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Notification pursuant to Article 34 of the Schengen Borders Code

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Article 34 of the Schengen Borders Code lays down that the Member States of the EU must notify the Commission of the list of residence permits, the list of their border crossing points, the reference amounts required for the crossing of their external borders fixed by the national authorities, the list of national services responsible for border control and the specimen of model cards issued by Foreign Ministries.

I. Article 34(1)(a): list of residence permits

Under Bulgarian law, the residence rules differ depending on whether a person is a national of an EU Member State or of a third country.

The Law on entry into, residence in and departure from the Republic of Bulgaria for EU nationals and members of their families provides for the following documents:

Long-term residence permits are issued to EU nationals by the National Police Service and testify that the bearer is entitled to long-term residence in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Permanent residence permits are issued to EU nationals by the National Police Service and testify that the bearer is entitled to permanent residence in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Long-term residence cards are issued to family members who are not EU nationals by the department responsible and testify that the bearer is entitled to long-term residence in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Permanent residence cards are issued to family members of EU citizens who are not EU nationals themselves by the department responsible and testify that the bearer is entitled to permanent residence in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Under Article 14 of the Law on Bulgarian identity documents, the following documents are issued to third-country nationals (foreign nationals) for use within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria:

1. long-term residence cards for foreign nationals;
2. permanent residence cards for foreign nationals;

3. refugee cards;
4. temporary refugee certificates and temporary certificates for refugees subject to the accelerated procedure;
5. foreign travel permits for refugees;
6. foreign travel permits for stateless persons;
7. permits conferring the right to leave the Republic of Bulgaria temporarily;
8. temporary identity cards for foreign nationals;
9. permits conferring on foreign nationals the right to return to the Republic of Bulgaria;
10. identity cards for foreign nationals who have been granted humanitarian status;
11. temporary protection certificates for foreign nationals;
12. foreign travel permits for foreign nationals who have been granted humanitarian status;
13. identity cards for foreign nationals who have been accredited as officials belonging to embassies, consulates or international organisations based within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The above are identity documents within the meaning of Bulgarian legislation and are established according to ICAO DOC 9303 recommendations.

II. **Article 34(1)(b): list of border crossing points:**

1. On the border between Bulgaria and Serbia: Bregovo, Vrashka Chuka, Kalotina, Strezimirovtsi, Oltomantsi;
2. On the border between Bulgaria and Macedonia: Gyushevo, Stanke Lisichkovo, Zlatarevo;
3. On the border between Bulgaria and Turkey: Malko Tarnovo, Lesovo, Kapitan Andreevo;
4. On the border between Bulgaria and Greece: Kulata, Ilinden, Kapitan Petko Voyvoda;
5. On the border between Bulgaria and Romania: Vidin Ferry Port, Oryahovo Ferry Port, Ruse Danube Bridge, Silistra, Kardam, Durankulak;
6. River ports: Vidin, Lom, Somovit-Nikopol, Svishtov, Ruse, Tutrakan, Silistra;
7. Sea ports: Balchik, Varna, Burgas, Tsarevo;
8. Airports: Sofia Airport, Plovdiv Airport, Gorna Oryahovitsa Airport, Varna Airport, Burgas Airport.

III. **Article 34(1)(c): reference amounts required for the crossing of the external borders**

Under Article 19(5) of the Ordinance on the terms and the procedure for the issuing of visas, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 97/11.05.2002, foreign nationals applying for a Bulgarian entry visa must present proof of sufficient means to cover their subsistence costs. These must amount to no less than EUR 50 per day, with a minimum of EUR 500 per stay. The same amounts apply when said foreign nationals enter the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, unless they possess vouchers for pre-paid tourism services within the country.

IV. Article 34(1)(d): national services responsible for border control

The service responsible for border control in the Republic of Bulgaria is the Directorate-General for Border Police of the National Police Service.

V. Article 34(1)(e): specimen of model cards issued by the Foreign Ministry

Identity cards issued to staff working at embassies or consulates on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria are as follows:

1. Diplomatic cards are issued only to members of the diplomatic staff of the foreign missions and to members of their families who are between the age of 14 and 21;

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2. Consular cards are issued to diplomatic staff of consular representations and to members of their families who are between the age of 14 and 21;

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3. Cards of members of the administrative and technical staff are issued to members of the administrative and technical staff of the embassy/consulate and to members of their families between the age of 14 and 21;

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4. Cards of the service staff are issued to the relevant category of persons and to members of their families who are between the age of 14 and 21.

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Members of the family are the persons who are part of the household of the official, as follows:

- husband/wife,
- unmarried children of up to 21 years of age who live permanently with their parents,
- unmarried children between the age of 21 and 26 who live permanently with their parents and are university students in Bulgaria. They are issued an ID card annually upon submitting a document by the university certifying that they are registered as students for the new academic year,
- disabled unmarried children above the age of 21 who live permanently with their parents and are in need of their care, which is confirmed by a medical certificate.

Data included in the identity cards:

- title and number of the card,
- photograph,
- names of the holder,
- sex,
- nationality,
- date of birth,
- diplomatic or consular mission,
- rank of the holder (only for the diplomatic cards),
- official function (for the other three types of cards),
- signature of the holder,
- issuing authority,
- date of issue,
- date of expiry,
- signature of the Director of the State Protocol.