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Sweden - Immigration and Travel Restrictions Related to COVID-19 Continue

As part of its efforts to manage the outbreak of the coronavirus and COVID-19, the Swedish government had temporarily restricted foreign nationals from entering Sweden if they are coming from a country outside the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA), and Switzerland beginning 19 March 2020 for 30 days.¹ **On 16 April, the government extended the restriction period until 15 May 2020.**²

WHY THIS MATTERS

The extension of the immigration and travel restrictions will continue to impact on employers and their globally-mobile employees between Sweden and many countries around the world.

Until the government decides it is safe to rescind or roll-back current restrictions, extensive remote working is a “best practice” for globally-mobile employees (unless they are deemed essential workers), to the extent possible, and is a way for employers to foster the safety of their employees and help ensure business continuity.

More Details

The restriction does not apply for individuals whose purpose for the trip to Sweden is to return to their homes (i.e., home is in Sweden) if he/she:

- is a citizen of EU/EEA/Switzerland or is a family member of such citizen; or
- has a long-term residency in the EU; or
- has a residence permit in Sweden or in another state in the EU/EEA/Switzerland; or
- has a national Sweden D-visa.

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KPMG NOTE

What If I Already Have a Work Permit Issued/Approved or an Application under Consideration?

The recommendation from the Swedish Migration Agency for pending applications is that the employment start date in Sweden be adjusted to match the feasible date of arrival in Sweden. In addition, if an individual has already been granted a Swedish work permit, but will not be able to arrive in the country within four months from the date of approval, the permit must be revoked.

Plans to Travel to/out of Sweden?

Travelers seeking to enter, or depart from, Sweden should regularly check the latest information with their nearest Swedish and/or home country (if they are already in Sweden) embassy or consulate.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-134](#) (31 March 2020).
- 2 For more information, including exceptions to this ban (in English), visit: <https://www.government.se/press-releases/2020/04/extension-of-temporary-entry-ban-to-the-eu-via-sweden-due-to-covid-19/>.

RELATED RESOURCES:

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Another resource for measures introduced in Sweden to deal with the COVID-19 crisis is the Swedish Public Health Agency: <https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/>.

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