Restrictions

As of 15 June, Belgium has lifted border restrictions on all movements within the European Union, the Schengen Area and the United Kingdom, subject to a favourable epidemiological situation in Belgium and the countries concerned. Any person with Belgian nationality, with or without their main residence in Belgium, long-term residents in Belgium and persons with legal residence in Belgium, may always return to Belgium.

The EU Member States and associated Schengen countries still temporarily ban all non-essential travel to and from so-called “third countries” in the EU+ area until 30 June 2020. These measures may be extended.

The temporary travel restrictions do not apply to persons doing essential work or for compelling reasons, such as:

- Health professionals, health researchers and professionals providing care for the elderly.
- Frontier workers
- Seasonal agricultural workers.
- Transport staff responsible for the transport of goods and other transport personnel, as necessary
- Diplomats, staff of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties
- Passengers in transit
- Passengers travelling for compelling family reasons
- Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons; travel in accordance with the principle of ‘non-refoulement’
Phase 4 of the lockdown easing plan will start on 1 July, with no impact on transport operations.

FEBETRA has created a comprehensive webpage on measures taken in Belgium. The page can be consulted in Dutch and French.

On 13 July, the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs updated its travel advice list and included Sweden in the red list.

 Countries and areas included in the red list are subject to a formal travel ban and mandatory test and quarantine upon return in Belgium.

Full details can be read here.

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