	Currently, no direct flight connections. However, border guards may request documents proving residence on arrival if there is doubt regarding the person's residence	Yes. The Estonian MFA has informed the Embassies on the travel restrictions and all the relevant information (weekly updates, exceptions etc.) can be found on the MFA webpage https://vm.ee/en/information-countries-and-self-isolation-requirements-passengers Updates are also communicated via other channels, including the EU relevant formats.

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			Self-isolation on entry from Australia as the 14-day cumulative number of COVID-19 cases per 100 000 inhabitants exceeds 16.		
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FINLAND	X	Change enters into force on 24 August	<p>Open to some countries: Travel is allowed from Georgia, New Zealand, Rwanda, South-Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China* [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]</p>	<p>In principle, passport issued by third countries serves as proof</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In addition questions raised during border check in order to determine country of residence - If necessary: presentation of ID or driving licence issued by third country or other official documents, e.g. work permit demonstrating residence <p>Guidance of how to proof place or residence is further described at the Finnish Border Guard web-page, in Q&A section: https://www.raja.fi/current-issues/qa</p>	<p>The Finnish Government takes decisions every two weeks, therefore is the information sharing via COVID19 Information Group, IPCR and Coreper sufficient.</p>
FRANCE	X	1 July	<p>Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New</p>		<p>Yes, information provided at the Covid-information group</p>

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			Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay (the list is currently under review)		
GERMANY	X	2 July	Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan*, New Zealand, South Korea*, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China* [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]		
GREECE	X	1 July	EL. opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China*. [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]	Yes	Through COVID19 Information Group, IPCR and Coreper Through the website: https://travel.gov.gr
HUNGARY	X	9 September	HU did not open its external borders , while exemptions from restrictions are applied: freight traffic, official visit, business trips, based on special request, cross-border commuters (30 km zone), athletes participating sport	2 types of proof of residence are accepted: - persons entitled to permanent residence in Hungary and their family members; - persons holding a valid residence permit issued by the aliens policing	Neighbouring countries were informed

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			events, passengers transiting	authority allowing for the residence in Hungary for a duration exceeding 90 days and presents this document upon entry ("D" type visa is equivalent).	
ICELAND	X	15 July	<p>Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay.</p> <p>All persons arriving to Iceland have to undergo Covid -19 test on arrival (unless if they choose to quarantine for 14 days instead), stay in mandatory quarantine for 4-6 days before taking a second test.</p>	For a proof of residence, the documents set out in the Frontex guidance are used	Yes. Iceland has informed other Schengen member states of all measures taken through public announcements, circular notes to diplomatic missions and through direct diplomatic contact, and through other relevant channels, including through the Icelandic Transport Authority and airport operator ISAVIA
IRELAND	N/A		N/A		
ITALY	X	1 July	<p>Open to all countries except China Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia*, Canada*, Georgia*, Japan*, New Zealand*, Rwanda*, South Korea*, Thailand*, Tunisia*, Uruguay* [*Need to self-isolate for two weeks on arrival]</p>	Yes	

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LATVIA	X	1 July	LV opened to all countries on the list except China* : National requirements (i.e., requirements for self-isolation and recommendation travel/ avoid travelling) for Annex I countries usually is updated every Friday (afternoon) and enters into force next day after publication along with the EU/ EEA countries list. [*lack of reciprocity]	Currently there is a direct flight only from one third country listed in the Annex I (Georgia). For the proof of residence, documents set out in the Frontex guidance, for instance residence permits, working permits etc., as well as other documents (e.g. student cards, marriage certificates, child birth certificates etc.) are used in accordance with their status and practical possibilities for their application.	The relevant information appears in the summary documents prepared by the EU institutions, for instance, in the IPCR questionnaires. In addition, it is also available on the webpage of the Latvian Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC) (https://www.spkc.gov.lv/sites/spkc/files/data_content/11_09_2020vm-en.pdf)
LIECHTENSTEIN	X		LI opened to all countries on the list : Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China*. [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]		
LITHUANIA	X	19 August	LT opened to all countries on the list : (if the incidence of COVID-19 (coronavirus infection) in the country has not exceeded 25 cases per 100 000 population in the last 14 calendar days.)	Yes. The main document which is asked to be provided is a residence permit. It could also be a work permit, an identity card or a driving licence.	Yes

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LUXEMBOURG	X	1 July	LU opened to all countries on list: China is subject to reciprocity to all EUMS as set out in the Council recommendation. All third country nationals arriving from countries not on the list (essential travellers under categories of Annex II) are required to present a negative PCR test not older than 48h at departure.	LU does not go beyond the documents included in the guidance. However, we do not accept some types of documentation on the list (i.e. driver's licence) as these are not considered to be sufficient proof of residence	Yes, information provided at the Covid Information Group.
MALTA			Decision pending		
THE NETHERLANDS	X	8 July	Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay	Yes, Additional documents which are set out in de FX guidelines, e.g. residence permits, work permits, identity cards or driving licences issued by the third-country of residence, and any other official documents that supports the travellers' claimed country of residence, are accepted. This is important since third countries' residence or work permit details are not always affixed or indicated on travel documents, especially passports. Non-compliance with the	NL informed some (neighbouring) MS of measures taken.

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				above could result in refusal of entry, or lengthy first-line and second-line checks that slow passenger flows.	
NORWAY		10 July	NO did not open its external borders: Restrictions continue to apply for all countries		<p>The information on measures taken is public:</p> <p>The Norwegian institute for Public Health: https://helsenorge.no/other-languages/english</p> <p>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs: https://www.regjering.no/en/topics/koronavirus-covid-19/id2692388/</p> <p>The Norwegian police: https://www.politiet.no/en/rad/border-and-border-crossing/</p>
POLAND	X	2 July	<p>Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for foreigners traveling by aircrafts in international civil aviation who are citizens of Georgia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea, Tunisia and Australia or have the right to reside in the territory of these countries.</p> <p>New category of travellers allowed entry to the Republic of Poland has been introduced – holders of a</p>		

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PORTUGAL	X		<p>humanitarian visa .</p> <p>Open to all countries: restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China*. [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]</p> <p>Extension, on 16 July, until August 31, of the restrictive measures on air traffic: non essential travels from third countries are prohibited.</p> <p>All passengers must present at the airport of origin a proof of Covid -19 test (only PCR tests are accepted) with a negative result, obtained up to 72 hours prior to departure.</p>	<p>Frontex guidance was distributed to Border Guards and the documents set out are taken into account.</p>	<p>Yes, via various channels, including this compilation.</p>
ROMANIA	X	18 August	<p>RO open to all countries listed in the Annex to Council Recommendation 912/2020 with its subsequent amendments, except for China, given the lack of reciprocity. Romanian nationals,</p>	<p>As for the proof of residence, Romania accepts all the documents indicated in the FRONTEx Guidelines, except for the driving license, as it offers no indication about the</p>	<p>Yes, via various channels, including this compilation.</p>

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		<p>citizens of EU, EEA and CH, third country nationals, including those exempted from the temporary restrictions on non-essential travels into the EU, in accordance with Annex I and II of Council Recommendation 912 / 2020, as provided by the Government Decision 668 / 2020, are subject to a 14 days quarantine if travelling from a list of states which is regularly updated.</p> <p>As of 29th of August 2020 that list includes:</p> <p>Argentina, Andorra, Aruba, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, , Faroe Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands (USA), Guam, Iraq, Israel, Kosovo*, Kuwait, Maldives, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Dominican Republic, Saint Martin, United States of America, Surinam, Republic of Namibia, Gibraltar,</p>	<p>residence of the owner.</p>	
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			<p>Paraguay. Some exceptions from the quarantine measure are applicable to: cross border and essential workers, truck drivers, diplomatic personnel etc.</p> <p>Romania doesn't require a COVID-19 test at entry.</p>		
SLOVAKIA	X	6 July	<p>Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, China, Faroe Islands, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand.</p>	<p>The document which is asked to be provided is a residence permit. There are no direct flight connections from Australia, China, Faroe Islands, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand</p>	<p>Yes, via various channels (IPCR questionnaires, via Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of SK)</p>
SLOVENIA	X	17 July	<p>Open to some countries: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Georgia, New Zealand, Rwanda, Uruguay</p> <p>Countries are divided into green (less than 10 infected persons per 100.000 citizens in the last 14 days) and red (40 infected persons per 100.000 citizens in the last 14 days).</p>	<p>A person has to present appropriate evidence about reason of travel, destination. Various documents can be used to prove the purpose of travel, destination and appropriate evidence that classify person to exempted categories of persons.</p>	<p>Slovenian Police</p> <p>https://www.policija.si/eng/newsroom/news-archive/103470-crossing-the-state-border-during-the-coronavirus-epidemic</p> <p>Government of Slovenia https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/</p> <p>Slovenian Institute of public health https://www.nijz.si/en/list-countries-crossing-national-borders-without-restrictions</p>
SPAIN	X	4 July	<p>ES opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia,</p>	<p>Yes, together with other documents depending on the individual case</p>	<p>Yes, including through immediate formal notification to the EC and all MS</p>

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			Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, China* [*subject to confirmation of reciprocity]		
SWEDEN	X	17 July	SE opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions of non-essential travel lifted for residents of Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay [China is subject to confirmation of reciprocity)		https://polisen.se/en/the-swedish-police/the-coronavirus-and-the-swedish-police/travel-to-and-from-sweden/
SWITZERLAND	X	20 July	CH opened to all countries on the list: Restrictions of non-essential travel will be maintained for China as there will be no reciprocity		