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# Amendments to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden

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To mitigate the effects of the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the outbreak, a temporary ban on entry to the EU via Sweden is in force. The Government today adopted certain amendments clarifying the ban.

Under today's government decision, seasonal workers in the agricultural, forestry and horticulture sectors are added to the list of groups with essential functions in Sweden who can be exempted from the entry ban. This clarification is in line with the European Commission's practical guidance of 30 March, in which seasonal agricultural workers are mentioned as one such group.

The Government has also clarified the regulations to reduce the risk of families being separated and to facilitate family reunification. The exemption for Swedish citizens' family members has been simplified, which will make it easier, for example, for families living abroad to travel home to Sweden. The clarification has also been made with a view to making it easier for people with Swedish residence permits to join their families in Sweden. This could apply, for example, to spouses, partners or children of someone who lives in Sweden.

Certain clarifications have also been made concerning the validity of refusal-of-entry orders issued due to the entry ban.

The amendments will enter into force on 8 June 2020.

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