Cabinet introduces a new form of internal border controls to respond to illegal migration

As of 1 October 2026, internal border controls are undertaken according to the expanded and renewed framework for Mobile Security Surveillance (MTV), which gives the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar) more space and flexibility to act against illegal migration. The supervision also contributes to the fight against cross-border crime, including human trafficking.

MTV checks can take place in a wider area arounds the borders with Belgium and Germany. The new rules have also expanded the possibilities for checks. The maximum number of aircraft and trains to be checked will be changed to percentages, so that supervision can grow in line with future developments in passenger numbers. Additionally, the maximum number of hours that may be checked on roads and waterways in the border region with Belgium and Germany will also be increased.

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