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Under the Schengen Borders Code¹ (SBC), Member States are allowed to reintroduce internal border control as a temporary measure of last resort to address serious threats to public policy or internal security.

The Commission is currently assessing Italy's notification from June 2025 prolonging the border control with Slovenia. Pursuant to Article 27a(3) of the SBC, the Commission has notably initiated a consultation process with Italy and Slovenia. In this context, the Commission continues to stress the importance of both mitigating and alternative measures that should ensure that checks are necessary and proportionate and have limited impact on cross-border traffic.

The Commission considers that the above-mentioned consultation process is an important step aimed to encourage Member States to take alternative measures with the objective to progressively lift internal border control.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), OJ L 77, 23/03/2016, p. 1–52, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/1717, OJ L, 2024/1717, 20.6.2024.