

FONASBA MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY



ENQUIRY RESPONSE FORM

ORIGINATING ASSOCIATION:	Danish Shipbrokers' Association
ENQUIRY DETAILS:	<p><i>Due to our working relationship with the Danish National Police, we understand there are new Schengen rules coming into force as of 07-04-2017, however with a 6 Months transition and implementation period. The Danish Contact Group to the National Danish Police is soon to meet and discuss the challenges ahead of us.</i></p> <p><i>The issue is that in the future all passports must be scanned when entering/leaving EU from/to a non-Schengen area. Previously, the police should determine which passports to scan or not but the rules enforces all passports scanned. In particular the Cruise segment is going to be challenged by this.</i></p> <p><i>Are other ECASBA members in the Schengen zone considering this issue on a national level?</i></p>
REPLY TO:	admin@fonasba.com
CLOSING DATE FOR REPLIES:	Friday 31st March 2017

RESPONDING ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: (Please include any attachments)

Belgium	<p>There is indeed a new regulation 2016/399 in this respect, it was published in the EU Official Journal of 18/3/2017 (coming into force on the 20th day following publication). According to consideration (18) of this regulation, it is not binding for Denmark, and Denmark has indeed a period of 6 months to decide whether to transpose it in its national legislation or not. So this leaves a lot more to discuss for Denmark than for us / the other member states. For us this regulation is binding all the way, the only aspect we are discussing is how to possibly roll this out in practice without too much hindrance or slowing down the flows of traffic especially in Antwerp.</p>
Finland	<p>National Border Guard has not given notification of any changes/tightening to present procedures. Template for procedures unchanged.</p>
France	<p>As per Schengen Borders code, in France agents are supposed to provide national authorities (Customs, Border Police) with a list of all passengers and crew mentioning names, dob, gender, passport number and nationality.</p> <p>After checking, Police/Customs name persons to control and ask for selected scanned passports.</p> <p>French customs say new rules may concern only EU residents leaving/entering to/from non-Schengen countries.</p> <p>But nothing officially confirmed yet.</p>

	<p>In case agents must transmit scanned passports for all passengers and crew on Cruise ships, it will certainly occur complaints and AMCF will consider the issue on a national level.</p> <p>If ECASBA or FONASBA has an official EU text we are interested.</p>
Greece	<p>Greece as Schengen member will be applying the amended Schengen rules, but indeed there is a 6-month transition and implementation period. All passports will be scanned when entering/ leaving EU.</p>
Hungary	<p>So far only rumours about is, but most probably it will apply for all Schengen countries</p>
Malta	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Malta are all passports need to be scanned? 2. Is this being done already and if not are there plans to do so and thus be compliant with the new Schengen rules coming into force as of 07-04.2017? 3. In case of crew member disembarking off a vessel to fly out of Malta, through which control office must he pass? <p>Information from Malta Police:</p> <p>The new rules are that all passengers including EUs are to have their passports vetted while coming or going from a NON-Schengen destination. Currently only non-EU's are scanned.</p> <p>Coming and going to/from Schengen to Schengen, nothing to be changed, i.e. No passport control.</p> <p>Re: no. 3, everything the same. When disembarking he will perform control at seaport/Freeport/marina as incoming. Then if he goes to non-Schengen he will be stamped out in Malta Airport. If he goes Schengen no control in Malta and then he will be checked while going out of Schengen, ex. In Frankfurt, Rome etc.</p>
Netherlands	<p>Although we over here have our own difficulties with Visa requirements especially crew offshore related, the issue brought forward by the Danish Shipbroker's association is unknown to the membership.</p>
Poland	<p>Was discussing with Coastguard in Szczecin, no new rules at this stage as from 07.04.17 expected.</p> <p>In Poland, since we entered the EU all non-EU crew members are cleared in or out when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they embark/disembark the vessel, during this clearance the check of passport and visas is done, including „scanning” the magnetic strip of the passport through Coastguard devices, however not the scanning of the pages as we do on the traditional scanners. - the vessel arrives from third country or sails to third country
Slovenia	<p>In Slovenia we have this procedure already few years and more our police is making face to face Control even for sailors or passenger's coming from Schengen ports.</p>
Sweden	<p>It has recently been implemented changes to the Schengen legislation and border code. This change establish that all travel documents used when leaving for, or entering from, countries outside the Schengen area, shall be scanned when controlled. In Sweden the border police have not yet received written directives about this but we expect that these will come in a very near future.</p>