Federal Council launches consultations on amendments following revision of the Schengen Borders Code

Following the revision of the EU Schengen Borders Code, the Federal Council opened a consultation on several related amendments to Swiss ordinances.

The revisions concern four ordinances:

- the Ordinance on Entry and the Granting of Visas (OEV),
- the Ordinance on Admission, Residence and Gainful Employment (OASA),
- the Ordinance on the Enforcement of the Removal and Expulsion of Foreign Nationals (OERE), and
- the Ordinance on the Central Migration Information System (SYMIC Ordinance).

The proposed amendments address border control procedures, the temporary reintroduction of internal border checks, definitions of cross-border regions, and health-related entry restrictions and exceptions. The consultation will run until 18 September 2025.

The revised EU regulation clarifies the conditions and procedures for temporary internal border controls and introduces new public health measures, reflecting lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. It also creates a new transfer procedure to help reducing secondary migration within the Schengen area. On 7 March 2025, the Federal Council had already adopted a message to Parliament concerning the necessary legislative changes to implement these updates in Swiss law.

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