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# Changes to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' advice against travel

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs is lifting its advice against non-essential travel to Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Romania. The decision enters into force on 27 August. At the same time, the decision regarding advice against non-essential travel to countries outside the EU, the EEA, the Schengen area and the United Kingdom is extended until 15 November.

The advice against non-essential travel to Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Romania is lifted as of 27 August. In the assessment leading to the decision, the easing of restrictions that have applied to Swedish travellers has been taken into account.

"Today's decision means that we're continuing to steadily open for travel to certain parts of Europe, but are extending the advice against travel to the rest of the world. As a traveller, you have to take into account that the situation is changing all the time, both in our neighbouring countries and in the rest of Europe," says Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde.

Closed borders or far-reaching restrictions on possibilities to enter and leave countries, quarantine provisions and curfews remain a reality in many parts of the world. In this context, geographical distances are important – the further away you travel the greater the risks. For this reason, the decision regarding advice against non-essential travel to countries outside the EU, the EEA, the Schengen area and the United Kingdom is extended until 15 November.

"A high degree of personal responsibility must be taken by travellers regardless of where they travel. Before travelling, every traveller should prepare thoroughly, keep well informed about the entry rules that apply and follow the advice and instructions of local authorities when abroad. In the same way as applies for travel in Sweden, you should not travel if you have COVID-19 symptoms. It's also important to follow the recommendations on good hand hygiene and social distancing," says Ann Linde.

## Today's decision

Regarding the advice against non-essential travel to all countries that was issued on 14 March 2020 and has since been extended, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has decided the following:

1. The advice against non-essential travel to Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Romania is lifted as of 27 August.

(In a previous decision, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs lifted the advice against non-essential travel to Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland and the Vatican City.)

2. For other countries in the EU, the EEA (European Economic Area) and the Schengen area[1], and the United Kingdom, the advice against non-essential travel is extended up to and including 9 September 2020.
3. For all countries not covered by point 1 or point 2 above, the advice against non-essential travel is extended up to and including 15 November 2020.

[1] Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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