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Member States can introduce border controls at their internal borders under certain conditions as set out in EU legislation. The Commission is working closely with all the Member States that currently have internal border controls in place, as well as with the Member States affected by the controls.

The Commission is currently assessing all notifications of temporary reintroduction of prolongations of border controls at internal borders, including by Germany, in accordance with the revised Schengen Borders Code¹. In the framework of this assessment, the Commission takes into account the reports submitted by those Member States pursuant to Article 33(2) of the Schengen Borders Code.

According to the provisions of the Schengen Borders Code, the conclusion of these assessments should take the form of Commission opinions. The Commission will act in line with its obligations under the Schengen Borders Code.

The reintroduction or prolongation of internal border controls does not affect the right of EU citizens to move freely, as EU citizens continue to have the right to enter and leave another Member State freely, provided they have a valid identity card or passport and do not pose a threat to public policy, public security or public health.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1717 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders. OJ L 2024/1717, 20 June 2024.