



Brussels, 7 February 2014

*Madam Commissioner,*

In accordance with article 23(1) and 24 of the Regulation No 256/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), recently amended by Regulation 1051/2013, the Dutch Government has decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders with respect to the forthcoming Nuclear Security Summit that will take place in the city of The Hague on March 24 and 25.

Border control will be restored for the period of 14 – 28 March 2014 at the Dutch air, sea and land border with the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of Belgium. The scope and intensity of border control will be limited to the necessary steps to ensure public policy and internal security and to ensure that any inconvenience to the public is kept to a minimum.

Border checks will not be carried out continuously and in all the authorized crossing-points, but in a flexible manner as to time and place, depending on the intelligence led information and/or risk analyses.

Attached please find a letter from the Minister of Migration concerning this issue.

Please accept, Mrs. Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Sincerely,*

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Concerning Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the internal borders of the Netherlands in accordance with art. 23 (1) and 24 SBC

Dear colleagues, dear secretaries-general,

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of March the Nuclear Security Summit will take place in the city of The Hague. Over 50 world leaders are invited, including the presidents of the United States, Russia and China, the presidents of the European Council and the European Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Nuclear Security Summit is the largest gathering of its kind ever held in The Netherlands. To ensure that everything runs smoothly and safely, certain security and traffic related measures will have to be taken. There will also be certain restrictions in place for Dutch airspace and territorial waters. These increased security requirements on the occasion of the Summit, have led me to reintroduce border controls at the internal borders of The Netherlands, pursuant to Article 23 (1) and in accordance with Article 24 of 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 (the Schengen Borders Code). This reintroduction will help the Dutch authorities to prevent the entry into the Netherlands of persons who may pose a serious threat to the public policy or internal security.

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When border control is temporarily reintroduced, the land border may be crossed at designated places enlisted in detail in the attachment. Border controls at airports may cover passengers from selected intra-Schengen flights and -at sea ports - passengers of selected ferry cruises. A total of 120 authorized crossing-points were designated (including trains, traffic roads, airports and sea ports).

All Member States are kindly requested to provide any relevant information and cooperate to putting the abovementioned measures into effect.

For other information on the security and traffic related measures I would like to refer to the site of the Nuclear Security Summit, [www.nss2014.com](http://www.nss2014.com).

Yours sincerely,

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