Government extends restrictions to apply for asylum at the Polish-Belarusian border

The government extended the restriction on the right to submit applications for international protection for persons crossing the Polish-Belarusian border, which has been in place since 27 March 2025. The extension was approved by a regulation of the Council of Ministers of 19 March 2026 (Journal of Laws, item 376), as authorised by the Sejm on 17 March 2026 (Journal of Laws, item 296), and remains in force for an additional 60 days.

The Asylum Act provides exceptions to the restriction. Unaccompanied minors; pregnant women; persons requiring special treatment due to age, health or other needs; individuals at real risk of serious harm in Belarus; and Belarusian nationals may still apply for international protection at the border.

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