



Global Employer Services Immigration

Stricter border control in the EU with the entry-exit system

On 20 November 2017, the Council adopted regulations that will introduce an entry-exit system and will amend the Schengen border code accordingly.

This system will record information on entry, exit and refusal of entry for third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Schengen area.

The entry-exit system will help:

- Reduce border check delays and improve the quality of border checks by automatically calculating the authorised stay of each traveller
- Ensure systematic and reliable identification of 'overstayers'
- Strengthen internal security and the fight against terrorism by allowing law enforcement authorities to access travel history records

Next steps

All that remains is for the Council and European Parliament to sign the adopted regulation, so that it can be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force 20 days later. The European Agency for the Operational Management of large-scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), in cooperation with the Member States, is expected

to start building the new system, which should be operational by 2020.

What this means for you

The entry-exit system will strengthen internal security and will lead to swifter border controls. Days spent on the territory will be calculated automatically. This means that overstayers will be immediately identified, and can hence be sanctioned or banned more easily.

Deloitte' view

Employers and employees should make sure that they focus fully on compliance. The entry and exit system will automatically link into the VIS (visa information system), which allows border inspectors to access all data on visas (visa fraud, consulate "shopping", biometric data, etc.).

Checks need to be put in place by employers to ensure that visa applications are filed correctly and overstays on other territories are avoided, since overstaying will be swiftly detected and sanctioned. The entry-exit system will operate a web-based interface where travellers can verify the remaining authorised stays.

The entry-exit system is in fact one of several proposals in European border management to improve control borders. It is yet another building block towards creating a registered travellers program, whereby frequent travellers could sign up to a system and receive a token to cross borders through automated gates that will perform all the necessary security and immigration checks, without border guard intervention.

Deloitte's IMSS team will continue to monitor developments at European level.

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