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The MFA has extended the advice against travel to countries outside the EU, the EEA and the Schengen area until 31 August, and will remove the advice against travel to a number of countries in the EU, the EEA and the Schengen area as of 30 June

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There have been developments recently in the EU, the EEA and the Schengen area that have led to the easing of restrictions that had previously represented obstacles and risks to Swedish travellers. Therefore, as of 30 June, the MFA will remove the advice against non-essential travel to the following countries: Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

The reason that the advice against travel is being removed for these countries is that they have decided to open up for travellers from Sweden and the rest of the EU, which means that the uncertainty factors for Swedes are minimised. The decision to remove the advice against travel to these countries will apply as of 30 June 2020 until further notice.

For other countries in the EU, the EEA and the Schengen area, the advice against travel remains in place until 15 July.

The great uncertainty concerning global travel remains. Closed borders or far-reaching restrictions on possibilities to enter and leave countries, quarantine provisions and curfews remain a reality in large parts of the world. The disruption of international passenger traffic continues.

For travel to countries outside the EU, the EEA and the Schengen area, the advice against non-essential travel is therefore being extended to 31 August 2020.

In good time before this date, the MFA will provide information about whether the advice against travel will be changed, extended or removed.

The fact that the advice against travel is now being removed for certain European countries does not mean that the situation is back to normal. The situation remains uncertain and changeable, even in Europe. Individuals carry a great level of responsibility.

Every traveller should carefully consider their journey, prepare thoroughly, stay informed and follow the advice and instructions of local authorities when abroad.

In the same way as applies for travellers in Sweden, you should not travel if you have symptoms. Furthermore, travellers should be aware that there are a large number of local restrictions and rules and that they can quickly change. This could involve monitoring of people's temperatures upon entry, face mask requirements and social distancing rules, for example at restaurants, shopping centres and beaches.

For those opting to travel, it is important to point out that neither the MFA nor the Swedish authorities will be able to assist with transport to Sweden for people experiencing difficulties returning home as a consequence of the current situation.

Travellers are urged to maintain close contact with their travel operators and review their insurance cover. They should also download the MFA's Resklar app and continuously stay informed of the relevant embassy's travel information on the Sweden Abroad website.

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