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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Portuguese internal borders in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 15 April 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Portugal at the internal borders between 15 April and 4 May 2020.

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Dear all

Lisbon, 14 april, 2020

Subject: Prorogation of the temporary reintroduction of border control

Following the letter of 25th of March regarding the temporary reintroduction of border control, and taking into account that cases of COVID-19 infections at the national level are increasing, it was decided to extend for 20 days the control in the internal borders with Spain, reintroduced at 11PM of 16 March, in accordance with article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 9 March 2016 establishing the Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

This remains an exceptional measure of last resort. As such, the internal border control will be maintained limited and adapted, both operationally and geographically, to what is strictly necessary to react against the current COVID-19 threat and to protect the health and life of the population, as well as, the internal security.

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Internal Affairs



Eduardo Cabrita

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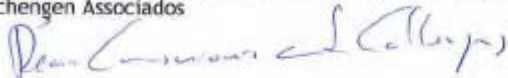
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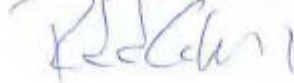
Assunto: Prorrogação da reintrodução temporária do controlo de fronteira nas fronteiras internas

Na sequência da carta datada de 25 de março sobre a reintrodução temporária do controlo fronteiriço, e tendo em conta que os casos de infeções COVID-19 a nível nacional estão a aumentar, foi decidido prorrogar por 20 dias o controlo nas fronteiras internas com Espanha, reintroduzido às 23:00 de 16 de março, de acordo com o artigo 28 do Regulamento (UE) 2016/399 do Parlamento Europeu e do Conselho, de 9 de março de 2016 que estabelece o código da União relativo ao regime de passagem de pessoas nas fronteiras (Código das Fronteiras Schengen).

Esta continua a ser uma medida excecional de último recurso. Como tal, o controlo fronteiriço interno continuará a ser limitado e adaptado, tanto operacional como geograficamente, ao que é exclusivamente necessário para reagir contra a ameaça atual do COVID-19 e para proteger a saúde e a vida da população, bem como, a segurança interna.

Atenciosamente,

O Ministro da Administração Interna



Eduardo Cabrita