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Amendments to the exemption from the entry ban for residents of certain countries

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The Government has today decided on amendments to the temporary ban on entry into Sweden. The amendments concern the exemption for residents of certain specified non-EU countries and is in line with the Council of the European Union's latest recommendation to EU Member States.

The temporary entry ban came into force on 19 March and initially applied for 30 days. It has subsequently been extended following recommendations by the European Commission and the Council of the European Union. The latest decision to extend the ban means that the entry ban now applies until 22 December 2020.

There are several exemptions to the entry ban, one of which applies to residents of certain specified non-EU countries. As a result of today's decision, residents of Canada, Georgia and Tunisia are no longer exempted from the entry ban on the basis that they are residents of one of the countries. However, other exemptions from the entry ban may continue to apply to residents of these countries. The decision also means that residents of Singapore are exempt from the entry ban.

The COVID-19 virus is an emergency of international concern that requires cross-border cooperation and a coordinated response. Today's decision is in line with the Council's latest recommendation to EU Member States.

The amendments will enter into force on 2 November 2020.

For more information on how the ordinance on a temporary entry ban to Sweden is to be interpreted and which exemptions apply, please contact the Swedish Police Authority or visit its website. See the adjacent links.

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