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Reintroduction of Border Controls in the Schengen Area

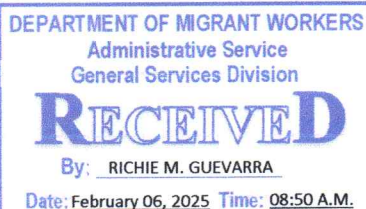
Pursuant to the European Parliament and European Union Council Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders otherwise known as the **Schengen Borders Code** (SBC), the EU Member States are allowed to temporarily reintroduce border controls at internal borders in response to serious threats to public policy or internal security. The duration and scope of such controls are limited to what is necessary to address the identified threat.

The countries within the Schengen Area that recently imposed heightened border controls are Denmark, Norway, Slovenia and Sweden such as more rigorous checks on cross-border trains, increase surveillance, stationing police officers permanently and exploring the use of face recognition technology. Meanwhile other States who share borders with Switzerland and are also implementing the measure are as follows:

Country	Period Covered
Austria	16 October 2024 to 15 April 2025
France	01 November 2024 to 30 April 2025
Germany	12 November 2024 to 15 March 2025
Italy	19 June 2024 to 18 December 2025

In view of the foregoing, the public and OFWs in Europe are reminded to exercise caution in crossing borders within the Schengen Area and to always have in their possession their valid passports, visa or residence permits, and other pertinent documents when traveling.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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[Regulation \(EC\) No. 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders \(Schengen Borders Code\)](#) | Refworld

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