

REGULATION No. 238/2020
amending the Regulation on Cross-border Movements No. 866/2017

Article 1

A new Article 5 a, shall be inserted after Article 5:

Transitional Provisions

Until 17 April 2020, foreign nationals who are not EEA or EFTA nationals are refused entry to Iceland upon arrival regardless of whether they meet the requirements of Article 5, as well as other conditions listed in Article 106 of the Foreign Nationals Act.

The provisions of paragraph 1 do not apply to foreign nationals who have a valid residence permit or other right of residence or residence in Iceland or in another Schengen State or have relatives in these same states. Foreign nationals who arrive in Iceland on matters of urgency are exempt from the provisions, including, e.g. the following:

- Passengers in transit.
- Healthcare and geriatric care staff on professional travel.
- Transportation crews (airlines and cargo ships).
- Individuals in need of international protection.
- Individuals who need to travel due to urgent circumstances in their family.
- Diplomats, international organizations' staff, military personnel travelling to Iceland on duty, and humanitarian aid workers.

Article 2

This Regulation is set according to authorisation in Act No. 80/2016 on Foreign Nationals, with subsequent amendments, and shall enter into force immediately.

Ministry of Justice, 20 March, 2020.

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