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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Icelandic internal borders in accordance with Article 25 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 19 May 2021 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Iceland at the internal borders between 17 May and 15 June 2021.

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Subject: Prolongation of border control at the Icelandic internal borders.

In order to combat the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the Icelandic authorities reintroduced internal border controls at all borders for 10 days on the 18 March and prolonged for another 20 days on 28 March and 17 April and a further 10 days on 7 May, in accordance with Art. 28 of Regulation 2016/399 on the rules governing the movements of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

Iceland recently enacted regulation that requires all travelers that are coming from areas that are designated as high-risk for COVID-19 to quarantine in specific quarantine hotels for a period of 5-6 days. Additionally, a ban on all non-essential travel from such areas was also implemented. For the Icelandic authorities to continue to be able to enforce these regulation for travelers to Iceland and to combat further spread of the virus, it is deemed necessary to prolong border controls at all internal borders in Iceland (air and sea borders). The prolongation is unavoidable at this time, based on a risk assessment by the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police. Therefore, pursuant to Art. 25 of Regulation 2016/399, Iceland kindly informs the Commission that it will prolong border controls for a period of 30 days on May 17.