



Global Immigration alert

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Germany

Germany extends land border controls to additional countries

Executive summary

Effective 16 September 2024, Germany reintroduced border controls at its land checkpoints with additional countries for a period of six months.

Background

In general, under the [Schengen Agreement](#), Schengen Member States do not conduct controls at their internal borders in order to facilitate free movement for nationals of all signatory countries. However, the [Schengen Borders Code](#) (SBC) allows Member States to temporarily reintroduce controls at their internal borders in case of serious threats to public policy or internal security. In recent years, Germany re-established border controls at its land checkpoints with several countries, including Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland and Switzerland.

Key developments

Effective 16 September 2024, Germany reintroduced controls at its land borders with Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxemburg and the Netherlands in an effort to mitigate illegal migration. As of now, these controls will not include full checks of all travelers crossing the border. Instead, border officials will conduct checks on a random basis at the discretion of the authorities. While the borders will remain open, traffic jams are expected.

Impact on employers

Companies may inform employees who enter via affected land checkpoints of potential delays and remind them of the requirement to carry a valid identification document (i.e., an

EU/EEA/Swiss ID card or passport, or a passport issued by a third country along with a visa or permit issued by the Schengen country in which they reside, as applicable).

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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