GEN 1.2 ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT

1 IN BELGIUM

1.1 Civil

1.1.3 Crossing of the External Borders of the Schengen Area

Title II, Chapter I, Article 5 of Regulation 2016.399 of the European Parliament and of the European Council imposes restrictions on the crossing of the external borders of the Schengen Area. They may be crossed only at the official border crossing points notified by the EU Member States to the European Commission.

The Schengen Area, within which no restrictions to air travel apply, currently consists of 26 countries:

Austria	Belgium	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia
Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary
Iceland	Italy	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania
Luxembourg	Malta	the Netherlands	Norway	Poland
Portugal	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland				

Flights arriving from any other country should only use the official border crossing points when landing in Belgium. Likewise, flights departing to any country outside the Schengen Area shall take-off only from the official border crossing points.

The official border crossing points are EBAW, EBBR, EBCI, EBKT, EBLG and EBOS. Incoming persons may travel freely in the Schengen Area after the border check at the official border crossing point.

When travelling by air in Belgium, entering or leaving the Schengen Area from any other aerodrome than the official border crossing points mentioned above, is illegal. Active surveillance will be carried out by the Belgian Federal Police and violations will be subject to law enforcement measures.

Further information can be obtained from:

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Federal Police

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1.1.4 Submission of the General Declaration to Belgian Air Border Guards

Additionally, according to the Schengen Border Code Regulation EU 2016/399 a General Declaration is a mandatory immigration document for general aviation flights leaving or entering the countries of the Schengen Treaty.

Belgian border guards of the Federal Police require a General Declaration in advance, prior to take-off, by means of a submitted General Declaration (inbound and outbound).

A Federal Police website <u>www.generaldeclaration.be</u> allows to create and submit automatically and secured the General Declaration to the competent Border Guards.

Further information can be obtained from:

Federal Police – Aviation Police Belgian General Aviation Information Bureau

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